



APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFICATION OF STALLIONS
IN THE IRISH HORSE REGISTER, autumn 2009



Before completing this application form, please read the attached conditions for the Classification of Stallions carefully.

Name of Applicant: Phone No.:

Address:

Name of Stallion: Breed:

Year: Colour: Height: DNA typed Yes/No:

Has the stallion been inspected for classification on the Irish Horse Register previously? If so, state year

Foreign Breeds: Has the stallion been performance tested or assessed for licensing/approval in its Studbook of origin

If so, state year, studbook, place and type of assessment and outcome:

The stallion will stand at:

Stud Book Pedigree

Table with 2 columns: Sire, Dam and 2 empty rows for pedigree information.

Name of Breeder:

Irish Horse Register No. (Sport Horse/Irish Draught):

General Stud Book Ref. (Thoroughbreds): Vol: Page:

Stud Book Reference (Foreign Breed):

Performance History - Details of racing records in the case of Thoroughbreds and Showjumping or other relevant performance records in the case of Sport horses or Irish Draughts. Please attach any relevant documents in support of performance history:

Performance will be a compulsory aspect of the inspection process except for thoroughbreds that have adequate track performances, and applicants will be required to demonstrate their stallion's athletic ability through showjumping, dressage, or other appropriate means.

Athletic ability will be demonstrated through showjumping, dressage, or other means (please specify):

Hobday section with a table for wind problems and signature/date fields.

Please give a full disclosure in relation to any injury suffered by the animal and the treatments received for such injury:

Please give details of any surgeries or operations the stallion has undergone and the reasons for such operations. (Failure to give full disclosure may result in reclassification or removal of the stallion on the register):

I hereby certify that the stallion which is the subject of this application, has not had any treatments or surgeries which may potentially make the stallion eligible for approved /Section 1 classification and which otherwise would have rendered the stallion eligible for Section 2 classification only.

Signature of Applicant: Date:

I certify that the foregoing particulars are correct and I hereby make application to have the above named stallion classified for the Irish Horse Register. I have read the attached Conditions for Classification and Performance Testing of Stallions and veterinary examination of stallions and agree to accept and abide by them.

Signature of Applicant: Date:

Please return this completed application form together with the non-refundable fee of €190, before 18th September 2009, to: Horse Sport Ireland, Beech House, Millennium Park, Osberstown, Naas, Co Kildare. Phone. (045)854508, Fax. (045)850850 or Northern Ireland Horse Board, 23 Ballykeigle Road, Comber, Co Down, BT23 5SD. Phone. (02897) 528324, Fax. (02897) 528500.

Please note that you will be required to complete a declaration on the day of the inspection.

PRE INSPECTION VETERINARY EXAMINATION OF STALLIONS

Veterinary Report Form to be completed in full by a Veterinary Surgeon

Name of Stallion _____ Year of Birth ____ Registration No. _____

✓Please tick✓		
Heart:	Normal	Abnormal
Remarks:		

✓Please tick✓		
Eyes:	Normal	Abnormal
Remarks:		

Mouth:
Remarks: e.g. parrot mouth etc.

Limbs including Feet: Examination for ringbone, sidebone, bone spavin, curbs, etc. Allowance should be made for obvious injury
Left fore
Right fore
Left hind
Right hind

Movement: Evidence of lameness (give possible reason)

Evidence of shivering, stringhalt or wobblers syndrome:
Remarks:

✓Please tick✓		
Examination of Genitalia:	Normal	Abnormal
Remarks:		

✓Please tick✓		
Evidence of Hernia:	Yes	No
Remarks:		

✓Please tick✓		
Presence of Sarcoids:	Yes	No
Remarks:		

✓Please tick✓		
Evidence of Allergies:	Yes	No
Remarks:		

Lunging and Endoscopic examinations *must* be carried out.

LUNGING (WIND):-	✓ Please tick ✓.	
Result of examination following lunging:	Normal respiratory noise	Abnormal respiratory noise

ENDOSCOPIC EXAMINATION:-	✓Please tick✓				
Result of endoscopic examination of Larynx and Pharynx for:					
1. Evidence of Laryngeal Neuropathy	Yes	No			
Grade: (Please indicate a grade) (J G Lane System)	1	2	3	4	5

2. Evidence of Abnormalities	✓Please tick✓	
Subepiglottic Cyst, Rostral displacement of the palatopharyngeal arch and abnormal epiglottic cartilage	Yes	No
Remarks:		

3. Evidence of upward displacement of the soft palate?	✓Please tick✓	
	Yes	No
Remarks:		

4. Evidence of Cleft Palate	✓Please tick✓	
	Yes	No
Remarks:		

Hobdayed?	✓Please tick✓	
	Yes	No
Remarks:		

Any additional observations should be given overleaf.

Grading of Recurrent Laryngeal Neuropathy
Grade 1 - All movements, both adductory and abductory, are synchronized at rest and after exercise. Any appearance of asymmetry arises as an artifact of the position of the endoscope; the perspective distortion is cancelled when the left and right nostrils are used in turn. This being the case a "mirror" effect operates such that when the endoscopy is performed through the right nasal passage, the right arytenoid may appear less abducted and vice versa.
Grade 2 - All major movements are symmetric with a full range of adduction and abduction. Transient asynchrony flutter, or delayed or biphasic abduction may be seen, especially of the left arytenoid.
Grade 3 - Although the left arytenoid is still capable of full abduction, activity is generally reduced on the left when compared with the right, with periods of prolonged asymmetry, particularly during quiet movements. Full bilateral abduction can be stimulated transiently by partial asphyxiation using nostril occlusion, but is not sustained.
Grade 4 - The left arytenoid is no longer capable of full abduction and during adduction, compensation by the right arytenoid crossing the midline may be evident. Asymmetry is marked, but residual movements are present.
Grade 5 - True hemiplegia - active movement is completely absent on the affected side and the "slap" test does not provoke any response.
Reference: J. G. Lane in "Equine Endoscopy" 2nd Edition, Edited by J. L. Traub-Dargatz and C. M. Brown

Note for Veterinary Surgeons regarding the grading of Recurrent Larangeal Myopathy	
Standard of interpretation required for Approved, Section 1 or Supplementary 1 classification on the Irish Horse Register.	Standard of interpretation required for Section 2 or Supplementary 2 classification on the Irish Horse Register.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 1: with no abnormal inspiratory noise Grade 2: with no abnormal inspiratory noise Grade 1: with an abnormal inspiratory noise provided there is a satisfactory reason for the noise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 2 with an abnormal inspiratory noise Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 1 with an abnormal inspiratory noise where there is no satisfactory explanation for the noise. Symptoms of soft palate paralysis
Note: Lunging is a compulsory part of the wind examination. Where the owner or examining veterinary surgeon considers that the horse should not be lunged on welfare grounds or for any other reasons, then he is unsuitable for examination and will not be classified as Approved or Supplementary 1. However, the veterinary surgeon appointed by Horse Sport Ireland and the Irish Horse Board, in conjunction with the inspection panel, may exercise discretion on this aspect, taking due cognisance of the results of the endoscopic examination and the performance of the stallion.	

PRE INSPECTION VETERINARY EXAMINATION OF STALLIONS

Radiography of Stallions

Name of Stallion _____ Year of Birth _____ Registration No. _____

**X-Rays can only be carried out by a veterinary practice on the Irish Horse Register enclosed list.
(See Condition 5 for exemptions).**

RIGHT FORE:-(shoe removed)

- 1. Lateromedial views of the phalanges-including coffin, pastern and fetlock joints **LM**
- 2. Dorso-palmar views of the phalanges-including coffin, pastern and fetlock joints..... **DP**
- 3. Dorso-palmar projection with the toe of the foot in a foot block and the dorsal hoof angle at 55 degrees to the horizontal **DPr55-PaDiO**
- 4. Dorso-palmar projection with the toe of the foot in a foot block and the dorsal hoof angle at 65 degrees to the horizontal **DPr65-PaDiO**

LEFT FORE:-(shoe removed)

- 5. Lateromedial views of the phalanges-including coffin, pastern and fetlock joints **LM**
- 6. Dorso-palmar views of the phalanges-including coffin, pastern and fetlock joints..... **DP**
- 7. Dorso-palmar projection with the toe of the foot in a foot block and the dorsal hoof angle at 55 degrees to the horizontal **DPr55-PaDiO**
- 8. Dorso-palmar projection with the toe of the foot in a foot block and the dorsal hoof angle at 65 degrees to the horizontal **DPr65-PaDiO**

RIGHT STIFLE:

- 9. Lateromedial views including the patella, femoral trochlear ridges and femoral condyles. **LM**

LEFT STIFLE:

- 10. Lateromedial views including the patella, femoral trochlear ridges and femoral condyles. **LM**

RIGHT HOCK:

- 11. Lateromedial **LM**
- 12. Dorsolateral plantaromedial oblique **DLPIMO**
- 13. Dorsomedial plantarolateral oblique **DMPILO**

LEFT HOCK:

- 14. Lateromedial **LM**
- 15. Dorsolateral plantaromedial oblique **DLPIMO**
- 16. Dorsomedial plantarolateral oblique **DMPILO**

RIGHT HIND FOOT

- 17. Lateromedial (LM) including fetlock, pastern and coffin joints and the distal phalanx..... **LM**

LEFT HIND FOOT

- 18. Lateromedial (LM) including fetlock, pastern and coffin joints and the distal phalanx..... **LM**

RADIOGRAPHS MUST BE LABELLED WITH THE STALLION NAME, DATE OF X-RAY, AND MUST IDENTIFY RIGHT OR LEFT LIMB. PHALANGES MUST BE LABELLED FORE OR HIND. THE PROJECTIONS/VIEWS MUST BE ACCURATE. THE DEFINITIONS OF BONES, JOINTS AND SOFT TISSUE OUTLINES SHOULD BE CLEARLY VISIBLE.

Other Observations:-
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Please note that all questions in the above reports must be completed in full.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the above-described stallion and his radiographs having identified him from his passport.

Signature and stamp of VS: Date:

This report is valid solely for the purposes of the classification of stallions on the Irish Horse Register, which is maintained by Horse Sport Ireland and the Irish Horse Board. This report has no relevance to any other party particularly in relation to sale. Neither the examining veterinary surgeon, Horse Sport Ireland, the Irish Horse Board, the Northern Ireland Horse Board, or the Department of Agriculture & Food shall be in any way liable for any misdescription contained herein or for any resultant loss in value arising from the descriptions in this report. Veterinary surgeons who examine stallions for the purpose of this report shall not be held liable for statements contained herein.
ALL STALLIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO VETERINARY EXAMINATION AT THE INSPECTION CENTRE.



APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFICATION AND PERFORMANCE TESTING OF STALLIONS IN THE IRISH HORSE REGISTER

Conditions for classification and performance testing of stallions in the Irish Horse Register

1. Irish Draught Stallions and Sport Horse Stallions

- 1.1 Stallions will be inspected in October 2009, and performance (for example, jumping) will be a compulsory part of the inspection procedures. Stallions must be jumped under saddle or perform in some other discipline, such as dressage. When a stallion is jumped under saddle, a course of fences will be made available. Fences on the prepared course for horses of four years old will have a maximum height of 110cm with a maximum spread of 110cm. However, the dimensions of the fences will be appropriately adjusted, taking into consideration the stallion's age and the generally accepted level of horses in competition. Individual owners will be given the option of adjusting fence dimensions, subject to agreement with the inspection panel.

Assessment will be on the following basis:	Points
Conformation:	
Head & Neck	6
Shoulders and Withers	12
Body	12
Topline	12
Hindquarters	12
Fore limbs and feet	18
Hind limbs and hocks	18
Presence	9
Pedigree	9
Movement:	
Fore limbs	18
Hind limbs	18
Canter	18
Athleticism	80
Temperament	28
Ease of Riding	30
Total:	<u>300</u>

- 1.2. **Sport Horse** stallions are obliged to have accumulated a minimum of 30 points in competitions under the rules of the Showjumping Association of Ireland, or the equivalent in showjumping competitions run by an organisation in another country. If stallions compete in competitions under the rules of Eventing Ireland or Dressage Ireland, the minimum number of points shall be 15 in the case of eventing and 60 for dressage, or the equivalent in eventing or dressage competitions run by an organisation in another country.
- 1.3 **Irish Draught** stallions are obliged to have accumulated a minimum of 10 points in competitions under the rules of the Showjumping Association of Ireland, or the equivalent in showjumping competitions run by an organisation in another country. If stallions compete in competitions under the rules of Eventing Ireland or Dressage Ireland, the minimum number of points shall be 5 in the case of eventing and 20 for dressage, or the equivalent in eventing or dressage competitions run by an organisation in another country.

2. Thoroughbred Stallions

Inspection and assessment (scoring) of thoroughbred stallions will take place as at 1 above. Performance on the day of inspection will be optional for stallions with adequate racing record. Otherwise, stallions will be required to demonstrate their athleticism under saddle or by other appropriate means.

Classification of stallions will be as follows:

- 2.1 Stallions with adequate track performance and which have satisfactory conformation, movement and temperament may be approved.
- 2.2 Stallions that do not have adequate track performance may be approved provided they demonstrate exceptional conformation, movement and temperament.
- 2.3 Other Thoroughbred stallions will be classified as S1 or S2 in accordance with the rules.

3. Inspection Centres

Inspections will be arranged at one central location which will have suitable facilities.

4. Veterinary

Applicants are required to have the Veterinary Report Form completed in full by their veterinary surgeon in respect of the stallion for which they are applying for classification. **Please note that this includes x-raying as per the specification in the Veterinary Report Form (See exception at 5 below).** Stallions undergo a full five stage veterinary examination at the inspection by a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the Irish Horse Register.

All stallions will be measured at the inspection and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of stallion classification in the IHR. 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 own expense.

In cases where the Veterinary Report Form indicates that the stallion does not meet the veterinary requirements for Section 1 (S1) or Supplementary 1 (Supp1), the applicant may, following consultation with the Irish Horse Register, have the stallion classified as Section 2 (S2) or Supplementary 2 (Supp2) respectively without the stallion participating in the inspection. Such a stallion must have established pedigree.

Blood samples will be taken on the day of inspection for testing for Equine Viral Arteritis (E.V.A.), Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA) and for the presence of anti-inflammatory drugs.

5. X-Rays

All stallions are required to have an x-ray examination carried out by a veterinary practice on an approved panel (see Appendix 1) maintained by the Irish Horse Register or where agreed by the Irish Horse Register, x-rays may be accepted from the relevant Veterinary College in the case of imported stallions.

The radiographs must be submitted with the application for independent scrutiny by the IHR Veterinary Advisory Panel prior to the inspection. In cases where the quality of the radiographs is deemed to be unsatisfactory they will be returned and a new set of radiographs will be required.

Animals measuring up to and including 148 cm are exempt from the x-ray requirement.

6. Appeals

- 6.1 **Conformation and movement:** There will be no appeals for conformation and movement in the case of Irish Draught and Sport Horse stallions since these inspections mainly involves the classification of stallions in S1 or S2 and the short listing of stallions for performance testing. Thoroughbred stallions may be the subject of an appeal.
- 6.2 **Veterinary:** For animals which fail the clinical veterinary examination, there is provision for an appeal to be made. The conditions of the appeal procedure are as follows:
- The Irish Horse Register will notify the owner of the stallion of the reason why the stallion failed the clinical veterinary examination.
 - The owner of the stallion may, within one month, apply to the Irish Horse Register to have a clinical veterinary re-examination carried out by the University Veterinary Hospital. The re-examination will only be carried out in respect of the condition for which the stallion was failed at the initial inspection.
 - The full cost of the re-examination must be borne by the owner of the stallion.
 - The decision of the University Veterinary Hospital shall be final.
- 6.3 **X-Rays:** In relation to stallions that do not meet the standards on inspection of the radiographs by the IHR Veterinary Advisory Panel (see 5 above), there is provision for an appeal to be made. The conditions of the appeal procedure are as follows:
- The Irish Horse Register will notify the owner of the above.
 - The owner of the stallion may, within one month, appeal to the Irish Horse Register. The appeal may involve the examination of the original x-rays by the Appeals Panel or if deemed necessary will require the stallion to be x-rayed by the University Veterinary Hospital.
 - The full cost of the re-examination must be borne by the owner of the stallion.
 - The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final.

7. Conditions of Inspection

- 7.1 The stallion must be aged three years or over.
- 7.2 The stallion must be accompanied by an up-to-date adult passport issued or endorsed by the Irish Horse Register. Owners of stallions with registration certificates issued by any other registration authority must obtain an adult passport from the relevant breed society. Stallion passports which are issued by a studbook authority other than the Irish Horse Register, must contain up-to-date markings and written descriptions corresponding to the stallion presented, and such passports must be endorsed by the studbook concerned, as appropriate. Owners of stallions, presented without a valid passport will be required to have a sample of blood, or hair, taken at the inspection, and analysed by Weatherby's (Irl) Ltd. at the owner's expense. Details of registration charges are available from Horse Sport Ireland or the Irish Horse Board on request.
- 7.3 The stallion must have had a sample of blood or hair analysed by, and recorded with Weatherby's (Irl) Ltd. A DNA Certificate to this effect must accompany the stallion to the inspection. The certificate must confirm that the stallion has been Parentage Tested against his sire. A parentage test against the stallions' dam may also be required. Stallions born since 2001, and registered in the IHR as foals, will have had a DNA\parentage test as a prerequisite to registration and this will be recorded in the IHR passport. The IHR passport will be accepted as confirmation that the stallion has been DNA tested.
- 7.4 To be eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse studbook, stallions must be one of the following types:-
- (a) Thoroughbred entered in the General Stud Book or its equivalent in the country of origin of the animal.
 - (b) Irish Draught by a RID sire and out of a RID dam entered into the Irish Horse Register, or into a studbook of a recognised daughter society of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook (Irl).
 - (c) Irish Sport Horse entered into the Irish Horse Register.
 - (d) Foreign breed which is registered in a recognised studbook which is a full member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses, Full Arab, Anglo Arab, Weatherbys Non Thoroughbred (with established studbook pedigree) or other breeds that may be added to from time to time.
 - (e) Irish Ponies registered with the Irish Pony Society with established pedigree.
- 7.5 Supplementary Section 1: Stallions with partial pedigree that are of suitable breed type for the Sport Horse sector and pass the veterinary examination are eligible to be classified as "Supplementary 1".
- 7.6 Supplementary Section 2: Stallions with partial pedigree that fail the veterinary inspection and stallions without established studbook pedigree provided that they pass the veterinary examination, shall be eligible for inspection and given "Supplementary 2" status, provided they are of suitable breed type for the Sport Horse sector.
- 7.7 To be eligible for classification in the Irish Draught Horse studbook, stallions must be a RID sire and out of a RID dam entered into the Irish Horse Register, or into a studbook of a recognised daughter society of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook (Irl).
- 7.8 Stallion owners must ensure that their stallion is adequately trained and fit to be handled at the inspection and in particular for the veterinary examination.
- 7.9 Stallion owners must also ensure that they have all necessary equipment (i.e. tack, lunge whips, lunge lines, saddles, etc.) for the inspection.

NOTE: Connemara Pony stallions classified in Class 1 or Class 2 of the Connemara Pony Breeders Society studbook or a recognised daughter society of the Connemara Pony Breeders Society studbook are eligible to be approved in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse studbook, without inspection.

Appendix 1.

Irish Horse Register

Stallion X-Ray Panel

The following practices based in Ireland are approved to take radiographs on behalf of the Irish Horse Register.

Practice:

Alf Martin, Auburn Equine Clinic, 8 Scroggy Lane, Glenavey, Co Antrim.	T. 028 9445 3621
Hugh Suffern, Tullyraine House, 20 Drumneath Road, Banbridge, Co Down.	T. 018206-30385
Clinic na gCapaill, Regent Street, Bagenalstown, Co Carlow.	T. 059-9722677
Corrin Veterinary Centre, Corrin, Fermoy, Co Cork.	T. 025-32766
Tower Equine Hospital, Caherlag, Glanmire, Co Cork.	T. 021-4353358
Ned O'Flynn, Rinnwood House, Oranmore, Co Galway.	T. 091-794836
Anglesea Lodge Equine Hospital, Anglesea Lodge, The Curragh, Co Kildare.	T. 045-521373
Grey Abbey Veterinary Hospital, Grey Abbey, Kildare, Co Kildare.	T. 045-522390
Sommerton Equine Hospital, Friarstown, Kildare.	T. 045-521757
Sycamore Lodge Equine Clinic, Waterford Lodge, Curragh, Co Kildare.	T. 045-441562
Troytown Equine Hospital, Green Rd., Co Kildare.	T. 045-521686
Tim Brennan, Millhouse, Uppergrange, Gorwan, Co Kilkenny.	T. 056-7726088
Edwina Farrell, Graun, Attanagh, Co Laois.	M. 087-2446362
Lisadell Equine Hospital, Follistown, Navan, Co Meath.	T. 046-9059040
Katy Murphy, Kilcock Veterinary Hospital, Summerhill Road, Kilcock, Co Meath.	M. 086-2522665
Ratoath Veterinary Clinic, Ratoath, Co Meath.	T. 01-8256213
Tom Meagher, Kedrah House Stud, Cahir, Co Tipperary.	T. 052-41790
Shane Ryan, Kilcash Equine Clinic, Kilcash, Clonmel, Co Tipperary.	M. 087-8255705
Mark L Fagan, Knockcross, Crookedwood, Co Westmeath.	T. 044-9349686
J E Browne, Ballybrennan, Clonroche, Co Wexford.	T. 053-9247849

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