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Ballistic m2s (ISH)
Boy Toy m2s (ISH)
Cabrio van de Heffinck (HOLS)
Camillo VDL (KWPN)
Caretano (HOLS)
Cartani (HOLS)
Casall (HOLS)
Cassito (HOLS)
Cavalier Royale (HOLS)
Cefalo (HOLS)
Chipolini VM Z (Z)
Christian (HOLS)
Classe VDL (HOLS)
Clinton I (HOLS)
Columbille Cornado (WESTF)
Condios (HOLS)
Consall B (HOLS)
Cornet Obolensky (BWP)
Desir du Chateau (SF)
Delano W (KWPN)
Dondoctro Ryal K (KWPN)
Dream Boy M (KWPN)
Drumm-M (KWPN)
Farfelu de Muze (BWP)
Favoritas xx (TB)
Guidam (SF)
Hector van d'Abdijhoeve (BWP)
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Triomphe Kervec (SF)
Ulysses m2s (KWPN)
Wang Chung m2s (KWPN)

WSI INVESTIGATIONS REVEAL MALADMINISTRATION & ILLEGAL FUNDING

WSI has published two investigations of Horse Sport Ireland, the FEI's affiliate for Ireland and Northern Ireland. The first report alleges serious maladministration by the FEI in the process that led to recognition of Horse Sport Ireland. The second alleges serious maladministration in the recognition process and illegal funding by the Irish Sports Council. Below are summaries of both investigations; the full reports may be downloaded from the News page on www.irish-warmblood.com

DEFECTIVE RECOGNITION OF HSI BY THE FEI

The FEI violated its own statutes, rules, and operating procedures by recognizing Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) in 2008. The violations are as follows:

- The FEI recognized WSI in 2008 without requiring HSI to file a required application, submit a letter of motivation, complete two questionnaires, and undergo an inspection visit by the Group Chair;
- The FEI Bureau recognized HSI as an affiliate, whereas only the General Assembly may authorize the recognition of an affiliate;
- The FEI recognized HSI as an affiliate despite the fact that HSI does not meet the criterion that "Membership in the FEI is open to the one national governing body from any country which is effectively in control of or is in a position to effectively control at least the Olympic Equestrian Disciplines...". There are many national governing bodies in the Irish equestrian sport industry. HSI neither controls nor has effective control over the Olympic disciplines of showjumping, eventing, and dressage. These sports are governed by Showjumping Ireland, Eventing Ireland, and Dressage Ireland.
- The FEI recognized HSI as an affiliate despite the fact that the following criterion is not met by HSI: "Only those Athletes who belong to a National Federation may take part in FEI Events organised or supervised by another National Federation. All Officials listed as such by the FEI must be members of their respective National Federations." No Irish athlete or official is a member of HSI; HSI permits only legal persons (companies, cooperatives, etc.) to be members; no natural persons (humans) are allowed to join HSI.
- FEI Statutes Article 8.3 states that "(t)he Bureau may suspend a National Federation that has acted in breach of the principles in Article 2, provided it is afforded a right to be heard. The Suspension may be immediate and provisional in the event of material breach." WSI asserts that there have been material breaches of Articles 2.2, 2.3, and 2.7 and these breaches may call into question the legality and enforceability of certain contracts entered into by HSI. However WSI does not endorse a suspension of HSI at this time as this would impose a heavy penalty on innocent parties such as Irish riders, breeders, owners, and organizers of international competitions. WSI does call on the FEI to launch an investigation and to require HSI to expeditiously come into compliance with the FEI's criteria for recognition.

DEFECTIVE RECOGNITION & FUNDING OF HSI BY THE ISC

The Irish Sports Council (ISC) is a statutory body established by the Irish Sports Council Act, 1999. The investigation reveals several violations of this law:

- HSI violated the ISC's rules by seeking recognition in 2007, three years before it was eligible to do so;
- HSI violated the ISC's rules by seeking funding in 2007, five years before it was eligible to do so;
- The ISC violated its own criteria, and consequently the Act, by granting recognition to HSI in 2007 (effective 1 January 2008), two to three years (depending on the date of the decision to give prospective recognition) before it was empowered under the Act to do so;
- The ISC violated its own criteria, and consequently the Act, by providing funding to HSI in 2007, which is before HSI's recognition by the ISC took effect on 1 January 2008;
- The ISC violated its own criteria, and consequently the Act, by providing funding to HSI for five consecutive years before it was empowered under the Act to do so. The ISC awarded €7,154,527 to HSI during the period 2007 – 2011.
- The ISC violated the Act by not enforcing the fundamental criterion that "The core activity (sport) (emphasis added) must come within the definitions of recreational sport or competitive sport as set out in the Act.". HSI fails to satisfy this criterion because its core activity is studbook administration and passport printing; sport and sport-related activity is a minor activity for HSI. Sport is a peripheral activity that directly generates only one out of every eight euro in income earned by HSI and consumes only one out of every four euro in expenses.
- The ISC violated the Act by not enforcing the fundamental criterion that "its aims and objectives must be focused on developing and regulating its sport, as defined in the Irish Sports Council Act 1999.
- The ISC violated the Act by not enforcing the fundamental criterion that "The organisation has a formal written constitution voted on and adopted by the membership within for (sic) at least three years prior to the date of application for eligibility for assistance."
- The ISC violated the Act by not enforcing the fundamental criterion that "The constitution enshrines provision for the democratic election of its Governing Body. Arrangements for the election of this Body should be published and brought to the attention of members in adequate time for them to participate in the election."
- The ISC violated the Act by not enforcing the fundamental criterion that "The organisation has a full set of audited accounts for the three years prior to the application for eligibility for assistance."
- The ISC violated the Act by not enforcing the fundamental criterion that "The organisation demonstrates a system of financial and management accountability."
- The ISC violated the Act by not enforcing the fundamental criterion that "It must satisfy the ISC that it:
 - Has a significant fee paying membership...
 - Has a wide geographical spread in terms of registered clubs...
 - Organises competitions and provide services to its members, which satisfy the ISC that it is appropriate body to govern and develop its sport in Ireland."
- The ISC violated the Act by not enforcing the fundamental criterion that to be eligible to receive "core funding" from the ISC "It must have affiliated active clubs in at least 8 counties throughout Ireland." WSI calls upon the Public Accounts Committee, the Ombudsman, and the Minister of Transport, Tourism and Sport to immediately launch investigations of the violations of the Act presented in this document.

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