



Stallion Owners Booklet 2018

WSI: Working with the KWPN and stallion owners to develop an approval system Irish breeders will believe in and foreign buyers will support.

The Warmblood Studbook of Ireland (WSI) and our partner, the Royal Warmblood Studbook of the Netherlands (KWPN), are working with stallion owners to develop an approval system Irish breeders believe in and foreign buyers support.

In this booklet we present information you'll need to guide yourself and your stallion through the approval process.

If you need more information or advice please contact Studbook Administrator Dawn Kelly (admin@irish-warmblood.com or 087.222.9701) or Breeding Director Tom Reed (tom@irish-warmblood.com or 087.827.4831). We are here to help you.

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WSI Philosophy

Our stallion approval process is guided by our values:

1. WSI will approve a stallion only if the inspectors believe he has a high probability of siring FEI-level showjumpers, eventers, or dressage horses.
2. WSI will approve senior, middle-aged, and young stallions. Approving proven sires is desired by members with young, modern mares. But rapid genetic advancement can come only by using modern young stallions bred to meet the demands of today's sport requirements. So WSI is always on the look-out for superior young stallions and encourages their use.
3. WSI will disclose all data about a stallion to our members, including summaries of his health and radiographic examination results, to help breeders make the best choices for their mares. We believe transparency is very important.
4. Inspectors are governed by strict conflict of interest regulations published in WSI's Rules. Inspectors may not inspect their own stallions; or stallions they have bred or previously owned; or stallions in whose sale or lease they have been involved. And once an inspector has played a role in approving a stallion, he or she must stand back for five years from any commercial involvement with the stallion. (Exceptions are made for stallions associated with the Irish Warmblood National Stud.)
5. Horse welfare comes first with WSI. We expect stallions to be prepared for inspection in a sympathetic manner without training techniques designed to make the horse jump extravagantly or unnaturally. Stallions are subject to testing for prohibited substances. See WSI's Rules for additional information.



WSI's values are the roots from which a world-class Irish stallion approval system will develop.

Transform Your Stud Farm

Approved stallions are the fuel that keeps the continental European sport horse industry in gear and powering ahead. WSI supports progressive stallion owners and stallion stations to serve Irish mare owners. Together we can restore Ireland to the top tier of showjumping breeding, maintain Ireland's lead in eventing breeding, and provide mounts for Team Ireland's riders and other countries' national teams.



From a small seed a mighty tree will grow.

Owning a stallion approved by WSI, and eligible to enter the optional KWPN 70 Day Stallion Test, will set you apart in our rapidly developing industry. Knowledgeable Irish breeders demand Approved Stallions with world-class genetics and athleticism. WSI's proven selection systems and procedures, combined with the immense resources and technical expertise of the KWPN, set the new modern standard.

WSI hopes to launch our own Stallion Performance Test here in Ireland, and our partnership with the KWPN means that stallions approved by WSI following the test also will have the opportunity to be approved by the KWPN — without ever having to leave our shores. This will create huge opportunities for you to sell stallions, chilled and frozen semen, and stallion prospects to continental Europe and the rest of the world. Until such time as the Test is implemented stallions will be required to fulfil sport requirements in classes such as the RDS qualifiers.

WSI's new enhanced stallion approval system and performance requirements are just two of the many innovations we are rolling out. More exciting innovations are being planned.

Warmbloods are not foreign to us. Join today and jump ahead with WSI.

Steps in the Approval Process



For a plan to bear fruit it must be well thought-out...

1. Complete a Stage 1 Stallion Inspection Application and send it to WSI along with a clean, clear copy of the stallion's passport (registration page, marking chart, and extended pedigree). If your stallion is already approved by a studbook that is a Full Member of the WBFSH he does not need to attend the Stage 1 inspection. In this case please contact WSI for a Stage 2 application. If you are not already a Member of WSI you must join if your stallion is going to through our stallion inspection process.
2. Stage 1 inspections are held throughout the country. The stallion will be seen in-hand and his loose movement and/or movement under saddle, and jumping ability and overall athleticism, will be evaluated. You will be informed at the end of the Stage 1 inspection if your stallion has been selected for Stage 2.
3. Stallions invited to Stage 2 must have their DNA analysed to confirm their parentage (if not already done). They also must have a genomic profile created and have the DNA test done for genetic markers associated with osteochondrosis (DNA-OC test). There also is a clinical and radiographic examination at Troytown GreyAbbey Equine Hospital under the supervision of Michael Sadlier, Chairman of the WSI Veterinary Committee. Both examinations are focused on soundness for sport and breeding, and screening for moderately to highly heritable traits that WSI does not want to see in our population. Laboratory tests are also conducted for sexually-transmitted diseases. These tests and examinations may be done before or after Stage 2 / Stage 3 inspections - it is up to you - but be aware that they take time to do.
4. Stage 2 is for stallions that progress from Stage 1 and for stallions already approved by a WBFSH

member studbook. Stage 2 inspections will be conducted 19 April at CoilOg Equestrian Centre. Depending on the age of the stallion and level of training and fitness he will be assessed loose-moving, loose-jumping, and/or jumping under saddle with your own rider. Young stallions (minimum age is two) do not have to be ridden. You will be informed at the end of the Stage 2 inspection if your stallion has been accepted for Stage 3.



and executed with great care.

5. Stage 3 is for stallions that progress from Stage 2, and will be held on 20 April. The stallions will perform similar activities as during the previous stage except stallions under saddle will be ridden by WSI's test rider. The test rider will report his evaluation of the stallions to the inspectors. Stallions that pass Stage 3 will be Accepted for Stage 4.
6. Stage 4 is the veterinary exams, lab tests, and DNA-OC test. Stallions that successfully pass all exams and tests will be Approved subject to ongoing sport performance requirements and compliance with Studbook Rules.
7. Stage 5 is voluntary and no expectation will be placed on you to accept this invitation: Now that your stallion is a WSI Approved Stallion, following an additional review of his x-rays by the KWPN, he will be invited to participate in the KWPN Stallion Performance Test in Ermelo without having to go through the selection process in the Netherlands. WSI is the only European studbook that can offer you this opportunity.

Inspection Teams

Stage 1 stallion inspections are done by the WSI Inspection Committee, whose members are:

Tom Reed (WSI Breeding Director / Inspector)

Claire Wood (WSI Mare Committee Chair / Inspector)

Johan Knaap (KWPN Director / WSI Inspector)

Arnold Kootstra (KWPN & WSI Inspector)

Peter Strijbosch (KWPN Judge & WSI Inspector)

There will be at least one WSI inspector and one KWPN inspector at each Stage 1 inspection.



Skilled and experienced professionals make WSI's approval system efficient and affordable.

Stage 2 and Stage 3 stallion inspections are done by the WSI Stallion Committee, whose membership is composed of WSI inspectors and officio and ex officio members of the KWPN Stallion Commission. The WSI Stallion Test Rider offers advice to the Committee:

Tom Reed (WSI Stallion Committee Chair / Inspector)

Claire Wood (WSI Inspector)

Cor Loeffen (KWPN Stallion Commission Chair / WSI Inspector)

Wim Versteeg (KWPN Senior Inspector / WSI Inspector).

The number of inspectors at a stallion inspection depends on the number of stallions presented. There always will be a minimum of three inspectors at each Stage 2 and Stage 3 inspection.

Important Dates & Schedules

Stage 1 Inspections

March 23: Kildare, Laois

March 24: Waterford, Cork

Stage 2 and Stage 3 Inspections at CoilOg EC

19 April: Stage 2

11 am Each stallion will be shown in-hand.

1:30 pm Lunch.

2 pm Evaluation of stallions under saddle.

5 pm Evaluation of loose- jumping stallions.

20 April: Stage 3

9 am: Evaluation of loose-jumping stallions.

10:30 am: Evaluation of stallions under saddle.

1 pm: Lunch break.

2 pm: Evaluation of stallions under saddle.

4 pm: Presentation of Accepted Stallions.

6 pm: End.



April is WSI's harvest time...and yours if you own an outstanding stallion.

Costs and Payment Methods

€75 - €250	Stage 1 Inspection (price determined by stallion's breed)
€115	WSI Membership (all owners must be members)
€500	Stage 2 & Stage 3 Inspection
€200	DNA-OC test
€580	Clinical exam, x-rays, and lab tests
€50	DNA parentage test (if not already done).

No refunds will be given. If the stallion becomes ill or injured the payment will be credited toward future inspections or other services purchased from WSI.



From a small investment large rewards can be harvested.

Bank: Bank of Ireland
Account: Irish Warmblood Studbook Ltd
IBAN: ie91bofi90441322533027
BIC: bofiie2d

Inspection Preparation

Make sure your stallion is current with his influenza and tetanus vaccinations and worm treatments. If he is not up to date take care of these things now, well before the Stage 2 and Stage 3 inspections in April.

Have a skilled farrier trim your stallion's hooves. But do this well before the inspection date in case he becomes tender.

Do not over-train your stallion. Young stallions should be given experience so they are relaxed and moving forward. But do not jump them too often or they will become tired, bored, or unhappy with the pressure. Mind his mind as much as you mind his body.



Good husbandry takes care, attention, and patience.

Young stallions approved by WSI on the basis of their loose-movement and loose-jumping athleticism are required to attend an evaluation day in the period of January - March of their 4-year-old year so WSI and KWPN inspectors can assess their development and rideability. Inspectors hope to see a relaxed young stallion showing his natural athleticism as he moves and jumps under saddle.

4-, 5-, 6-, and 7-year-old WSI Approved Stallions are required to compete in two Dublin Qualifiers (or the equivalent) each year so inspectors can monitor their development in sport. If your stallion becomes sick or injured WSI will work with you to select alternative good shows to exhibit your stallion.

Stallions with progeny will have a sample of them inspected. We do this to better understand what qualities your stallion transmits to his foals and what types of mares best suit him. You may select some foals to be assessed and others will be chosen randomly. Try to secure cooperation from owners of these progeny. Additional charges may apply for progeny evaluations.

Inspection Process

During Stage 1, Stage 2, and Stage 3 Inspections only the Studbook Administrator and the Breeding Director are aware of the stallion's name and pedigree (including his sire and dam-sire), the breed of the stallion, the owner's identity, and the breeder's identity.

The Studbook Administrator and Breeding Director evaluate the pedigrees and damlines for eligibility for inspection under WSI rules.



WSI believes in a transparent and fair process.

During the Stage 1, Stage 2, and Stage 3 Inspections only the Chair knows the identity of each stallion and his owner and breeder.

At the inspection stallions are identified by microchip and the Chair compares the stallion's marks with the marking chart. The only identifying information on the inspection score sheets used by the inspectors are birth year, colour, size, and a letter of the alphabet used as an identifier.

The reason for this system is we do not want inspectors to be positively or negatively influenced by knowing the breed of the stallion, his sire or damsire, or the name of the owner or breeder.

WSI asks stallions owners, riders, and handlers not to disclose the bloodlines, breed, or any other information about their stallions to the inspection committee.

When the stallions accepted for Stage 4 are announced at 4 pm on 20 April the Chair will disclose and discuss each stallion's pedigree with the audience attending the Stage 3 Inspection. He also will discuss the stallion's attributes and the factors that led to a favourable decision by the inspection committee.

Questions or Concerns?

Contact WSI Breeding Director Tom Reed (087.827.4831) or Studbook Administrator Dawn Kelly (087.222.9701).



The seeds have been planted:
Together WSI and stallion
owners and breeders can build a
vibrant and economically
successful sport horse breeding
industry in Ireland.

Partial funding for the 2018 WSI Stallion Inspections has been provided by the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine under a scheme approved by the European Commission.

As a matter of policy the only public money WSI accepts is aid provided through funding schemes approved by the European Commission.

