

# IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA REGISTRATION POLICIES

## 1 Irish Draught Horse Studbook

a) The Irish Draught Horse Studbook is one of two studbooks maintained by IDHSNA. This book records North America's purebred Irish Draught horses.

b) Date of effect. December 8, 2015.

c) **Guiding Principles:** The IDHSNA was established in 1993, and is dedicated to fostering an appreciation and understanding of the Irish Draught. The Society strives to assist in the conservation of the breed through the support for a worldwide studbook for the Purebred Irish Draught and close cooperation among the Irish Draught Horse Societies/Studbooks worldwide (Ireland, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, and others).

### Breeding Objective and Summary

The breeding objective of the Irish Draught stud book is to breed sound Irish Draught horses with correct conformation, type, movement and action, calm and willing temperaments and sufficient athleticism that conform to the Irish Draught breed standard. These animals will serve one or more of the following three functions by:

- participating in preservation and ongoing breed improvement programs;
- performing as pleasure, leisure, or performance horses;
- contributing to cross-breeding programmes with other breeds.

### 1.1 Characteristics of the Breed/ Breed Standard

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 with size proportionate to animal and approximate to age.

#### 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, overlarge 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.

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## 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, with sufficient athleticism showing good flexion of joints and freedom of the shoulders.

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

## **1.2. 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.

## **1.3. Sections of the Studbook**

The Irish Draught Horse studbook is comprised of two sections:

- a) The Main Section
- b) The Supplementary Section. AID and Grade up registry. (1 Class 1/RID parent and 3 Class 1/RID grandparents) RID x TB and Connemara only.

### **1.3.1 Main Section**

**The Main Section records all pure bred equines registered/classified in the Studbook.**

#### **1.3.1.1.Division of Main Section**

##### **The Main Section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook**

The Main Section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook records all registered Irish Draught Horses.

##### ***Classes for Irish Draught Stallions***

There are six classes for Irish Draught stallions as follows:

- a) RID: This class is for Irish Draught stallions that were approved for breeding prior to December 31, 2014. These stallions can be reclassified as Class 1 upon the submission of acceptable X-Rays and certification of EVA status.
- b) ID: This class is for Irish Draught stallions that as of December 31, 2014, had not passed inspection. This class is now closed.
- c) Class 1: This class is for Irish Draught stallions that meet all criteria for both veterinary and conformation/type/movement/athleticism phases of inspection. In order to be eligible for inspection for Class 1 classification a stallion must be by a stallion classified as Class 1, RID or Class 2 and out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2, AID or Grade Up Register. This class also includes stallions which were inspected by the IDHSNA and awarded RID status prior to 2001.
- d) Class 2: This class is for Irish Draught stallions that meet all criteria for the veterinary phase of inspection. Class 2 stallions must be by a stallion classified as Class 1, RID or Class 2 and out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2, AID or Grade Up Register.
- e) Class 3: This class is for Irish Draught stallions that did not meet all criteria for the veterinary phase of inspection. The progeny of Class 3 stallions are not eligible for inspection for Class 1 status.

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- f) Uninspected: This class is for Irish Draught stallions that have not yet been inspected or that are not eligible for inspection due to the status of their parent(s). The progeny of uninspected stallions are not eligible for inspection for Class 1 status.

***Classes for Irish Draught Mares/Geldings***

There are six classes for Irish Draught mares/geldings as follows:

- a) RID: This class is for Irish Draught mares/geldings that were approved prior to December 31, 2014.
- b) ID: This class is for Irish Draught mares/geldings that as of December 31, 2014, had not passed inspection. This class is now closed.
- c) Class 1: This class is for Irish Draught mares/geldings that meet all criteria for both veterinary and conformation/type/ movement phases of inspection. In order to be eligible for inspection for Class 1 classification a mare/gelding must be by a stallion classified as Class 1, RID or Class 2 and out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2, AID or Grade Up Register.
- d) Class 2: This class is for Irish Draught mares/geldings that meet all criteria for the veterinary phase of inspection (including mares which were inspected by the IDHSNA prior to December 31, 2014). Class 2 mares/geldings must be by a stallion classified as Class 1, RID or Class 2 and out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2, AID or Grade Up Register.
- e) Class 3: This class is for Irish Draught mares/geldings that did not pass the veterinary phase of inspection. The progeny of Class 3 mares are not eligible for inspection for Class 1 status.
- f) Uninspected: This class is for Irish Draught mares/geldings that have not yet been inspected or that are not eligible for inspection due to the status of their parent(s). The progeny of uninspected mares are not eligible for inspection for Class 1 status.

***Classes for Irish Draught Foals***

There are two classes for Irish Draught foals as follows:

- a) ID: This class is for Irish Draught foals that as of Dec 31, 2014, had not been approved through inspection. This class is now closed.
- b) Uninspected: This class is for Irish Draught foals that have not yet been inspected or that are not eligible for inspection.

**Inspection Amnesty 2017-2021**

Inspection Amnesty will run from 2017 to 2021 (inclusive), which will allow purebreds to be presented for inspection for Class 1 providing they are registered in the Main Section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook. Purebreds descended from parents that are entered in the main section of the studbook (i.e., registered and classified as RID, CLASS 1, CLASS 2, AID or GRADE UP, ID, CLASS 4 or Uninspected) and have a pedigree established according to the rules of the studbook (i.e., DNA tested) are eligible. The progeny of Irish Draught Horse stallions/mares of CLASS 3 in the Irish Draught Studbook are not eligible for inspection. In addition, purebreds born 2017 through 2021 (inclusive) and descended from parents that are entered in the main section of the stud book (i.e., registered and classified as RID, CLASS 1, CLASS 2, AID or GRADE UP, ID, CLASS 4 or Uninspected) and have a pedigree established according to the rules of the studbook (i.e., DNA tested) will be eligible for inspection for Class 1 for their lifetimes.

**Mares Amnesty**

An Amnesty will run, as determined by the BOD from time to time, which will allow mares to be presented for inspection for Class 1 providing they are registered in the Main Section of the Irish

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Draught Horse Studbook and sired by a stallion that is classified CLASS 1, RID or CLASS 2 and out of a dam that is classified as 'ID' in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook. This dam must have a recorded pedigree showing her sire classified as CLASS 1, RID or CLASS 2 and her dam classified as RID, CLASS 1, CLASS 2, AID or GRADE UP in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook. The progeny of Irish Draught Horse stallions/mares of CLASS 3, CLASS 4 or Uninspected in the Irish Draught Studbook are not eligible for inspection.

## **1.3.2 Supplementary Section of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook**

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

- Appendix Irish Draught (AID); this class is for mares that were classified as AID prior to December 31, 2014.
- Grade Up Register. This class is for Irish Draught Sport Horse mares who meet pedigree requirements outlined in 1.3.2.1. as well as inspection requirements as described in paragraph 1.5.2.

### **1.3.2.1 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.

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

- Were classified as AID in the IDHSNA Irish Draught Horse Studbook prior to December 31, 2014.
- Were classified as AID in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook and in Great Britain prior to 2010 or in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Canada prior to 2012.

**Note:** Mares classified as AID will be awarded additional merits for their own, or their progeny's performance.

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

- Are ID crossed with JC/Weatherbys registered TB, or registered Connemara or ISH of ID crossed with JC/Weatherby's registered TB, or registered Connemara 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 and one parent that is classified in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook ;
- Have three grandparents classified in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Class1 or 2 or 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 **1.5.2.**

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***Mares that have been inspected and found to meet the requirements for the Grade-up register will be classified "Approved Irish Draught Sport Horse" in the IDHSNA Irish Draught Sport Horse Studbook and will be classified in the Grade-up Register in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook.***

***When there is a question as to a mare's eligibility for inspection, the IDHSNA Board may review the horse's registration documents and may in its sole discretion grant or refuse inspection or may set conditions to be met.***

**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.

#### **1.3.2.2 Upgrading of Progeny from the Supplementary Section**

The progeny of AID and Grade Up Register mares by Class 1, RID or Class 2 Irish Draught stallions are registered in the Irish Draught Horse studbook in Class 4 and are eligible to be presented for studbook inspection.

#### **1.4 Classification for horses registered in an Irish Draught Horse Studbook outside North America.**

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

#### **1.5 Procedures for Irish Draught Horse Studbook Inspections**

##### **General Pre-Inspection Requirements:**

**Horses must be fully registered or cross-registered and classified with the Society before they are eligible for inspection as described in section 1.3.1.1.**

**Failure to meet all the criteria for inspection does not revoke registration.**

**Horses that do not meet inspection criteria under Society rules may be re-presented for inspection.**

##### **1.5.1. 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. All stallions must be named prior to the inspection and the owner must submit a completed and signed application form.

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

1. Veterinary examination:
  - A. Prior to inspection all stallions must undergo an endoscopic examination and submit a specified number of **Digital** X-rays taken by a licensed equine veterinarian and submitted to the IDHSNA approved veterinary panel for review. See Appendix A: Stallion Inspection X-Ray views Description.  
**X-Rays may be taken any time after the date of the stallions 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday and must be submitted and evaluated by the IDHSNA designated veterinarian within one year of being taken for use at any time going forward.**
  - B. Stallion owners have the option of having their stallion's clinical veterinary examination carried out at a licensed veterinary clinic prior to inspection or having their stallion undergo a clinical veterinary examination on the day of inspection by the IDHSNA appointed veterinarian. Stallions that have met the veterinary requirements prior to the inspection following an examination by an IDHSNA designated veterinarian will be subject to a soundness trot-up on the day of inspection. Should the stallion be presented with an obvious veterinary issue, said animal will be referred to an accredited college of veterinary medicine for examination by an equine medicine specialist or board certified equine veterinarian.
  - C. All stallions will be measured and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of stallion classification.
  - D. Test results for Equine Infectious Anaemia (E.I.A, Coggins test) dated within 6 (required according to the current rules of the state where inspection is held) months of the inspection date must be presented prior to horse being unloaded from trailer at the inspection site. Results of testing for Equine Viral Arteritis (E.V.A.) must be presented at inspection and are for information purposes only. Horses may be subject to screening, at the owner's expense, for substances listed on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List. The inspection of stallions that test positive for substances on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List will be considered invalid.
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 an indoor arena.
4. Free gait assessment in jumping pen or indoor arena:

The stallion's free gaits will be assessed in an indoor arena or jumping pen.
5. Free athleticism/jumping assessment in jumping pen:

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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.

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

Eligible mares and geldings must be a minimum of three years of age to be presented for spring inspection. Eligible mares and geldings must be a minimum of two years of age to be presented for autumn inspection. Mares/geldings must be named prior to being presented for inspection. During the inspection mares/geldings are assessed by an inspection panel, appointed by IDSHNA, under the following criteria:

1. Veterinary examination:

Mares/geldings will undergo a veterinary examination at the inspection carried out by the IDHSNA appointed veterinarian.

Horses will be measured at the inspection for height and bone.

2. Conformation assessment:

Conformation will be described using a linear scoring profile and will be given an overall score.

3. In hand gait assessment:

Mares/geldings will be required to stand for a visual inspection and will be assessed in hand in walk and trot.

4. Free gait assessment in indoor arena or jumping pen:

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

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

### Optional Inspection for Bronze Merit in Show Jumping

Mares and geldings that qualify for classification in Class 1 or Class 2 may, at the owner's 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 show jumping.

**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 mare's athleticism/jumping ability.

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*IDHSNA 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.*

**1.5.3 Re- Presentation Procedures for Inspections**

**No fees will be refunded for horses that do not attend their scheduled inspection. A fee will/may be charged for presentation at a subsequent inspection.**

**1.5.3.1 Horses that do not meet the Inspection Requirements (conformation, movement, athleticism or riding test):**

The owners of horses that do not meet the inspection requirements (conformation, movement, type, athleticism or riding test) will be given the opportunity to re-present the horse at a subsequent inspection dates. X-Rays and Endoscopy results shall remain valid for subsequent inspections.

**1.5.3.2 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 IDHSNA to have the horse re-examined within one month of the original examination;
- the owner/custodian of the horse shall arrange, at their own expense, to have the horse examined by an accredited college of veterinary medicine or board certified equine veterinarian for examination by an equine medicine specialist;
- the re-examination shall only be carried out in respect to the condition for which the horse originally failed the clinical veterinary examination and the decision of the accredited college of veterinary medicine equine medicine specialist or board certified equine veterinarian , shall be final.

**1.5.3.3 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 **IDHSNA** 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 **IDHSNA** 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 **IDHSNA Veterinary Appeals Panel**. If deemed necessary by the Appeals Panel, a new set of radiographs may be taken by a licensed equine veterinarian;
- 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.



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## 1.5.4 Appeals Procedures for Inspections for Additional Merits

Owners that are not satisfied with the additional merits awarded to a horse can make a formal Appeal to IDHSNA. The conditions of the appeal are as follows:

- an appeal must be made to IDHSNA within one month of the owner receiving the results of the classification or additional merits;
- the owner must provide documentary evidence of relevant performances verified by the national or international governing body for the discipline involved;
- the performance record of the animal and its relatives, where appropriate, will be examined by a panel of up to three inspectors who were not involved in the original classification/star rating process;
- the full costs of the appeal must be borne by the owner of the animal;
- the decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final.

**Note:** Appeals relating to inspections must be dealt with under the procedures outlined in section 1.5.3.1.

## 2 Procedures for Registering Horses in the Purebred Irish Draught Studbook

### 2.1. Registration

#### 2.1.1 Documentation Required

The owner must submit to the IDHSNA Registration office must already have on file the following documentation for a horse:

1. IDHSNA Application for Recordation in the appropriate Book. The name being applied for must meet the following guidelines.
  - A. The name must be unique to all IDHSNA, and Studbook of Origin record books.
  - B. Registered farm prefixes may only be used by the registered owner of the prefix.
  - C. The Registration Office may refuse any name it deems to be offensive or inappropriate.
  - D. The recorded name of a horse may not be changed once it is recorded with the IDHSNA or other Approved Society. If horse's name contains a registered prefix it can only be changed with permission of prefix owner. Otherwise, names can be changed for a fee and a new passport issued.
2. IDHSNA Marking Sheet.
3. IDHSNA DNA Kit (Results returned by lab).
4. Photographs. A minimum of 4 color photographs which meet the requirements specified below and which show the:
  - A. entire right hand side;
  - B. entire left hand side;
  - C. entire front showing the entire face and forelegs;
  - D. entire rear showing hind legs (hold tail to one side if necessary to view hocks clearly).

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E. Requirements for photographs submitted are as follows.

- 1) Photograph format includes traditional color prints only. Digital media, emailed graphics/photos, negatives, photocopies, photos printed on paper other than true color photo print stock will not be accepted. Photos to be a minimum of 3" x 5" and a maximum of 5" x 7".
- 2) Photos must be original and not altered in any way.
- 3) Photos must be labeled with:
  - I. Applicant/owner's name;
  - II. Horse's name as recorded/requested;
  - III. Horse's age at time photo(s) were taken.
  - IV. If the horse is recorded in one of the IDHSNA Books, the name of the book as well as the recordation number should be noted.
- 4) Photos taken by a professional with a copyright must be accompanied by a release from the photographer.

5. Covering Certificate or copy of current Registration Papers.

Any horse transferring from another IDHSNA Book or an Approved Society that requires proof of parentage must present a copy of the Registration document(s) from that Society. All other horses requesting recordation must submit a covering certificate issued by the sire's owner or agent. Horses imported in utero should have a covering certificate from the sire's owner or agent.

6. Pedigree Information.

The sire and dam's pedigrees must be provided. The pedigree must include Name of Registry and registration number for any horse recorded with a society other than the IDHSNA. If the sire/dam is owned by the person applying, a copy of the Registration papers must be provided.

7. Microchip number to be recorded on passport. Insertion of microchip at the owner's discretion; may be done at registration or inspection.

**Previous microchips can be used if number can be read**

**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 **IDHSNA Board of Directors**.

## **2.2 Naming**

Horses must be named at initial registration. There is no duplication of names in the IDHSNA Registry. If the owner's choices of names have already been taken, the **IDHSNA** will contact the Owner to agree upon a different name that has not yet been used.

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### **3. Registering a Prefix**

Breeders can register a prefix with the **IDHSNA**. A fee will be charged to also 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 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.
- All prefixes must be cleared with the Central Prefix Register.