

Rules and Practices Relating to the Irish Horse Register

The Irish Horse Register (IHR) incorporates two separate studbooks, namely the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.

1. Irish Sport Horse Studbook

1.1 Characteristics of the Breed

The Irish Sport Horse should be a functionally correct model of balanced proportions that is conducive to successful performance at international level in FEI disciplines. The horse should move correctly, be light-footed, balanced and supple with good self-carriage and impulsion from the hindquarters. The horse should have a good temperament, be rideable, intelligent and willing to perform. Irish Sport Horses should have courage, be careful when jumping with good technique and scope.

Height:

Stallions: Generally taller than 1.6m

Mares: Generally 1.51m to 1.61m

Bone:

Good, strong, clean bone.

Colour:

Any colour is acceptable

1.2 Basic Objectives of Selection

To produce a performance horse that is sound, athletic with good paces and suitable temperament and capable of winning at the highest international level in FEI disciplines.

1.3 Sections of the Studbook

The Irish Sport Horse Studbook incorporates a main section and a supplementary section.

1.3.1 Main Section

To qualify for entry into the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook an animal must:

- Be descended from parents that are entered in the main section of the studbook and have a pedigree established according to the rules of the studbook.
- Be identified as a foal at foot in accordance to the rules of the studbook.

1.3.1.1 Division of Main Section

The main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook is divided into classes.

There are seven classes for stallions:

- Approved
- Section 1
- Section 2

- Recommended for Breeding (RB)
- Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB)
- Not Recommended for Breeding 1 (NRB1)
- Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2)

There are four classes for mares and geldings:

- Section A
- Section B
- Select
- Entry

There are three classes for foals (colts and fillies):

- Section A
- Section B
- Entry

Stallions	Mares/Geldings	Foals
Approved	Section A	Section A
Section 1 (S1)	Section B	Section B
Section 2 (S2)	Select	Entry
Recommended for Breeding (RB)	Entry	
Preliminary Recommendation for Breeding (PRB)		
Not Recommended for Breeding 1 (NRB1)		
Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2)		

1.3.1.2 Eligibility Criteria for Entering Each Class in the Main Section

Stallion Classes:

Approved: Stallions entering this class must meet the following criteria:

- Have been classified as Approved in the Irish Horse Register;

OR

- Have been previously classified as Section 1 (S1) in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register and meet the Phase 2 veterinary and inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.1.1 in 2010 or 2011.

Section 1: Stallions entering this class must meet the following criteria:

- Have been classified as Section 1 in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register.

Section 2: Stallions entering this class must meet the following criteria:

- Have been classified as Section 2 in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register
- OR**
- Have been classified as Section 1 (S1) in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register and are presented for Phase 2 stallion inspection outlined in section 1.4.1.1 in 2010 or 2011 and do not meet the veterinary requirements.

Recommended for Breeding (RB): Irish Sport Horse stallions entering the Recommended for Breeding (RB) class must meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook;
- Are by a stallion classified as Approved or Supplementary Approved;
- Meet the veterinary requirements and meet the Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 stallion inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.1.2.

Irish Sport Horse stallions entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook can also be classified as Recommended for Breeding (RB), providing they are not sired by a stallion that is classified as Section 2 (S2) or Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2) and meet the following criteria:

- Have been presented for linear scoring;
 - Meet the veterinary requirements;
 - Meet at least one of the following performance criteria:
 - Have jumped four double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International Level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage
- OR**
- Have produced two progeny that have each jumped two double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage

Note: Stallions classified as Recommended for Breeding (RB) will be awarded additional merits (i.e. star ratings) in accordance to the Horse Sport Ireland Star Rating System.

Preliminary Recommendation for Breeding (PRB): Irish Sport Horse stallions that do not qualify for Recommended for Breeding (RB) status but meet all of the following criteria are classified in this class:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and are aged between 4 and 10 years old;
- Are by a stallion classified as Approved or Supplementary Approved;

- Meet the veterinary requirements and the Stage 1 and Stage 2 inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.1.2;
- Have not met the performance/progeny performance requirements of Stage 3 outlined in section 1.4.1.2.

Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB) stallions will have their classification reviewed between the ages of 6 to 10 years annually based on their own performance and/or their progeny performance as outlined under Stage 3 in section 1.4.1.2. Stallions that are considered to have sufficient performance and/or progeny performance will be upgraded to Recommended for Breeding (RB). Stallions that are deemed to have insufficient performance or progeny performance by the age of 10 years will be classified as Not Recommended for Breeding 1(NRB1).

Not Recommended for Breeding 1 (NRB1): Irish Sport Horse stallions that do not qualify for Recommended for Breeding (RB) status or Preliminary Recommendation for Breeding (PRB) status are classified in this class provided they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the studbook and are not by a sire that is classified as Section 2 (S2) or Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2);
- Are presented for linear scoring;
- Meet the veterinary requirements.

Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2): Irish Sport Horse stallions are classified in this class provided they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the studbook and do not meet the veterinary requirements.

Note: colts that were entered in the main section in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register but have not been inspected for classification as a stallion will retain their original classification in the Irish Horse Register. The progeny of such stallions will be treated in the same manner as the progeny of stallions that are classified in the Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2) class in terms of registration/classification.

Mare and Gelding Classes:

Section A: Mares and geldings are classified in this section providing they meet one the following criteria:

- Are sired by a stallion classified as Approved or Supplementary Approved in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register and are out of a dam classified in Section A;
- Are sired by a stallion classified as Approved or Supplementary Approved in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register and are out of a dam that is classified in Section B or the Supplementary Section of the studbook and their maternal grandsire is classified as Approved or Supplementary Approved in the Irish Horse Register.

Note: Mares and geldings classified in Section A receive green covered passports upon registration.

Section B: Mares and geldings are classified in this section providing they meet one of the following criteria:

- Are sired by a stallion classified as Section 1 (S1) or Section 2 (S2) and are out of a dam classified in the main section of the Irish Horse Register.;
- Are sired by a stallion classified as Approved or Supplementary Approved in the Irish Horse Register and are out of a dam classified in Section B or the Supplementary Section of the studbook whose maternal grandsire is not classified as Approved or Supplementary Approved in the Irish Horse Register.

Note: Mares and geldings classified in Section B receive blue covered passports upon registration.

Select: Irish Sport Horse mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and are a minimum of two years of age;
- Are by a stallion classified as Approved, Supplementary Approved, Recommended for Breeding (RB), Preliminary Recommendation for Breeding (PRB) or Supplementary Recommended for Breeding (SRB) or by a stallion that was classified as Preliminary Recommendation for Breeding (PRB) at the time of covering;
- Meet the veterinary requirements and the inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.2.

OR

- Mares and geldings that are entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and meet the criteria to achieve a 3* rating in showjumping, eventing or dressage (through their own or progeny performance) in accordance with the Horse Sport Ireland Star Rating System.

Note: Mares and geldings classified in the Select class will be awarded additional merits (i.e. star ratings). Upon classification in the Select class mares and geldings are eligible for green covered passports.

Entry: Irish Sport Horse mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet one of the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and are by a stallion that is classified as Not Recommended for Breeding 1 (NRB1) or Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2);
- Are classified in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and are by a stallion that is classified as Recommended for Breeding (RB), Supplementary Recommended for Breeding (SRB), Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB), or by as stallion classified as Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB) at the time of covering and have not been presented for the official studbook inspection or have been presented for the official

studbook inspection but did not meet the veterinary or inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.2.

Note: Mares and geldings classified in the Entry class receive green covered passports upon registration.

Foal Classes:

Section A: Irish Sport Horse foals are entered in this class providing they meet one the following criteria:

- Are sired by a stallion entered in the main section of the studbook classified as Approved or entered in the supplementary section of the studbook and classified as Supplementary Approved and are out of a dam classified in Section A in the main section of a studbook in the Irish Horse Register.

or

- Are out of a dam that is classified in Section B of the main section or in the supplementary section of the studbook and their maternal grandsire and their sire are entered in the main section of the studbook and classified as Approved or entered in the supplementary section and classified as Supplementary Approved in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register.

Note: Foals classified in Section A receive green covered passports upon registration.

Section B: Irish Sport Horse foals are entered in this class providing they meet one of the following criteria:

Are sired by a stallion classified as Section 1 (S1) or Section 2 (S2) in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse studbook and are out of a dam classified in the main section of a studbook in the Irish Horse Register;

or

- Are sired by a stallion classified as Approved or Supplementary Approved in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register and are out of a dam classified in Section B in the main section of a studbook in the Irish Horse Register or the supplementary section whose maternal grandsire is not classified as Approved or Supplementary Approved in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register.

Note: Foals classified in Section B receive blue covered passports upon registration.

Entry: Irish Sport Horse foals are entered in this class providing they meet one of the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and are by a stallion that is classified as Recommended for Breeding (RB), Supplementary Recommended for Breeding (SRB), Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB), Not Recommended for Breeding 1 (NRB1) or Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2) and are out of a dam entered and classified in the main section of a studbook in the Irish Horse Register.

or

- Are out of a dam entered in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and are sired by a stallion that is classified as Recommended for Breeding (RB), Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB) or Supplementary Recommended

for Breeding (SRB) or were classified as Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook at the time of covering.

Note: Foals classified in the Entry class receive green covered passports upon registration.

Transitional Arrangements:

It is envisaged that all animals entered in the Approved, Section 1 (S1), Section 2 (S2), Section A and Section B classes in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook would be given the opportunity to transfer to the new classification system as follows:

Current Classification	New Classification
Approved	Recommended for Breeding (RB)
Section 1 (S1)	Not Recommended for Breeding 1 (NRB1)
Section 2 (S2)	Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2)
Section A, Premier Mare/Elite Mare	Select
Section A	Entry
Section B	Entry

1.3.1.3 Cross Breeding Programme

Animals that are registered in the main section of the following Studbooks, with established pedigree, are eligible to enter the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook to take part in the cross breeding programme, under the conditions outlined below: Irish Draught Horse, Irish Pony (Irish Pony Society), Connemara Pony, Thoroughbred, Full Arab, Anglo Arab, Weatherbys Non Thoroughbred and studbooks that are full members of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) at the time of application.

Horse Sport Ireland may amend the list of breeds eligible for the Irish Sport Horse Cross Breeding Programme from time to time.

Foreign Bred Sport Horses:

Mares and stallions that are registered in the main section of studbooks that are full members of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook to take part in the Irish Sport Horse Cross Breeding Programme under the following conditions:

Foreign Bred Sport Horse Stallions:

Foreign bred sport horse stallions standing in Ireland will undergo the same inspection process as Irish Sport Horse stallions as outlined in section 1.4.1.2, however, only stallions that meet the requirements to be classified as Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB) or Recommended for Breeding (RB) will be classified in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Foreign bred stallions that have met the veterinary requirements but do not meet the requirements to be classified as Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB) or Recommended for Breeding (RB) can subsequently be classified as Recommended for Breeding (RB) if they meet at least one of the following performance criteria:

- Have jumped four double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International Level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage

OR

- Have produced two progeny that have each jumped two double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage.

Foreign Bred High Performance Stallions standing in Ireland:

High performance foreign bred stallions that are registered in the main section of a studbook that is a full member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) can be classified as Recommended for Breeding (RB) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook if they meet the following criteria:

- Have finished in the top 10 (individual or team (with a counted score)) at the Olympic Games (in Showjumping, Eventing or Dressage) and are approved in a studbook that is a full members of the WBFSH

OR

- Have competed successfully(i.e. placed) in showjumping at Grand Prix CSI5* or Nations Cup level (with a counted score) at CSIO4* (or the equivalent in eventing or dressage) and have been approved in one of the following studbooks: KWPN, Hannoverian Verband, Holsteiner Verband, Selle Francais, Swedish Warmblood, Belgian Warmblood, Danish Warmblood, Verband der zuchter des Oldenburger Pferdes or Westphalian Studbook

OR

- Have at least two progeny that has competed successfully in showjumping at Grand Prix CSI4* or Nations Cup level (with a counted score) at CSIO5* (or the equivalent in eventing or dressage) and have been approved in one of the following studbooks: KWPN, Hannoverian Verband, Holsteiner Verband, Selle Francais, Swedish Warmblood, Belgian Warmblood, Danish Warmblood, Verband der zuchter des Oldenburger Pferdes or Westphalian Studbook.

Stallions that meet this criteria will be classified as Recommended for Breeding (RB) and will be invited to be presented for linear scoring.

Foreign Bred High Performance Stallions standing outside Ireland:

High performance foreign bred stallions that are registered in the main section of a studbook that is a full member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) can be classified as Recommended for Breeding (RB) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook if they meet the following criteria:

- Have finished in the top 10 (individual or team (with a counted score)) at the Olympic Games (in Showjumping, Eventing or Dressage) and are approved in a studbook that is a full members of the WBFSH

OR

- Have competed successfully (i.e. placed) in showjumping at Grand Prix CSI5* or Nations Cup level (with a counted score) at CSIO4* (or the equivalent in eventing or dressage) and have been approved in one of the following studbooks: KWPN, Hannoverian Verband, Holsteiner Verband, Selle Francais, Swedish Warmblood, Belgian Warmblood, Danish Warmblood, Verband der zuchter des Oldenburger Pferdes or Westphalian Studbook

OR

- Have at least two progeny that has competed successfully in showjumping at Grand Prix CSI4* or Nations Cup level (with a counted score) at CSIO5* (or the equivalent in eventing or dressage) and have been approved in one of the following studbooks: KWPN, Hannoverian Verband, Holsteiner Verband, Selle Francais, Swedish Warmblood, Belgian Warmblood, Danish Warmblood, Verband der zuchter des Oldenburger Pferdes or Westphalian Studbook.

Stallions standing abroad that meet this criteria can be classified as Recommended for Breeding (RB) upon application.

Foreign Bred Sport Horse Mares:

Mares that are registered in the main section of studbooks that are full members of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Such mares that have passed an official studbook inspection in their studbook of origin will be classified in the Select class. Mares that have not passed an official studbook inspection in their studbook of origin will be classified in the Entry class and will be eligible for inspection for classification in the Select class.

Irish Draught Horses:

All horses registered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Ireland are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook as follows:

Classification in ID Studbook	Classification in ISH Studbook	
	Stallions	Mares
RID	Approved/Recommended for Breeding	Select
ID S1	S1 or Not Recommended for Breeding 1 (NRB1)	n/a
ID S2	S2 or Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB)	n/a
ID	n/a	Section A or Section B
Class 1	Not Recommended for Breeding (NRB1)	Select
Class 2	Not Recommended for Breeding 1 (NRB1)	Entry
Class 3	Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2)	Entry
Class 4	Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2)	Entry

Irish Draught stallions classified in Class 1 or Class 2 in the Irish Draught Studbook in Ireland may be eligible for classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook as Recommended for Breeding (RB) providing they meet the following criteria, which is equivalent to the Irish Draught Horse Studbook merits of Gold or Silver based on achievements in showjumping, eventing or dressage:

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

Note: Irish Draught Horses that are registered with an Irish Draught Horse Studbook outside of Ireland will be classified in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in the class whose criteria they meet, for cross breeding purposes.

Thoroughbreds:

Thoroughbred stallions:

Thoroughbred stallions are eligible for classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are presented for Stage 1 inspection outlined in section 1.4.1.2. Thoroughbred stallions that are presented for Stage 1 inspection will be classified as follows:
 - Stallions that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements are eligible for classification as Recommended for Breeding (RB);
 - Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the inspection requirements will be classified as Not Recommended for Breeding 1 (NRB1);
 - Stallions that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2).
- Thoroughbred stallions that have not been previously classified in the Irish Horse Register with a Timeform rating of 110 or over can be classified as Recommended for Breeding (RB) upon application.

Thoroughbred Mares:

All Thoroughbred mares are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Thoroughbred mares will be classified in the Entry class and will be eligible for inspection for classification in the Select class.

Connemara Ponies

Connemara Pony Stallion:

Connemara Pony stallions that are classified as Class 1 in the main section of the Connemara Pony Studbook in Ireland are eligible to be classified as Recommended for Breeding (RB) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Connemara Pony stallions that are classified as Class 2 in the main section of the Connemara Pony Studbook in Ireland are eligible for inspection for classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Such stallion can be presented for Stage 1 inspection outlined in section 1.4.1.2 and will be classified as follows:

- Stallions that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements are eligible for classification as Recommended for Breeding (RB);
- Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the inspection requirements will be classified as Not Recommended for Breeding 1 (NRB1);
- Stallions that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2).

Note: Connemara Pony stallions do not have to submit X-Rays as part of the veterinary requirements.

Connemara Pony Mares:

Connemara Pony mares that are classified as Class 1 in the main section of the Connemara Pony Studbook in Ireland are eligible to be classified in the Select class in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Note: Connemara Ponies that are registered in the main section of a Connemara Pony Studbook outside of Ireland will be classified in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in the class whose criteria they meet.

Irish Ponies (Irish Pony Society):

Irish Pony Stallions:

Irish Pony stallions that are registered in the main section of the Irish Pony Society studbook are eligible for inspection for classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Such stallion can be presented for Stage 1 inspection outlined in stallion section 1.4.1.2. and will be classified as follows:

- Stallions that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements are eligible for classification as Recommended for Breeding (RB);
- Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the inspection requirements will be classified as Not Recommended for Breeding 1 (NRB1);

- Stallions that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2).

Note: Irish Pony stallions do not have to submit X-Rays as part of the veterinary requirements.

Irish Pony Mares:

Irish Pony mares that are registered in the main section of the Irish Pony Society studbook are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and will be classified in the class whose criteria they meet.

Full Arab/Anglo Arab:

Full Arab/Anglo Arab Stallions:

Full Arab/Anglo Arab stallions that are classified as Approved in the main section of a recognised Arab/Anglo Arab Studbook are eligible for classification in the Recommended for Breeding (RB) class in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Full Arab/Anglo Arab Mares:

Full Arab/Anglo Arab mares that are registered in the main section of a recognised Arab/Anglo Arab Studbook are eligible for classification, in a class whose criteria they meet, in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Weatherbys Non Thoroughbred:

Weatherbys Non Thoroughbred Stallions:

Stallions that are entered in the main section of the Weatherbys Non-Thoroughbred Studbook are eligible for inspection for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, in a class whose criteria they meet.

Weatherbys Non Thoroughbred Mares:

Mares that are entered in the main section of the Weatherbys Non-Thoroughbred Studbook are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, in a class whose criteria they meet.

1.3.2 Supplementary Section

To qualify for entry into the supplementary section animals must meet the following criteria:

- Are identified in accordance with the studbook rules;
 - Are judged to conform to the breed standard;
 - Meet the minimum performance as laid down in the studbook rules;
- and**
- Have no or partial breeding, or have breeding that does not qualify for automatic entry into the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, and have passed studbook inspection;
- or**
- Are by a stallion classified as Approved, Supplementary Approved, Recommended for Breeding (RB), Preliminary Recommendation for Breeding (PRB) or Supplementary Recommended for Breeding (SRB) or by a stallion that was classified as Preliminary

Recommendation for Breeding (PRB) at the time of covering and are out of a dam that has a valid identification document;

or

- Have a dam that is classified in the supplementary section of the studbook and are not by a stallion classified as Approved, Supplementary Approved, Recommended for Breeding (RB), Preliminary Recommendation for Breeding (PRB) or Supplementary Recommended for Breeding (SRB) or are not by a stallion that was classified as Preliminary Recommendation for Breeding (PRB) at the time of covering.

1.3.2.1 Divisions of the Supplementary Section

The supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse studbook is divided into classes.

There are eight classes for stallions:

- Supplementary Approved (SA)
- Supplementary 1 (U1)
- Supplementary 2 (U2)
- Supplementary Recommended for Breeding (SRB)
- Supplementary Preliminary Recommendation for Breeding (SPRB)
- Supplementary Not Recommended for Breeding 1 (SNRB1)
- Supplementary Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (SNRB2)

There are three classes for mares and geldings:

- Supplementary
- Supplementary Select
- Supplementary Entry

There are two classes for foals:

- Supplementary
- Supplementary Entry

Stallions	Mares/Geldings	Foals
Supplementary Approved (SA)	Supplementary	Supplementary
Supplementary 1 (U1)	Supplementary Select	Supplementary Entry
Supplementary 2 (U2)	Supplementary Entry	
Supplementary Recommended for Breeding (SRB)		
Supplementary Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (SPRB)		
Supplementary Not Recommended		

for Breeding 1(SNRB1)
Supplementary Not Recommended for Breeding 2(SNRB2)

1.3.2.3 Eligibility Criteria for Entering Each Class in the Supplementary Section

Stallion Classes:

Supplementary Approved (SA): Stallions that were classified as Supplementary Approved in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register are classified in this class.

Supplementary 1 (U1): Stallions that were classified as Supplementary 1 (U1) in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register are classified in this class.

Supplementary 2 (U2): Stallions that were classified as Supplementary 2 (U2) in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register are classified in this class.

Supplementary Recommended for Breeding (SRB): stallions that are eligible for entry in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and meet the following criteria are classified in this class:

- Meet the veterinary requirements and have passed stages 1, 2 and 3 of the official stallion inspection outlined in section 1.4.1.2.

OR

- Have been presented for linear scoring, meet the veterinary requirements and meet at least one of the following performance criteria:
 - Have jumped four double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International Level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage

OR

- Have produced two progeny that have each jumped two double clear rounds at National Grand Prix or International level (minimum height 1.40m) or above or the equivalent in eventing or dressage

Note:

Stallions classified as Supplementary Recommended for Breeding (SRB) will be awarded additional merits (i.e. star ratings) in accordance to Horse Sport Irelands Star Rating System.

Supplementary Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (SPRB): stallions that are eligible for classification in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and meet the following criteria are classified in this class:

- Are aged between 4 and 10 years ;
- Meet the veterinary requirements and have meet the Stage 1 and Stage 2 inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.1.2;
- Have not met the performance/progeny performance requirements of Stage 3 outlined in section 1.4.1.2.

Supplementary Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (SPRB) stallions will have their classification reviewed between the ages of 6 to 10 years annually based on their own performance and/or their progeny performance as outlined under Stage 3 in section 1.4.1.2. Stallions that are considered to have sufficient performance and/or progeny performance will be upgraded to Supplementary Recommended for Breeding (SRB). Stallions that are deemed to have insufficient performance and/or progeny performance by the age of 10 years will be classified as Supplementary Not Recommended for Breeding 1(SNRB1).

Supplementary Not Recommended for Breeding 1 (SNRB1): stallions that do not qualify for entry into the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook but qualify for entry into the supplementary section in accordance to 1.3.2 are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Have met the veterinary requirements;
- Are presented for linear scoring.

Supplementary Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (SNRB2): stallions that do not qualify for entry into the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook but qualify for entry into the supplementary section in accordance to 1.3.2 are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Have not met the veterinary requirements.

Mare and Gelding Classes:

Supplementary: mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet one of the following criteria:

- Are by a stallion that is classified in the main section as Approved or are Supplementary Approved in the supplementary section in the Irish Sport Horse studbook and out of a dam that has a valid identification document;
- or
- Are by a stallion that is classified in the main section as Section 1 (S1) or Section 2 (S2) in the Irish Sport Horse studbook and are out of a dam that is entered in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Note: Mares and geldings classified in the Supplementary class receive blue covered passports upon registration.

Supplementary Select: Mares and geldings that are eligible for entry in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, are a minimum of two years of age and meet the following criteria are classified in this class:

- Have met the veterinary requirements and the inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.2.

OR

- Have met the criteria to achieve a 3* rating in showjumping, eventing or dressage (through their own or progeny performance) in accordance with the Horse Sport Ireland Star Rating System and are entered in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Note: Mares and geldings classified in the Supplementary Select class are eligible for green covered passports.

Supplementary Entry: mares/geldings are classified in this class providing they qualify for entry into the supplementary section in accordance to 1.3.2 and meet one of the following criteria:

- Are by a stallion that is classified as Recommended for Breeding (RB), Supplementary Recommended for Breeding (SRB), Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB), or by a stallion that was classified as Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB) at the time of covering and are out of a dam that has a valid identification document;

or

- Are out of a dam that is entered in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and are by a stallion that is classified as Not Recommended for Breeding 1(NRB1) or Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2).

Note: Mares and geldings classified in the Supplementary Entry class receive green covered passports upon registration.

Foal Classes:

Supplementary: foals are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are by a stallion that is classified as Approved in the main section or Supplementary Approved in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and out of a dam that has a valid identification document;
- Are by a stallion that is classified as Section 1 (S1) or Section 2 (S2) in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and are out of a dam that is entered in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Note: Foals classified in the Supplementary class receive blue covered passports upon registration.

Supplementary Entry: foals are entered in this class providing they qualify for entry into the supplementary section in accordance to 1.3.2 and meet the following criteria:

- Are by a stallion that is classified as Recommended for Breeding (RB), Supplementary Recommended for Breeding (SRB), Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB), or by a stallion that was classified as Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB) at the time of covering and are out of a dam that has a valid identification document;
- Are out of a dam that is classified in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and are by a stallion that is classified as Not Recommended for Breeding 1(NRB1) or Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (NRB2).

Note: Foals classified in the Supplementary Entry class receive green covered passports upon registration.

Transitional Arrangements:

It is envisaged that all animals entered in the Supplementary Approved, Supplementary 1 (U1), Supplementary 2 (U2) and Supplementary classes in the supplementary section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook would be given the opportunity to transfer to the new classification system as follows:

Current Classification	New Classification
Supplementary Approved (SA)	Supplementary Recommended for Breeding (SRB)
Supplementary 1 (U1)	Supplementary Not Recommended for Breeding 1 (SNRB1)
Supplementary 2 (U2)	Supplementary Not Recommended for Breeding 1 (SNRB1) if veterinary requirements have been met or Supplementary Not Recommended for Breeding 2 (SNRB2) if veterinary requirements have not been met
Supplementary	Supplementary Entry

1.3.2.4 Upgrading of Progeny from the Supplementary Section

- The progeny (male and female) of dams that are classified in the supplementary section are eligible for entry into the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in Section B class providing they are sired by stallions that are classified as Approved or Supplementary Approved (SA). Such animals will receive a blue covered passport upon registration.
- The progeny (male and female) of dams that are classified in the supplementary section are eligible for entry into the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in the Entry class providing they are sired by stallions that are classified Recommended for Breeding (RB), Supplementary Recommended for Breeding (SRB) or Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB), or were classified as Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB) at the time of covering. Such animals will receive a green covered passport upon registration.
- The progeny of stallions classified as Supplementary Recommended for Breeding (SRB) are eligible for entry into the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook in the Entry class, providing the dam is classified in the Irish Horse Register.
- The progeny of stallions classified as Supplementary Approved (SA) are eligible for classification the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook providing the dam is classified in a studbook in the Irish Horse Register. Such animals will be classified in Section A or Section B, depending on the classification of the dam.

1.4 Procedures for Inspecting Horses for Classification in the Irish Horse Register

1.4.1 Procedures for Inspecting Stallions for Classification in the Irish Horse Register

1.4.1.1 Inspection of Section 1 (S1) Stallions for Approval

Eligibility for Inspection:

Stallions that were classified in Section 1 are eligible to be inspected for classification as Approved in 2010 and 2011 providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are Irish Sport Horse or foreign bred sport horse stallions and meet at least one of the following performance criteria:
 - Have accumulated a minimum of 30 points in competitions under the rules of the Show Jumping Ireland, or the equivalent in show jumping competitions run by an official organisation in another country;
 - Have accumulated a minimum of 15 points in competition under the rules of Eventing Ireland, or the equivalent in eventing competitions run by an official organisation in another country;
 - Have accumulated a minimum of 60 points in competition under the rules of Dressage Ireland, or the equivalent in dressage competitions run by an official organisation in another country.
- Are Irish Draught Horse stallions and meet at least one of the following performance criteria:
 - Have accumulated a minimum of 10 points in competitions under the rules of the Showjumping Jumping Ireland, or the equivalent in show jumping competitions run by an official organisation in another country;
 - Have accumulated a minimum of 5 points in competition under the rules of Eventing Ireland, or the equivalent in eventing competitions run by an official organisation in another country;
 - Have accumulated a minimum of 20 points in competition under the rules of Dressage Ireland, or the equivalent in dressage competitions run by an official organisation in another country.
 - Have undergone 10-12 weeks of training at a Central Performance Test station as selected by HSI.

Note: Stallions that were classified as Section 1 (S1), other than Irish Sport Horse, foreign bred sport horse or Irish Draught Horses, can also be inspected for classification as Approved in 2010 and 2011 as part of the cross breeding programme.

Phase 2 - Inspection Process:

Prior to inspection the stallion owner must submit a completed HSI stallion inspection form along with a completed veterinary report and x-rays taken by a veterinary surgeon listed on the official HSI x-ray panel if x-rays have not previously been submitted to HSI.

On the day of inspection stallions are assessed under the following criteria:

1. Conformation and Movement:
Measurements are taken of the stallion's height, girth and bone. Stallions are assessed on their conformation and movement.
2. Performance:
In general stallions will have their performance assessed by means of a show jumping demonstration. Both the stallion's rider and a test rider jump the stallion over a course of fences. Upon the stallion owner's request a stallion may be assessed through another discipline e.g. dressage.
3. Veterinary:
All stallions must undergo a full clinical examination on the day of inspection carried out by a veterinary surgeon nominated by HSI. Blood samples from the stallion will also be taken by the HSI veterinary surgeon.

1.4.1.2 Procedures for Inspecting Stallions for Classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook

Stallions that are eligible for inspection, other than stallions classified as Section 1 (S1), will be inspected following the process outlined below.

Stage 1 – Initial Inspection:

Eligible stallions must be a minimum of three years of age to be presented for Stage 1 inspection. Prior to inspection the stallion owner must submit a completed and signed application form.

During the inspection stallions are assessed by an inspection panel, appointed by HSI, under the following criteria:

1. Pedigree assessment:
The stallion's pedigree will be assessed based on bloodlines and the performance of those bloodlines.
2. Conformation assessment:
The stallion's conformation will be described using linear scoring profile and will be given an overall score.
3. In hand gait assessment on a hard surface:
The stallion will be required to stand for a visual inspection and will be assessed in walk and trot on a hard surface.
4. In hand gait assessment in indoor arena:
The stallion will be required to stand for a visual inspection and will be assessed in walk and trot on a triangle in an indoor arena.
5. Free gait assessment in jumping pen:
The stallion's free gaits will be assessed in a jump pen.
6. Free athleticism/jumping assessment in jumping pen:
The stallion will be required to loose jump in a jumping pen to facilitate an assessment of its athleticism/jumping ability.

Note: Stallions that are aged 5 years or older may be assessed ridden over a course of fences instead of being assessed loose jumping.

If in the opinion of the inspection panel a horse is jumping in an unnatural manner, the inspection panel reserves the right to award zero points for their assessment of the stallions athleticism/jumping ability.

7. Veterinary examination:
Prior to inspection all stallions must undergo an endoscopic examination and submit a specified number of X-rays taken by a Veterinary Surgeon listed on the HSI Stallion X-Ray Panel.

On the day of inspection stallions will undergo a clinical veterinary examination at the inspection by a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by HSI. All stallions will be measured at the inspection and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of stallion classification. In instances where the measurements of a stallion are disputed, the owner shall have the option to appeal the measurements at the University Veterinary Hospital at his/her own expense.

Blood samples will be taken on the day of inspection for testing for Equine Viral Arteritis (E.V.A.), Equine Infectious Anaemia (E.I.A.) and may be subject to screening for substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List.

Stage 2 –Ridden Gait and Athleticism Assessment:

Eligible stallions must be a minimum of four years of age to be presented for Stage 2 inspection. Prior to inspection the stallion owners must submit a completed and signed application form.

During the one day inspection stallions are assessed by an inspection panel, appointed by HSI, under the following criteria:

1. In hand gait assessment in indoor arena:

As described in 'Stage 1 – Initial Inspection'.

2. Ridden gait assessment in indoor arena:

The stallions walk, trot and canter will be assessed under saddle.

3. Ridden athleticism and jumping assessment:

The stallion's athleticism and jumping ability will be assessed under saddle. The stallion will be jumped over a course of fences by their own rider and by a test rider appointed by HSI. The height of the fences will be determined by the inspection panel appointed by HSI and will be age appropriate.

4. Veterinary Examination:

On the day of inspection stallions will undergo a clinical veterinary examination at the inspection by a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by HSI.

Blood samples will be taken on the day of inspection for testing for Equine Viral Arteritis (E.V.A.), Equine Infectious Anaemia (E.I.A.) and may be subject to screening for substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List.

Stage 3 – Open Competition or Progeny Assessment:

Stallions that are classified as Preliminary Recommended for Breeding (PRB) following the Stage 2 stallion inspection will proceed to Stage 3 of the inspection process. This involves an assessment of the stallion's performance in open competition and/or an assessment of the stallion's progeny. Between the ages of 6 and 10 years the classification of each stallion will be reviewed annually based on the following criteria:

Stallions Performance (Open Competition):

Stallions that compete in at least 10 young horse classes listed below will have their performance results considered by the HSI inspection panel when the stallion is aged between 6 and 10 years:

- ISH Studbook classes;
- RDS qualifiers/finals;
- Cavan International (young horse classes);
- FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships For Young Horses, Lanaken.

Note: HSI may add or remove young horse classes from this list from time to time.

Progeny Performance:

Stallions that do compete in the required number of young horses classes, or whose performance in the young horse classes was not sufficient, will have their progeny's performance assessed by the inspection panel up until they are 10 years old.

1.4.2 Procedures for Inspecting Mares and Geldings for Classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook

Eligible mares and geldings must be a minimum of two years of age to be presented for inspection.

During the inspection mares/geldings are assessed by an inspection panel, appointed by HSI, under the following criteria:

1. Pedigree assessment:
Pedigree will be assessed based on bloodlines and the performance of those bloodlines.
2. Conformation assessment:
Conformation will be assessed using linear scoring.
3. In hand gait assessment on a hard surface and in an indoor arena:
Mares/geldings will be required to stand for a visual inspection and will be assessed in walk and trot on a hard surface and in an indoor arena.
4. Free gait assessment in jumping pen:
The mare/geldings free gaits will be assessed in a jump pen.
5. Free athleticism/jumping assessment in jumping pen:
Athleticism/jumping ability will be assessed by means of loose jumping in a jumping pen.

Note: This element of the inspection is optional for mares.

If in the opinion of the inspection panel a horse is jumping in an unnatural manner, the inspection panel reserves the right to award a score of zero for their assessment of the horse's athleticism/jumping ability.

6. Veterinary examination:

Mares/geldings will undergo a basic veterinary examination at the inspection by a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by HSI (eg. examination of identification, heart, eyes, limbs, co ordination, mouth etc.).

Horses will be measured at the inspection and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of mare classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Note: HSI reserves the right to terminate any inspection for health and safety reasons. Failure to satisfy the conditions of Studbook inspections may result in a horse being disqualified from inspection/classification.

1.4.3 Re-Presentations/Appeals Procedures for Inspections

Horses that do not meet the Inspection Requirements (conformation, movement, athleticism, riding test or competition performance requirements):

The owners of horses that do not meet the inspection requirements (conformation, movement, athleticism, riding test or competition performance requirements) will be given the opportunity to re-present the horse on one occasion for a second inspection at the next available inspection date.

Owners that do not wish to re-present the horse for a second inspection and owners who are not satisfied with the results of the second inspection can make a formal Appeal to Horse Sport Ireland. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- an appeal must be made to HSI within one month of the inspection;
- the animal must be brought to a centre decided by HSI ;
- the animal will be re-examined by a different panel of inspectors;
- the cost of the appeal shall be borne by the stallion owner;
- the decision of the Appeal panel shall be final.

Horses that do not meet the Clinical Veterinary Requirements:

Owners/custodians of horses that do not meet the clinical veterinary requirements may appeal the findings of the veterinary examination. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- the owner/custodian of the horse must apply to HSI to have the horse re-examined within one month of the original examination;
- the owner/custodian of the stallion shall arrange, at their own expense, to have the stallion examined by the School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin, or by a veterinary practice nominated by HSI;
- the re-examination shall only be carried out in respect of the condition for which the stallion originally failed the clinical veterinary examination and the decision of the School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin in respect of each examination shall be final.

Stallions that do not meet the Radiograph Requirements:

Owners/custodians of stallions that do not meet the radiograph requirements, following the examination of radiographs by the HSI Radiography Veterinary Panel, may appeal the findings of the examination. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- The owner/custodian of the stallion must apply to HSI to appeal the findings of the radiographic examination, within one month of the original examination results being communicated to them;
- The appeal will involve the examination of the original radiographs by the Appeals Panel in the School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin. If deemed necessary by the Appeals Panel, a new set of radiographs may be taken at the Veterinary Hospital, School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin;
- The full costs of the re-examination must be borne by the owner of the stallion;
- The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final.

2 Irish Draught Horse Studbook

2.1 Characteristics of the Breed

The Irish Draught Horse is a versatile, powerful and athletic animal with substance and quality. It has a pleasant head, good bone and a short shin, good spring of rib, strong loins and hindquarters and an active powerful stride. Known for its good temperament, docility and willing nature, it has a robust constitution and is inherently sound. The Irish Draught horse is a foundation breed that, when crossed with other breeds, will produce all types of leisure and performance horses.

Height:

Ideally Irish Draughts should stand between 158cms (15.2hh) and a maximum of 170cms (16.3hh) at maturity.

Bone:

Approximately 23 centimeters (9 inches) of strong, clean, flat bone.

Head:

Should be pleasant, not coarse or hatchet like with plenty of room between the jaw bones. Wide forehead and kind eyes, set well apart, and with large quality ears.

Neck:

Good length of rein with head well set on, neck should be correctly muscled and well shaped.

Front legs:

Long muscular forearms, short cannon bones with plenty of strong clean, flat bone, not back at the knee or tied in below the knee. Pasterns should be in proportion with good hoof pastern axis. Hooves should be of equal size, hard and sound with plenty of room at the heel. They should not be boxy, over large or flat.

Shoulders:

A sloping shoulder neither loaded, nor too heavy, nor too short, with well defined withers well set back.

Body, back and hindquarters: Deep girth with a good spring of rib, strong back, loins and quarters. The croup and buttocks should be long and gently sloping. Hips should not be too wide.

Hind legs:

Strong gaskins, well shaped clean hocks set into short shins. Should not be cow-hocked or wide apart at the hocks.

Action:

Should be straight and free not heavy or ponderous. Movement should be active and strong, showing good flexion of joints and freedom of the shoulders.

Colour:

Any strong whole colour including bay, grey, chestnut, black, brown and dun. Excessive white markings are not desirable.

2.2. Basic Objectives of Selection

To breed Irish Draught Horses with conformation, movement and temperament that conform to the breed standard, which will make good quality, sound and versatile horses.

2.3. Sections of the Studbook

The Irish Draught Horse studbook incorporates a main section and a supplementary section.

2.3.1 Main Section

To qualify for entry into the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook an animal must:

- Be descended from parents that are entered in the main section of the studbook and have a pedigree established according to the rules of the studbook.
- Be identified as a foal at foot in accordance with the rules of the studbook.

2.3.1.1. Division of Main Section

The main section of the Irish Draught Horse studbook is divided into classes.

There are seven classes for stallions:

- RID
- Section 1 (S1)
- Section 2 (S2)
- Class 1
- Class 2
- Class 3
- Class 4

There are six classes for mares/geldings:

- RID
- ID
- Class 1
- Class 2
- Class 3
- Class 4

There are two classes for foals:

- ID
- Class 4

Stallions	Mares/Geldings	Foals
RID	RID	ID
Section 1 (S1)	ID	Class 4
Section 2 (S2)	Class 1	
Class 1	Class 2	
Class 2	Class 3	
Class 3	Class 4	
Class 4		

2.3.2 Eligibility Criteria for entering each class in the Main Section

Stallion Classes:

Approved/RID: Irish Draught stallions entering this class must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have been classified as Approved/RID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- Have a sire and dam that are classified as RID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook and have been classified as Section 1 (S1) in the Irish Horse Register and meet the Phase 2 veterinary and inspection requirements outlined in section 1.4.1.1 in 2010 or 2011.

Section 1: Irish Draught stallions entering this class must meet the following criteria:

- Have been classified as Section 1 in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.

Note: The progeny of stallions that are classified in Section 1 are not eligible to be presented for studbook inspection.

Section 1 (S1) Irish Draught stallions will be given the opportunity to be inspected for upgrading to Class 1 status. The inspection will follow the process outlined in section 2.5.1, however, S1 stallions will be exempt from the veterinary aspect of the inspection unless the stallions is presented for inspection with an obvious veterinary condition, as determined by the HSI veterinary panel. Stallions that are presented with an obvious veterinary condition may, at the discretion of the HSI veterinary panel, have to undergo a veterinary examination and may be classified as Class 3 if they do not meet the veterinary requirements.

Stallions that have been classified as Section 1 (S1) can also be inspected under the inspection process outlined in section 1.4.1.1 in 2010 and 2011. Section 1 (S1) stallions that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements will be classified as RID. Stallions that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as Section 2 (S2).

The progeny of certain genetically diverse Section 1 (S1) Irish Draught stallions will be eligible for the official studbook inspection. The progeny of such stallions will receive blue passports when they are registered as a foal and will receive green passports if/when they meet the inspection requirements. In order to be eligible for inspection (and green passports) progeny of the genetically diverse S1 stallions must have been born from 2007 onwards and their dams must be classified as RID (or AID in the case of female progeny). The list of genetically diverse S1 ID stallions may be altered from time to time. Details of the stallions eligible for this scheme are available from the Horse Sport Ireland offices or can be downloaded from: www.irishsporthorse.com

Section 2: Irish Draught stallions entering this class must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have been classified as Section 2 in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- or
- Have been classified as Section 1 (S1) in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook and are presented for Phase 2 stallion inspection outlined in section 1.4.1.1 in 2010 or 2011 and do not meet the veterinary requirements.

Note: The progeny of stallions that are classified in Section 2 are not eligible to be presented for studbook inspection.

Class 1: Irish Draught Horse stallions are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- Are by a stallion classified as RID and are out of a dam that is classified as RID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- Meet the veterinary requirements and studbook inspection requirements outlined in section 2.5.1.

Note: Stallions classified as Class 1 will be awarded additional merits for their own, and/or their progeny's performance.

Class 2: Irish Draught Horse stallions are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- Are by a stallion classified as RID and are out of a dam that is classified as RID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- Meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the studbook inspection requirements outlined in section 2.5.1.

Class 3: Irish Draught Horse stallions are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- Are by a stallion classified as RID and are out of a dam that is classified as RID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- Do not meet the veterinary requirements.

Note: The progeny of stallions that are classified in Class 3 are not eligible to be presented for studbook inspection.

Class 4: Irish Draught Horse stallions are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- Have not been presented for the studbook inspection or are not eligible to be inspected.

Note: The progeny of stallions that are classified in Class 4 are not eligible to be presented for studbook inspection.

Mare and Gelding Classes:

RID: Irish Draught mares and geldings are eligible for classification in this class if they meet the following criteria:

- Were classified as RID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.

ID: Irish Draught mares and geldings are eligible for classification in this class if they meet one of the following criteria:

- Were classified as ID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- or
- Are by a stallion that is classified as RID and are out of a dam that is classified as RID or ID, or AID in the case of mares;
- or
- Are by a sire that is classified as ID S1 or ID S2 and are out of a dam that is classified as RID or ID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.

Note: Mares and gelding classified in the ID class will receive a green covered passport upon registration providing their sire is classified in the main section as RID and the dam is classified in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook and is sired by a stallion that is classified in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook as RID. All other mares and geldings classified in the ID class will receive a green covered passport upon registration.

Class 1: Irish Draught Horse mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook and
- Are by a stallion classified as Class 1 or Class 2 and are out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2 or AID/Grade Up Register;

or

Are by a stallion that is classified as RID and out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1 or Class 2, or AID/Grade Up Register in the case of mares;

- Meet the veterinary requirements and the studbook inspection requirements outlined in section 2.5.2.

Note: Mares and geldings classified as Class 1 will be awarded additional merits for their own, or their progeny's performance.

Class 2: Irish Draught Horse mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook and;
 - Are by a stallion classified as Class 1 or Class 2 and are out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2 or AID/Grade Up Register;
- or
- Are by a stallion that is classified as RID and out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1 or Class 2, or AID/Grade Up Register in the case of mares;
 - Meet the veterinary requirements but do not meet the studbook inspection requirements outlined in section 2.5.2

Class 3: Irish Draught Horse mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook and;
 - Are by a stallion classified as Class 1 or Class 2 and are out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2 or AID/Grade Up Register;
- or
- Are by a stallion that is classified as RID and out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1 or Class 2, or AID/Grade Up Register in the case of mares;
 - Do not meet the veterinary requirements.

Note: The progeny of mares that are classified in Class 3 are not eligible to be presented for studbook inspection.

Class 4: Irish Draught Horse mares and geldings are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Are entered in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook and are by a stallion that is classified as Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 or Class 4;
- Have not been presented for the breed standard inspection or are not eligible to be inspected.

Note: The progeny of mares that are classified in Class 4 are not eligible to be presented for studbook inspection.

Foal Class:

ID: Irish Draught foals are eligible for entry into this class if they meet one of the following criteria:

- Were classified as ID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook;
- or

- Are by a stallion that is classified as RID and are out of a dam that is classified as RID or ID, or AID in the case of fillies;

or

- Are by a sire that is classified as ID S1 or ID S2 and are out of a dam that is classified as RID or ID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.

Note: foals classified in the ID class will receive a green covered passport upon registration providing their sire is classified in the main section as RID and the dam is classified in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook and is sired by a stallion that is classified in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook as RID. All other foals classified in the ID class will receive a green covered passport upon registration.

Class 4: All foals eligible for entry into the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook that are by stallions classified in Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 or Class 4 and out of a dam that is classified in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook will be classified in Class 4.

Note: Foals eligible for classification in Class 4 will be issued with green covered passports upon registration.

Transitional Arrangements:

It is envisaged that all animals entered in the RID, ID S1, ID S2 and ID classes in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook will be given the opportunity to transfer to the new classification system as follows:

Current Classification	New Classification
RID	Class 1
Section 1 (S1)	Class 2
Section 1 (S2)	Class 3
ID	Class 4

2.3.2 Supplementary Section

There are two classes for mares in the Supplementary Section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook:

- AID
- Grade Up Register

2.3.2.1 Eligibility of Criteria for Entering Each Class in the Supplementary Section

To qualify for entry into the supplementary section animals must meet the following criteria:

- Are identified in accordance with the studbook rules;
- Are judged to conform to the breed standard;
- Meet the minimum performance as laid down in the studbook rules;

There are two classes for mares in the supplementary section:

- AID;
- Grade Up Register.

AID: Mares are classified in this class providing they meet the following criteria:

- Were classified as AID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.

Grade Up Register: Mares that meet the following criteria are classified in this class:

- Are classified in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and meet the following pedigree requirements:
 - Have one parent (either the dam or the sire) classified in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook as Class1/RID and one parent that is registered in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook ;
 - Have three grandparents classified in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook as Class1/RID and one grandparent classified in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook as a Thoroughbred, Connemara Pony or Irish Sport Horse of Thoroughbred/Irish Draught/Connemara Pony descent.
- Be judged to conform to the ID breed standard at an official studbook inspection as outlined in section 2.5.2.

Note: Animals that are eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook are not eligible for classification in the supplementary section.

Mares that are classified in the supplementary section (Grade Up Register) will retain their original classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and their passports will reflect that they are also classified in the supplementary section (Grade Up Register) of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.

Mares classified in the Grade Up register will be awarded additional merits for their own, or their progeny's performance.

Transitional Arrangements:

It is envisaged that all animals entered in the AID class in supplementary section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook will be given the opportunity to transfer to the new classification system as follows:

Current Classification	New Classification
AID	Grade Up Register

2.3.2.2 Upgrading of Progeny from the Supplementary Section

The progeny of AID/Grade Up mares by Class 1 or Class 2 Irish Draught stallions and the female progeny of AID/Grade Up mares by RID stallions are eligible for entry in the main section of the Irish Draught Horse studbook and are eligible to be presented for studbook inspection.

Progeny of AID/Grade Up mares by Section 1 (S1), Section 2 (S2), Class 3 or Class 4 Irish Draught stallions will be eligible for entry in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and will be classified in accordance to the Irish Sport Horse Studbook rules.

2.4 Classification for horses registered in an Irish Draught Horse Studbook outside Ireland:

Irish Draught Horse stallions and mares that are registered in an Irish Draught Horse Studbook outside of Ireland are eligible for entry in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Ireland and will be entered in the class whose criteria they meet.

The progeny of certain genetically diverse RID stallions registered with the Irish Draught Horse Society of Great Britain will be eligible for studbook inspection. The progeny of such stallions will receive blue passports when they are registered as a foal and will receive green passports if/when they meet the inspection requirements. In order to be eligible for inspection progeny of the genetically diverse stallions must have been born from 2007 onwards and their dams must be classified as RID (or AID in the case of female progeny). The list of genetically diverse RID stallions registered with the Irish Draught Horse Society of Great Britain may be altered from time to time. Details of the stallions eligible for this scheme are available from the Horse Sport Ireland offices or can be downloaded from: www.irishsporthorse.com

2.5 Procedures for Irish Draught Horse Studbook Inspections

2.5.1. Procedures for Inspecting Stallions for Classification in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook

Eligible stallions must be a minimum of three years of age to be presented for studbook inspection. Prior to inspection the stallion owner must submit a completed and signed application form.

During the inspection stallions are assessed by an inspection panel, appointed by HSI, under the following criteria:

1. Pedigree assessment:

The stallion's pedigree will be assessed based on the classification of the sire and dam and genetic diversity measures.

2. Conformation assessment:

The stallions conformation will be described using a linear scoring profile and will be given an overall score.

3. In hand gait assessment on a hard surface and in an indoor arena:

The stallion will be required to stand for a visual inspection and will be assessed in walk and trot on a hard surface and in walk and trot on a triangle in an indoor arena.

4. Free gait assessment in jumping pen:

The stallion's free gaits will be assessed in a jump pen.

5. Free athleticism/jumping assessment in jumping pen:

The stallion will be required to loose jump in a jumping pen to facilitate an assessment of its athleticism/jumping ability.

Note: If in the opinion of the inspection panel a horse is jumping in an unnatural manner, the inspection panel reserves the right to award a score of zero for their assessment of the stallion's athleticism/jumping ability.

6. Veterinary examination:

Prior to inspection all must undergo an endoscopic examination and submit a specified number of X-rays taken by a Veterinary Surgeon listed on the HSI Stallion X-Ray Panel.

On the day of inspection stallions will undergo a clinical veterinary examination at the inspection by a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by HSI. All stallions will be measured at the inspection and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of stallion classification. In instances where the measurements of a stallion are disputed, the owner shall have the option to appeal the IHR measurements at the University Veterinary Hospital at his/her own expense.

Blood samples will be taken on the day of inspection for testing for Equine Viral Arteritis (E.V.A.), Equine Infectious Anaemia (E.I.A.) and may be subject to screening for substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List.

Optional Inspection for Bronze Merit in Showjumping

Stallions that qualify for classification in Class 1 may at the owners discretion be assessed jumping a course of fences at 1.00m level under saddle as a 4 year old or older. Stallions that meet the athleticism/jumping requirements under saddle will be awarded a Bronze merit for their own performance in the discipline of showjumping.

2.5.2. Procedures for Inspecting Mares and Geldings for Classification in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook

Eligible mares and geldings must be a minimum of two years of age to be presented for inspection.

During the inspection mares/geldings are assessed by an inspection panel, appointed by HSI, under the following criteria:

1. Pedigree assessment:

The stallion's pedigree will be assessed based on the classification of the sire and dam and genetic diversity measures.

2. Conformation assessment:

The stallions conformation will be described using a linear scoring profile and will be given an overall score.

3. In hand gait assessment on a hard surface and in an indoor arena:

Mares/geldings will be required to stand for a visual inspection and will be assessed in walk and trot on a hard surface and in an indoor arena.

4. Free gait assessment in jumping pen:

The mare/geldings free gaits will be assessed in a jump pen.

5. Veterinary examination:

Mares/geldings will undergo a basic veterinary examination at the inspection by a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by HSI (eg. examination of identification, heart, eyes, limbs, co ordination, mouth etc.).

Horses will be measured at the inspection and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of mare classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Optional Inspection for Bronze Merit in Showjumping

Mares and geldings that qualify for classification in Class 1 may, at the owners discretion, be assessed loose jumping in a jumping pen. Mares and geldings that meet the athleticism/jumping requirements will be awarded a Bronze merit for their own performance in the discipline of showjumping.

Note: If in the opinion of the inspection panel a horse is jumping in an unnatural manner, the inspection panel reserves the right to award a score of zero for their assessment of the stallion's athleticism/jumping ability.

HSI reserves the right to terminate any inspection for health and safety reasons.

Failure to satisfy the conditions of Studbook inspections may result in a horse being disqualified from inspection/classification.

2.5.3 Re- Presentation/Appeals Procedures for Inspections

Horses that do not meet the Inspection Requirements (conformation, movement, athleticism, riding test or competition performance requirements):

The owners of horses that do not meet the inspection requirements (conformation, movement, athleticism, riding test or competition performance requirements) will be given the opportunity to re-present the horse on one occasion for a second inspection at the next available inspection date.

Owners that do not wish to re-present the horse for a second inspection and owners who are not satisfied with the results of the second inspection can make a formal Appeal to Horse Sport Ireland. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- an appeal must be made to HSI within one month of the inspection;
- the animal must be brought to a centre decided by HSI ;
- the animal will be re-examined by a different panel of inspectors;
- the cost of the appeal shall be borne by the stallion owner;
- the decision of the Appeal panel shall be final.

Horses that do not meet the Clinical Veterinary Requirements:

Owners/custodians of horses that do not meet the clinical veterinary requirements may appeal the findings of the veterinary examination. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- the owner/custodian of the horse must apply to HSI to have the horse re-examined within one month of the original examination;
- the owner/custodian of the stallion shall arrange, at their own expense, to have the stallion examined by the School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin, or by a veterinary practice nominated by HSI;
- the re-examination shall only be carried out in respect of the condition for which the stallion originally failed the clinical veterinary examination and the decision of the School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin in respect of each examination shall be final.

Stallions that do not meet the Radiograph Requirements:

Owners/custodians of stallions that do not meet the radiograph requirements, following the examination of radiographs by the HSI Radiography Veterinary Panel, may appeal the findings of the examination. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- The owner/custodian of the stallion must apply to HSI to appeal the findings of the radiographic examination, within one month of the original examination results being communicated to them;
- The appeal will involve the examination of the original radiographs by the Appeals Panel in the School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin. If deemed necessary by the Appeals Panel, a new set of radiographs may be taken at the Veterinary Hospital, School of Agriculture, Veterinary and Food, University College Dublin;
- The full costs of the re-examination must be borne by the owner of the stallion;
- The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final.

3 Genetic Evaluation System

Estimated breeding values for stallions and mares based on showjumping and inspection data are calculated each year by Horse Sport Ireland and reflect the genetic ability of a horse to pass on a certain trait to their progeny.

4 Procedures for Registering Horses in the Irish Horse Register

4.1. Registering Foals

4.1.1. Registering a foal with full breeding recorded (sire and dam recorded):

4.1.1.1 Once a mare is covered by a stallion registered in the Irish Horse Register the stallion owner submits a signed and completed covering certificate to Horse Sport Ireland. On receipt of this covering certificate a foal kit (including a marking chart with the sire and dam recorded on it, a DNA kit and an explanatory note) is issued automatically to the owner in the year of foaling.

4.1.1.2 When the foal is born the breeder must get the foal marked by a veterinary surgeon when the foal is between 2 and 4 months of age. The veterinary surgeon must also microchip the foal with a HSI foal microchip (the microchip number must be recorded on the marking chart) and take a sample of the foal's hair for the DNA kit.

- 4.1.1.3 The owner must then send the completed marking chart with the appropriate fee to Horse Sport Ireland and the DNA kit to the approved laboratory (Weatherbys Ireland).
- 4.1.1.4 On receipt of the completed marking chart, registration fee and confirmation of pedigree from the Approved Laboratory Horse Sport Ireland will then issue the passport.
- 4.1.2 Registering a foal with partial breeding recorded (sire or dam only recorded):
- 4.1.2.1 If the dam is the only parent known the owner must write to Horse Sport Ireland Horse Sport Ireland stating that their mare is in foal, or has a foal at foot, and the sire of the foal is unknown. Horse Sport Ireland will then send a foal kit to the owner (including a marking chart with the dam recorded on it, a DNA kit and an explanatory note). Proceed as outlined above in 4.1.1.2 to 4.1.1.4.
- 4.1.2.2 If the sire is the only parent known the owner must contact the owner of the stallion and ask him/her to send a covering certificate to Horse Sport Ireland stating that his/her stallion covered an unregistered mare. The owner must also contact Horse Sport Ireland requesting a foal kit. The owner must proceed with the steps outlined above in 4.1.1.2 to 4.1.1.4.
- 4.1.3 Registering a foal with no breeding (sire and dam unknown):
The owner contacts Horse Sport Ireland and requests a marking chart for a foal with no breeding. The owner must then get the foal marked by a veterinary surgeon when the foal is between 2 and 4 months of age. The veterinary surgeon must also microchip the foal with a HSI foal microchip. On receipt of the completed marking chart and the appropriate fee Horse Sport Ireland will issue the owner with the appropriate identification document.
- 4.1.4 Naming foals:
Only individuals who have a prefix registered with the Irish Horse Register can name a foal on registration (see section 4.3.5.). If a breeder does not have a prefix registered they must wait until the animal is two years of age before they name it in the Irish Horse Register.

4.2 Registering Yearlings:

- 4.2.1. Registering a yearling with breeding (sire and dam recorded):
- 4.2.1.1. If the owner has a foal kit for the yearling which he/she failed to use when the yearling was a foal the owner may use this kit as outlined in above in 4.1.1.2 to 4.1.1.4, however they will have to pay an increased fee for registering a yearling.
- 4.2.1.2. If the owner does not have a foal kit for the yearling they must contact Horse Sport Ireland for a marking chart and the Approved Laboratory for a DNA kit. The owner must get a veterinary surgeon to complete the marking chart, insert a HSI microchip into the yearling and take a sample of the yearlings hair for the DNA kit. The owner then sends the completed marking chart to Horse Sport Ireland and the DNA kit to the Approved Laboratory. The Approved Laboratory, at the owners expense, will send a report detailing the results of the parentage testing back to the owner. The owner must then send the parentage report, the completed marking chart and the appropriate registration fee to Horse Sport Ireland. Once Horse Sport Ireland receives these items along with a signed and completed covering certificate from the stallion owner Horse Sport Ireland will issued a passport for the yearling.

4.2.2. Registering a yearling with partial breeding (sire or dam recorded):

4.2.2.1. If the dam is the only parent known the owner must contact Horse Sport Ireland requesting a marking chart. The owner must also contact the Approved Laboratory requesting a DNA kit. The owner must then get a veterinary surgeon to complete the marking chart, insert a HSI microchip, and take a sample of hair for the DNA kit. The owner then sends the DNA kit to the Approved Laboratory. The Approved Laboratory, at the owners expense, will send a report detailing the results of the parentage testing back to the owner. The owner must then send the parentage report, the completed marking chart and the appropriate registration fee to Horse Sport Ireland. Once Horse Sport Ireland is in receipt of these items a passport will be issued for the yearling.

4.2.2.2. If the sire is the only parent known the owner must contact Horse Sport Ireland requesting a marking chart. They must also contact the Approved Laboratory requesting a DNA kit. The owner must then get a veterinary surgeon to complete the marking chart, insert a HSI microchip and take a sample of hair for the DNA kit. The owner then sends the DNA kit to the Approved Laboratory, at their own expense. The Approved Laboratory will send a report detailing the results of the parentage testing back to the owner. The owner must then send the parentage report, the completed marking chart and the appropriate registration fee to Horse Sport Ireland. Once Horse Sport Ireland receives these items along with a signed and completed covering certificate from the stallion owner Horse Sport Ireland will issued a passport for the yearling.

4.2.3. Registering a yearling with no breeding (sire and dam unknown):

The owner must contact Horse Sport Ireland and requests a marking chart. The owner must then get the yearling marked and microchipped by a veterinary surgeon. On receipt of the completed marking chart and the appropriate fee Horse Sport Ireland will issue the appropriate identification document for the yearling.

4.2.4. Naming yearlings:

Only individuals who have a prefix registered with the Irish Horse Register can name a yearling on registration (see section 4.3.5.). If a breeder/owner does not have a prefix registered they must wait until the animal is two years of age before it can be named in the Irish Horse Register.

4.3. Registering Adult Horses (2 years and older):

4.3.1. Registering an adult horse with breeding (sire and dam recorded):

4.3.1.1. The owner must contact Horse Sport Ireland for a marking chart and the Approved Laboratory for a DNA kit. The owner must then get a veterinary surgeon to complete the marking chart, insert a HSI microchip and take a sample of hair for the DNA kit.

4.3.1.2. The owner must then send the DNA kit to the Approved Laboratory at their own expense. The Approved Laboratory will send a report detailing the results of the parentage testing back to the owner. The owner must then send the parentage report, the completed marking chart, including a choice of four names, and the appropriate registration fee to Horse Sport Ireland. Once Horse Sport Ireland receives these items along with a signed and completed covering certificate from the stallion owner Horse Sport Ireland will issued a passport for the horse.

4.3.2. Registering an adult horse with partial breeding (sire or dam recorded):

- 4.3.2.1. If the dam is the only parent known the owner must contact Horse Sport Ireland requesting a marking chart. He/she must also contact the Approved Laboratory for a DNA kit. The owner must then get a veterinary surgeon to complete the marking chart, insert a HSI microchip and take a sample of hair for the DNA kit. The owner must then send the DNA kit to the Approved Laboratory at their own expense. The Approved Laboratory will send a report detailing the results of the parentage testing back to the owner. The owner must then send the parentage report, the completed marking chart, including a choice of four names, and the appropriate registration fee to Horse Sport Ireland. Once Horse Sport Ireland receives these items Horse Sport Ireland will issue a passport for the horse.
- 4.3.2.2. If the sire is the only parent known the owner must contact Horse Sport Ireland requesting a marking chart. They must also contact the Approved Laboratory requesting a DNA kit. The owner must then get a veterinary surgeon to complete the marking chart, insert a HSI microchip and take a sample of hair for the DNA kit. The owner then sends the DNA kit to the Approved Laboratory at their own expense. The Approved Laboratory will send a report detailing the results of the parentage testing back to the owner. The owner must then send the parentage report, the completed marking chart, including a choice of four names, and the appropriate registration fee to Horse Sport Ireland. Once Horse Sport Ireland receives these items along with a signed and completed covering certificate from the stallion owner Horse Sport Ireland will issue an identification document for the horse.
- 4.3.3. Registering an adult horse with no breeding (sire and dam unknown): The owner contacts Horse Sport Ireland and requests a marking chart. The owner must then get the horse marked and micro chipped (using a HSI microchip) by a veterinary surgeon. On receipt of the completed marking chart (including a choice of four names for the horse) and the appropriate fee Horse Sport Ireland will issue an identification document for the horse.

Note: In certain circumstances where it is not possible for the owner of a horse to obtain a covering certificate for an animal a passport may be issued with recorded pedigree at the discretion of the Breeding Manager of HSI.

4.3.4. Naming Adult Horses

Horses (other than those named as a foal/yearling with a prefix) can be named after they reach two years of age. In order to name a horse the owner must send in the passport that the horse was issued as a foal, along with a choice of four names for the horse and the relevant fee to Horse Sport Ireland. There is no duplication of names in the Irish Horse Register. If the owners choices of names for the horse have already been taken Horse Sport Ireland may contact the owner to agree upon a different name that has not yet been used. Horse Sport Ireland will then send the passport back to the owner with the name of the horse recorded on it.

4.4. Registering a Prefix

Breeders can register a prefix with the Irish Horse Register. A once-off fee of €50 is required to register the prefix with the Central Prefix Register in the United Kingdom to ensure that there is no duplication of prefixes in the Irish Horse Register.

The benefits of owning a prefix include:

- A prefix entitles a breeder to naming their foals on registration.
- A breeder's prefix cannot be used by another breeder/owner unless written consent is given by the prefix owner.
- An animal that has been named with a prefix cannot have its name changed without the written consent of the prefix owner.

4.5. Endorsing Passports

4.5.1. Endorsing passports for mares for inclusion in the Irish Sport Horse Cross Breeding Programme:

Horse Sport Ireland will endorse the passports of mares eligible for the Irish Sport Horse Crossbreeding programme (see section 1.3.1.3.). Owners must send the mare's passport and the relevant fee to Horse Sport Ireland. Horse Sport Ireland will then enter the details of the mare (pedigree etc.) into the Irish Horse Register and will return the passport to the owner.

4.5.2. Endorsing passports for stallions:

Horse Sport Ireland will endorse passports for stallions that have been inspected according to the inspection procedure and are eligible for inclusion in the cross breeding programme.

4.6. Covering certificates

Covering certificates are automatically issued to all stallions that are classified in the Irish Horse Register and are actively breeding at the start of each breeding season free of charge. An active stallion is defined as a stallion that produced a registered foal in the previous two years. Stallions that are not automatically issued with covering certificates can request covering certificates by applying directly to HSI:

All stallion owners are obliged to do the following with regard to covering certificates:

- Record in the Covering Book, full details of all coverings to mares registered in the Irish Horse Register;
- Submit the Certificates provided in the Covering Books of all mares covered by the stallion by 1st October in the year of covering;
- Return the Covering to HSI upon request;
- Notify HSI of the death of the stallion by means of a veterinary certificate.

4.7. Duplicate Passports

Duplicate Passports will be issued in accordance with article 16 of Commission Regulation (EC No54/2008).

Where a passport is lost, stolen or destroyed the owner can apply to HSI for a replacement passport. The following is required to issue a replacement passport:

- A signed declaration from the owner confirming that the initial passport was lost/stolen or destroyed. If the current owner is not the recorded owner in the IHR, then a statement is required from the owner as recorded on IHR that they agree to have the passport issued to the applicant for the replacement passport.
- Replacement passport fee;
- If the animal is micro chipped, then a signed declaration from a veterinary surgeon confirming the microchip number in the animal is required;
- If the animal is not micro chipped a new set of markings must be taken by a veterinary surgeon;
- If the markings do not match the original markings on file in the IHR then DNA confirmation is required.

4.8. Change of ownership on passport

When an animal transfers ownership, the new owner must return the passport and the appropriate fee to HSI with his/her contact details. HSI will record the new owners details in the IHR and return the passport to the new owner.

5.0. Identification Numbers used in the Irish Horse Register

All animals registered in the Irish Horse Register are identified by a Unique Equine Life Number (UELN). This UELN identifies the country and Studbook where the horse was first registered and the registration number within the studbook. All UELN numbers contain 15 digits. The first three digits of animals registered in the Irish Horse Register are 372 which is the code for Ireland, the next three digits are 414 which is the code for the Irish Horse Register and the remaining 9 digits form the registration number used to identify the animal in the Irish Horse Register.

Microchips issued to veterinary surgeons by Horse Sport Ireland contain the UELN.

An animal registered in another studbook retains its original identification number as issued by the approved studbook keeping authority when classified in the Irish Horse Register.

6.0. Non-discrimination.

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

7.0 Appeals Procedures for Studbook/Registration matters

The objective of this procedure is to provide individuals, who have a grievance with Horse Sport Ireland with regard to a studbook/registration matter, an opportunity to have the grievance examined and resolved at the earliest practical time and at the most local level possible.

While the matter is being considered under the Appeals Procedures, the operation of Horse Sport Ireland cannot be interrupted. The person(s) raising the matter shall continue to comply with the rules of Horse Sport Ireland during the course of the examination of the matter in question. By so doing he/she will not create any precedent nor will his/her transactions with HSI be prejudiced in any way in relation to the matter being processed.

The procedure to apply shall be as follows:

Stage 1

An individual who feels aggrieved in relation to any matter pertaining to studbook/registration business should, in the first instance, write to the Director of Breeding and Programmes of Horse Sport Ireland, making it clear that Stage 1 of the Appeals Procedures is being invoked. The Director of Breeding and Programmes will reply as soon as is reasonably practicable, but in any case within 30 days from receipt of the letter from the appellant.

Stage 2

If the grievance is not resolved at Stage 1, or if a reply is not forthcoming from the Director of Breeding and Programmes within 30 days, the individual(s) may request in writing that at the next Board meeting, the HSI Board allows the individual(s) to attend the meeting during the period that the grievance is being considered. The individual(s) will be allowed to make an oral submission on the grievance. The HSI Board will then consider the issue and must communicate its decision to the appellant within 30 days.

Stage 3

If the issue remains unresolved after Stage 2, the individual(s) may request an independent hearing. The HSI Board shall grant such a hearing. Appeals at Stage 3 will be heard by an individual or group of individuals with appropriate expertise, agreed by both parties to the dispute. From the date of appointment of the person(s) hearing the appeal, the case will be heard and the decision taken will be communicated to both parties within three months. The person(s) hearing the case will decide on the apportionment of costs, as appropriate.

Stage 4

Any dispute that remains unresolved after Stage 3 may be pursued by invoking provisions under the legal personality of the Society: 1963 Companies Act.