



ELITE MARE NOMINATION SCHEME



TERMS AND CONDITIONS – SPRING 2008

1. Under this Scheme Horse Sport Ireland will provide funding to the owners of 'Elite' mares to cover 50% of the stud fee (up to a maximum of €2,500) for mares covered with a stallion approved under the Elite Thoroughbred Stallion Approval Scheme.
2. Minimum eligibility criteria for the scheme:
 - I. **Irish Sport Horse** mares that are registered in the Irish Horse Register with a breed code of ISH and must have studbook pedigree, i.e. both sire and dam recorded. Mares sired by stallions which are classified in Section 1 (S1)/Section 2 (S2) or Supplementary 1 (Supp 1)/Supplementary 2 (Supp 2) of the Irish Horse Register are not eligible. Mares must have:
 - a) Competed at 1.40m in SJA I competitions or at a Grade B SJA I competition, or the equivalent in eventing or dressage;
or
 - b) Have an Estimated Breeding Value (EBV) of 120 or greater, for Showjumping or Athleticism or Overall Merit;
or
 - c) Progeny competing at International or Grand Prix level.
 - II. **Irish Draught Mares** that are registered in the Irish Horse Register with a breed code of RID, ID or AID and have:
 - a) A Minimum of 50 SJA I points or the equivalent in eventing or dressage;
or
 - b) Have an Estimated Breeding Value (EBV) of 110 or greater for Showjumping or Athleticism or Overall Merit;
or
 - c) Progeny competing at International or Grand Prix level.
 - III. Consideration will also be given to mares whose progeny have been highly placed in prestigious young horse competitions, e.g. RDS, Millstreet, FEHL, IHB Showjumping classes, Lanaken and Le Lion d'Angers.
3. Payment of 50% of the stud fee will be made when satisfactory evidence of payment of the fee is supplied to Horse sport Ireland, and, on registration of the foal in the Irish Horse Register.
4. Only residents of the Republic of Ireland are eligible for grant aid under this scheme.
5. Horse Sport Ireland reserves the right to vary the conditions of the 'Elite Mare Nomination Scheme 2007' and their decisions in all matters shall be final.

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