



WSI Breeding Program

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1. Definitions

In this Breeding Program:

"Accepted Stallion" is stallion that died, or was injured, or otherwise became unable to complete the approval process in WSI or another WBFSH member studbook, and the inspectors and Breeding Director believe he is worthy of having his progeny entered into or registered by the Studbook based on the quality of his progeny and/or his own sport results, and whose progeny are eligible to registered in the Foal Book, Register B, or Register C.

"Active Member" is a person who is a Lifetime Member, or in the previous thirty-six months has registered a foal or older horse, or had a mare designated an Approved Mare, or had a stallion designated an Approved Stallion, and therefore is eligible to vote in the Annual General Assembly and referenda, and be elected to bodies such as the Breeding Council. Status as an Active Member is not required to access or participate in WSI's Breeding Programme;

"Annual General Assembly" is the annual meeting of Members during which the Studbook's directors provide information about recent developments, significant changes to the Studbook's rules are ratified, and Members are afforded the opportunity to raise suggestions and concerns about the Studbook and its administration.

"Approved Book" is the book that contains Approved Stallions and Approved Mares;

"Approved Mare" means a mare that has been inspected and approved for breeding by the inspectors, has been recorded in the Approved Book, and therefore is eligible to produce foals for the Foal Book, Register A, Register B, and Register C;

"Approved Stallion" means a stallion that has been inspected, approved, and recommended for breeding by the inspectors, has been recorded in the Approved Book, and therefore is eligible to sire foals for the Foal Book, Register B, and Register C;

"Breeder" is the individual or entity who owned the dam of the foal at the time the foal is born, unless by a signed agreement submitted to the Studbook and stipulated to by the parties at the time of foal registration another arrangement has been agreed between the parties and between the parties and the Studbook Administrator;

“Breeding Council” serves as the Studbook’s breeding policy advisory body and is composed of three to six Active Members and riders with expertise in showjumping breeding, eventing breeding, and/or dressage breeding, and are elected by Active Members;

“Breeding Direction” specifies the sport for which the foal has been bred: showjumping or eventing or dressage.

"Breeding Territory" means the Ireland, Northern Ireland and France with breeding stock born into and/or entered into the Studbook;

"Covering Certificate" means a document used exclusively and optionally by the Studbook as part of the foal identification process, supplied by the Studbook Administrator to certain stallion owners, Recognised Agents, and inseminators and thereafter submitted to the Studbook and accompanied by the Prescribed fee, reporting that a specific mare has been naturally covered or artificially inseminated with semen from a declared stallion on a declared date;

"EU" means the European Union;

"Foal Book" is that book of the Studbook in which a foal sired by an Approved Stallion or a Recognized Stallion and is out of an Approved Mare or a Studbook Mare is registered;

"Genetic Development Program" (Register D) is designed for mares registered in the Main Section of their studbook of origin that do not meet the criteria to become an Approved Mare or Studbook Mare but nevertheless have valuable characteristics including having been sired by a stallion approved by a studbook that is a member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses or approved by a German studbook for warmblood riding ponies or approved by the French Riding Pony Studbook. These mares are promising but their genotype, phenotype, damline, and/or athleticism may not be sufficiently developed and/or consolidated. In such cases the Breeding Director may authorize the mare to be entered into the Genetic Development Program and her progeny to be recorded in Register B, if the foal is sired by an Approved Stallion or a Recognized Stallion or a stallion that meets all the Studbook’s criteria for inspection and approval and is approved by a Recognized Studbook (i.e., a studbook that is a Full Member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses), subject to the mare owner's ongoing participation in the Genetic Development Program. The mare owner must commit to attend educational programs offered by the Studbook, and collaborate with the inspectors in the development and implementation of a multi-generational breeding program for the mare designed to increase the

probability that a female descendant of the mare will be of sufficient quality to gain admission into the Approved Book;

"Identification Document" means a passport issued by an Issuing Authority that contains the name of the foal; species; breed; country of birth; date of issue; date of amendment; name and address of person to whom the Identification Document is issued; status of animal with respect to slaughter for human consumption; information concerning any replacement and/or duplicate identification documents; notified date of death; UELN; date of birth; microchip number; DNA profile number; the book the animal is recorded in; color; sex; size; breeding status; honorifics; breeder's name and address; the owner's name and address; marking chart; and notes of the natural and acquired marks;

"Irish Warmblood" is the breed designation for all animals registered by the Studbook;

"Issuing Authority" means the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland;

"Lifetime Member" is a person whose application for lifetime membership has been accepted by the Studbook and thereafter has been assigned a unique membership number;

"Member" is a person whose application to join the Studbook has been accepted and thereafter has been assigned a unique member registration number. Status as a Member is not required to access or participate in WSI's Breeding Programme;

"Purebred" means Thoroughbred, Anglo-Arab, and Shagya Arab.

"Prescribed" means prescribed by the Studbook;

"Recognised Agent" means a person or entity appointed by the owner of an Irish Warmblood, and accepted by the Studbook Administrator, to represent the owner in his or her dealings with the Studbook;

"Recognized Stallion" means a stallion that fulfils all the criteria for inspection and approval by the Studbook, is entered into the Approved Book, and whose progeny are eligible to be registered in the Foal Book, Register B, or Register C;

"Recognized Studbook" means a warmblood or Purebred studbook that if a Full Member of the WBFSH; that has been determined by the Studbook to have appropriate genetics and selection policies; and therefore the stallions it approves that meet all of the Studbook's eligibility criteria for inspection and approval or recognition may have their foals registered in Register A and

Register B;

"Register A" is that book of the Studbook that contains foals sired by stallions approved by a Recognized Studbook, in which case the stallions fulfil the Studbook's criteria for recognition), and are out of an Approved Mare or Studbook Mare. These animals will remain in this class until they are inspected for breeding purposes by the Studbook and, if approved for breeding as Approved Stallion or Approved Mare, will be entered into the Approved Book;

"Register B" is that book of the Studbook in which foals sired by an Approved Stallion, Accepted Stallion, Recognized Stallion, or a stallion approved by a Recognized Studbook, and are out of a mare participating in the Genetic Development Program (Register D) or Register E, or have not been entered into the Main Section of the Studbook, will be registered. Foals sired by a stallion approved by a Recognized Studbook, but in which case the stallion does not fulfil the Studbook's criteria for recognition, will be registered in Register B. Non-Irish Warmblood stallions and mares are participating in the Studbook's Cross-Breeding Program. ("Accepted Stallion" is stallion that died, or was injured, or otherwise became unable to complete the approval process in WSI or another WBFSH member studbook, and the inspectors and Breeding Director believe he is worthy of having his progeny entered into or registered by the Studbook based on the quality of his progeny and/or his own sport results, and whose progeny are eligible to be registered in the Foal Book, Register B, or Register C. These non-Irish Warmblood stallions and mares are participating in the Studbook's Cross-Breeding Program);

"Register C" is that book of the Studbook in which foals with an automatic right under EU legislation to be registered by the Studbook will be registered unless they are eligible for registration in the Foal Book or Register A or Register B ;

"Register D" is the developmental book in which mares in the Studbook's Genetic Development Program will be entered. Register D is open to Germany Riding Pony mares sired by stallions approved by a German studbook and to French Saddle Pony mares;

"Register D Mares" are mares whose foals are eligible to be registered in Register B if sired by an Approved Stallion or a Recognized Stallion or a stallion approved by a Full Member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses that meets the criteria to be an Approved Stallion;

"Register E" is the class in the Supplementary Section of the Studbook where mares are recorded that fulfil the requirements of the Studbook as outlined in

the breeding programme.

“Rules” means these Rules and Procedures of the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland.

“Studbook” means the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland;

“Studbook Administrator” means the company official of Studbook Development Ireland Ltd chosen to provide administrative leadership to the Studbook;

“Studbook Development Ireland Limited” is company limited by shares with company number 465817, and holds the approval for Warmblood Studbook of Ireland to administer the Irish Warmblood breed and studbook;

“Studbook Mare” means a mare that fulfils all the criteria for eligibility for inspection to be designated an Approved Mare but has not been presented for approval, and whose foals will be entered into the Foal Book;

“Studbook Mare Book” is that book in which Studbook Mares are entered, and includes both mares moved from the Foal Book into the Studbook Mare Book when they are at least two (2) years of age and mares born into other studbooks that fulfil all eligibility criteria for approval but have not been presented for approval;

presented for approval;

"Unique Equine Life Number" (UELN) is a 15-digit registration number that uniquely identifies a horse and is assigned to every foal registered by the Studbook whereby: (a) first three digits are the country code (372 for Ireland), (b) the next three digits are the Studbook code (010 for the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland), and (c) the final nine digits are the foal's registration number with the Studbook, with the first four digits in the nine digit registration number signifying the foal's year of birth;

"Veterinary Committee" means the committee of veterinary surgeons chaired by and consisting of veterinary surgeons affiliated with Troytown Equine Hospital;

“Veterinary Surgeon” is a Veterinary Surgeon whose name appears on the list of Registered Veterinary Practitioners of the Veterinary Council of Ireland;

"Watch List" is a list of stallions and mares that are at risk of losing their approval or recognition or Studbook Mare status or membership in the Genetic Development Program because of substantial concerns held by the Breeding Director about either (a) the quality of their progeny or (b) potential

defects in the stallions and mares that may have a genetic basis or (c) because the owner has failed to conform to Section 14 (1);

“WFFS1” is Fragile Foal Syndrome;

“World Breeding Championships Selection Committee” is the committee elected by the General Assembly comprised of two to four elected Active Members, and chaired by the Breeding Director, with responsibility to develop the Studbook’s criteria for the World Breeding Championships, and to create lists of young horses nominated by the Studbook for selection by the national equestrian federation;

“WBFSH” means the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses;

“WSI” means the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland.

2. Aim of the Breeding Program

The goal of WSI’s Breeding Program is to breed modern sport horses that perform at the top level in international equestrian sports of showjumping, eventing, and dressage. WSI collaborates with breeders to produce healthy horses that happily and easily do what is expected of them.

WSI does not focus exclusively on world-class sport; after all, most riders do not have the ambition or opportunity to actively participate in equestrian sports as professionals. So the temperament, rideability, and longevity of Irish Warmbloods is just as important as their sport talent because ultimately everyone prefers a good, willing, and healthy equine partner.

The ultimate goal of the WSI Breeding Program is to create continuous improvement in the health, athleticism, character, and usefulness of Irish Warmbloods for the benefit of our horses and professional, amateur, and hobby breeders, riders, and owners.

3. Name of the Breed

The name of the breed is Irish Warmblood.

4. Geographical Territory

The Breeding Program’s geographical territory is the 32 counties of Ireland (Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland) and France. WSI also collaborates with breeders in

countries outside of the EU, including the USA and Canada, with breeding stock born into and/or entered into the Studbook.

5. Description of Model Irish Warmblood

The Irish Warmblood has international appeal. It is willing, fearless, physically and mentally strong, and bred to perform at the highest level. It is also reliable, easy to handle and ride, and pleasing to the eye. Because of WSI's breeding policy, the Irish Warmblood horse possesses a sound mind in a sound body. The combination of sport aptitude and an uncomplicated temperament make these horses unique and very popular at all levels of equestrian sport and breeding.

6. Breed Characteristics

WSI's breed standard is a highly athletic performance horse that:

- (a) competes successfully in showjumping in international Grand Prix, Nations Cup, World Cup, and Championship classes; or in eventing at 5* and Championship classes; or in dressage at 5*, World Cup, and Championship classes;
- (b) has a constitution that is strong and healthy, and enables and facilitates a long competition career;
- (c) has functional conformation and correct movement dynamics that enable and facilitate a long competition career;
- (d) has a correct foundation with hard hooves in proportion to the size and weight of the horse;
- (e) has a character that exudes a willingness to work as well as being good-natured toward people;
- (f) has an attractive exterior that is refined, noble, and pleasing to the eye;
- (g) is based on continental European warmblood and pure-blood (i.e., Thoroughbred, Anglo Arab, and Shagya Arab) genetics with prohibitions against any non-sport horse genetics and pedigrees in Approved Stallions, Recognized Stallions, Approved Mares, and Studbook Mares.

7. Selection Policies to Achieve Aim of Breeding Program

WSI strives to achieve its aims through the following selection policies and practices:

- (a) All Approved Stallions, Recognized Stallions, Approved Mares, and Studbook Mares (except pure-blood stallions, pure-blood mares, and warmblood stallions and mares descending from pure-blood damlines) must descend from damlines that have produced CSI, CCI/CIC, or CDI athletes;
- (b) rigorous selection, evaluation, monitoring, and culling with respect to both stallions and mares;
- (c) benchmarking the Studbook's selection, evaluation, monitoring, and culling policies against the policies of the best studbooks in the world for producing international showjumpers;
- (d) concentrating outstanding sirelines in the Studbook's population of Approved Stallions, Recognized Stallions, Approved Mares, and Studbook Mares;
- (e) concentrating outstanding damlines in the Studbook's population of Approved Stallions, Recognized Stallions, Approved Mares, and Studbook mares;
- (f) selectively incorporating new outstanding sires (and sirelines) and mares (and marelines) into the population and carefully monitoring the impact of these new genetics on the population;
- (g) restricting entry into the Approved Book to only those stallions and mares that have passed rigorous inspections;
- (h) prohibiting Approved Stallions, Recognised Stallions, Approved Mares, and Studbook Mares from having Irish Draught, Traditional Irish Sport Horse, Irish Sport Horse with non-sport horse genetics and other defects, and other non-sport horse genetics;
- (i) requiring Approved Stallions and Recognised Stallions to meet or surpass veterinary, radiological, and semen standards established by the Studbook;
- (j) requiring Approved Stallions, Recognized Stallions, and Approved Mares to pass ongoing evaluations of their progeny to maintain their status with the Studbook.

8. System for Identifying Breeding Animals

Each equine is identified by a marking chart, transponder, unique life number, name, and equine identification document, as required by European and Irish legislation.

The Studbook may recognize prefixes or suffixes and assign them to individual breeders, which they may use when naming a foal or older horse bred by that breeder. A prefix or suffix shall be for the sole use of the breeder to whom the prefix or suffix is assigned. A prefix or suffix may be used as part of an animal's name only if consented to by email or in writing by the prefix or suffix owner. A prefix or suffix may not be added to the name of an animal by anyone other than the breeder of the animal, and only the breeder's prefix or suffix may be part of an animal's name.

Foals and older horses must be named at the time of registration. Equines registered by the Studbook will be required to follow a naming convention in which the name must begin with that year's Prescribed letter. For 2009, the letter is A. The alphabet will be followed in subsequent years except that the letters Q, X, and Y will be omitted. The name, including the optional prefix or suffix, must be no more than 30 characters and spaces.

An animal's name may be changed only with the permission of the breeder and a request for a name change must be made by the owner, along with the prescribed fee, before the animal is three-years-old (using the January 1 birthday convention).

9. Zootechnical Certificates

The zootechnical certificate (Part I and II) is issued as part of the Single Lifetime Identification Document (i.e. equine passport) on entry/recording of the animal in the WSI breeding book. Part I of the zootechnical certificate forms part of the identification document (Section V). Part II of the zootechnical certificate is attached to every identification document. On meeting all criteria for entry/ recording they are issued contemporaneously to the passport.

An up-to-date certificate, with the results of any performance testing and inspection results, is available for purchase through the Studbook's online database, accessible by clicking on this link: <https://www.irish-warmblood.com/zootechnical-certificate.html> Zootechnical Certificate are issued within 72 hours of payment. Contact WSI via admin@irish-warmblood.com for payment instructions.

A change in ownership is recorded in both the passport and the zootechnical certificate, and must be reported to the Studbook within thirty (30) days of the transaction.

10. System for Recording Pedigrees

Pedigrees of horses born into the Studbook and/or entered into the Studbook through the cross-breeding program (i.e. mares and stallions registered by warmblood studbooks that are members of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses, and fulfil pedigree and damline requirements of WSI, along with Thoroughbreds, Anglo Arabs, and Shagya Arabs) are entered into the Studbook's database. The database contains all available information on each animal in the WSI population, including but not limited to statutory data, i.e., unique life number, species, sex, colour, date of birth, transponder code(s), country of birth, date of issue and any modification of the identification document, name and address of the keeper, status as registered Equidae or Equidae for breeding and production, name, commercial name, known status of the animal as not intended for slaughter for human consumption, serial number of the identification document, country where the holding of the animal is located, notified date of death or loss of the animal, issuing body. Great care is taken to ensure that the pedigrees of horses are verified before they are entered into the database through DNA parentage verification and/or DNA profiling. As a matter of Studbook policy, a minimum of four generations are added to the database for each entered equine.

11. Selection and Breeding Objectives

The following standards are the breeding objectives for the Irish Warmblood

Conformation Standards – Showjumpers and Eventers

The Irish Warmblood is an athlete that should:

- (a) have a horizontal build;
- (b) stand in a rectangular frame;
- (c) have a moderately long neck that is arched with muscling in the topline;
- (d) have a strongly built and strongly muscled back/loin formation;
- (e) have legs with clean bones that are strong but not excessive in size and soft tissue with dry texture;
- (f) have a correct and hard foundation with hooves in proportion to the size and weight of the horse;
- (g) be attractive, modern, noble, in proportion, and pleasing to the eye;
- (h) have quality, substance, and soundness;

Conformation Standards – Dressage

The Irish Warmblood is an athlete that should:

- (a) have an uphill build;
- (b) stand in a rectangular frame;
- (c) be long-lined with a proportional build;
- (d) have a long neck that is raised and arched with muscling in the topline;
- (e) have a strongly built and strongly muscled back/loin formation;
- (f) have long legs with clean bones that are strong but not excessive in size and with soft tissue with dry texture;
- (g) have a correct and hard foundation with hooves in proportion to the size and weight of the horse
- (h) have a light head/neck connection;
- (i) be attractive and pleasing to the eye.

Movement Standards – Showjumping and Eventing

The Irish Warmblood should possess the following athletic movement dynamics:

- (a) the walk is a pure 'four beat' gait that is active and has suppleness and impulsion;
- (b) the trot is a pure 'two beat' gait that is active and has suppleness, elasticity, impulsion, balance, and self-carriage;
- (c) the canter is a pure 'three beat' gait that is active, powerful, and has suppleness, elasticity, impulsion, balance, self-carriage, and a moment of suspension;
- (d) can lengthen and shorten strides easily in the canter without losing rhythm, balance, impulsion or self-carriage;
- (e) the canter is balanced and light;
- (f) remains horizontal or rises slightly in the front and willingly accepts weight on his hind legs;
- (g) has good posture;

- (h) is light footed and athletic;
- (i) shows flexion in the joints, engagement of the hindquarters, and freedom of the shoulder with a slight lift of the knee.

Movement Standards – Dressage

The Irish Warmblood should possess the following athletic movement dynamics:

- (a) the walk is a pure 'four beat' gait that is active and has suppleness and impulsion;
- (b) the trot is a pure 'two beat' gait that is active and has suppleness, elasticity, impulsion, balance, and self-carriage;
- (c) the canter is a pure 'three beat' gait that is active, powerful, and has suppleness, elasticity, impulsion, balance, self-carriage, and a moment of suspension;
- (d) can lengthen and shorten strides easily without losing rhythm, balance, impulsion or self-carriage;
- (e) rises in the front and willingly accepts weight on his hind legs;
- (f) has good posture;
- (g) is light footed and athletic;
- (h) shows flexion in the joints, engagement of the hindquarters, and freedom of the shoulder with a slight lift of the knee.

Jumping Standards

The Irish Warmblood is a showjumping athlete that should:

- (a) be able to collect strongly during the last canter stride before the jump and be able to place the hindleg far forward under the body to create a powerful takeoff;
- (b) leave the ground quickly with power;
- (c) jump with an upward wither with the apex of the jump over the middle of the fence;
- (d) bring the underarm above the horizontal and fold the cannon under the underarm;
- (e) create an excellent bascule, meaning the head and neck should stretch out and down to insure a well-balanced jump, the rump should follow the direction of the neck, and he should finish the jump by flexing his back and opening the

hindquarters;

- (f) exhibit athletic ability, meaning he is supple and elastic; can develop forward motion over the jump; lands lightly; canters off easily; and is careful, efficient, and has much scope;
- (g) jump so his body and legs remain straight and he remains in the middle of the jump;
- (h) clear each jump confidently, easily, and in good style;
- (i) have a calm and steady rhythm.

Character Standards

The Irish Warmblood is an athlete that should:

- (a) exhibit a willing, hardworking, calm, and honest character; (b) be intelligent and learn quickly;
- (b) have the desire to work and perform;
- (c) be easy to handle;
- (d) react quickly to the aids;
- (e) have courage;
- (f) over time develop trust in the rider and handlers.

Inspectors award marks to each stallion and mare for a variety of characteristics important for sport horses to possess. Marks range from one to ten. A minimum score of six (6) is required, unless inspectors determine that one or more superior athletic traits compensate for an insufficient conformation or movement trait.

The scores and descriptors are:

- Not executed
- 1 Very bad
- 2 Bad
- 3 Fairly bad
- 4 Clearly insufficient
- 5 Insufficient
- 6 Sufficient
- 7 More than sufficient
- 8 Good
- 9 Very good
- 10 Excellent.

The measured characteristics are:

- (a) type
- (b) top-line
- (c) forelegs
- (d) hindlegs
- (e) walk
- (f) trot
- (g) canter
- (h) elasticity
- (i) balance
- (j) rideability

And for jumping and eventing breeding direction the following traits also are assessed:

- (k) jumping reflexes
- (l) jumping technique
- (m) jumping scope
- (n) interior
- (o) talent as a jumping horse

and for the eventing breeding direction the following traits also are assessed:

- (p) gallop
- (q) stamina
- (r) courage
- (s) 5th leg
- (t) blood in athleticism.

To accommodate mares that are unable to be inspected or pass a performance test, mares that meet the Studbook's rigorous pedigree and damline requirements may be designated a Studbook Mare. All filly foals born into the Foal Book are eligible to be transferred into the Studbook Mare Book upon reaching the age of two because they meet the pedigree and damline requirements for Approved Mares and Studbook

Mares: 5-generation pedigree with no missing ancestors, no unapproved stallions, no non-sport horse genetics, and the damline must have produced FEI athletes unless the damline is pure-blood.

As part of the stallion approval process, stallions are required to participate in a 3-Day Performance Test so their athleticism under saddle, character/temperament, and stable behaviour can be observed and evaluated by inspectors. Further information about the Performance Test and genetic evaluation and testing can be found in the WSI Stallion Approval Guide: <https://bit.ly/WSI-SAG>

Stallions and mares will be placed on a Watch List if they are at risk of losing their approval, recognition, or membership in the Genetic Development Program because of substantial concerns held by the Breeding Director about either (a) the quality of their progeny or (b) potential defects in the stallions and mares that may have a genetic basis or (c) because the owner has failed to conform to Section 14 (1) of the Rules and Procedures of the Studbook.

12. Predicates and Honorifics

WSI awards predicates and honorifics to outstanding stallions, mares, and foals:

Approved Stallions

Elite Sire: for having produced five or more progeny competing successfully in international showjumping, eventing, or dressage competitions

Elite SJ/EV/DR: for having competed successfully in international showjumping (SJ), eventing (EV), or dressage competitions (DR).

Premium Stallion: for jumping (and eventing) stallions, having scored in the stallion inspection conformation scores no less than 7.5, and jumping, rideability, and canter (and gallop) scores no less than 8.5; for dressage stallions, having scored conformation scores no less than 7.5, and gaits and rideability scores no less than 8.5.

D-OC: for having scored 100 or above in the DNA-OC test for the genetic markers associated with osteochondrosis.

D-WFFS1: for having tested N/N (or been determined to be N/N through deduction) in the DNA for Warmblood Fragile Foal Syndrome.

Approved Mares

Elite Dam: for having produced one or more progeny competing successfully in international showjumping, eventing, or dressage competitions.

Elite SJ/EV/DR: for having competed successfully in international showjumping (SJ), eventing (EV), or dressage competitions (DR).

HR: for having passed the same health and radiological requirements as Approved Stallions.

D-OC: for having scored 100 or above in the DNA-OC test for the genetic markers associated with osteochondrosis.

D-WFFS1: for having tested N/N (or been determined to be N/N through deduction) in the DNA for Warmblood Fragile Foal Syndrome.

Premium Mare: for jumping (and eventing) mares, having scored in the mare inspection conformation scores no less than 7.5, and jumping, rideability, and canter (and gallop) scores no less than 8.5; for dressage mares, having scored conformation scores no less than 7.5, and gaits and rideability scores no less than 8.5.

Studbook Mares

Elite Dam: for having produced one or more progeny competing successfully in international showjumping, eventing, or dressage competitions.

Elite SJ/EV/DR: for having competed successfully in international showjumping (SJ), eventing (EV), or dressage competitions (DR).

HR: for having passed the same health and radiological requirements as Approved Stallions.

D-OC: for having scored 100 or above in the DNA-OC test for the genetic markers associated with osteochondrosis.

D-WFFS1: for having tested N/N (or been determined to be N/N through deduction) in the DNA for Warmblood Fragile Foal Syndrome.

Foals

Star Foal: Foals that score a total of 85 or more in the foal inspection and with no individual score less than 7.

Champion Colt: Awarded to the best colt Star Foal born in the calendar year.

Champion Filly: Awarded to the best filly Star Foal born in the calendar year.

D-OC: for having scored 100 or above in the DNA-OC test for the genetic markers associated with osteochondrosis.

D-WFFS1: for having tested N/N (or been determined to be N/N through deduction) in the DNA for Warmblood Fragile Foal Syndrome.

Approved Stallions aged 4 – 7 are required to compete in sport as part of their continuous assessment. Showjumping stallions are required to compete in competitions agreed to with the Studbook. If there are no suitable young horse competitions in eventing or dressage open to WSI horses, then WSI agrees an individual plan with each stallion owner.

All Approved Stallions are tested for the genes associated with osteochondrosis (OC) and for the mutated allele associated with Fragile Foal Syndrome (WFFSI). Results of OC test are used for classification within the main section?, in conjunction with thirty-two radiographs, as their reliability is three times higher than the reliability of radiographs for predicting osteochondrosis in progeny.

All Approved Mares and Studbook mares are required to undergo WFFS1 testing; testing for OC is optional.

All filly foals are tested for the WFFS1 mutation unless both the sire and the dam are certified non-carriers.

13. Rules for Division of Breeding Book

The Warmblood Studbook of Ireland is composed of a Main Section with seven classes and a Supplementary Section one class. As part of the registration process a Breeding Direction must be specified for the foal: Showjumping or Eventing or Dressage.

To be registered in or entered into the Main Section, the animal shall have descended from parents that have been entered in the Main Section of the Studbook; (b) the animal shall have its pedigree established in accordance with the rules set out in this Breeding Program, and, where applicable, (c) the animal shall be identified in accordance with EU animal health law on the identification and registration of animals of the species concerned and the rules set out in the breeding programme approved in accordance with legislation; (d) in the case of trade in or entry into the EU of an animal and where that animal is intended to be entered or registered for entry in the breeding book, that animal shall be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate issued in accordance legislation; and (e) where an animal is produced from a germinal product which is traded or which entered into the EU and where that animal is intended to be entered or registered for entry in a breeding book, that germinal product shall be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate issued in accordance with legislation. An animal must meet these conditions to be considered for entry. Where it does meet these conditions, it has legal right of entry.

The classes within the Main Section are:

1. Foal Book, in which foals sired by an Approved Stallion or a Recognised Stallion and are out of an Approved Mare or a Studbook Mare are registered and will remain until they are inspected by the Studbook and, if approved, will be entered into the Approved Book. ("Recognized Stallion" means a stallion that fulfils all the criteria for inspection and approval by the Studbook, is entered into the Approved Book, and whose progeny are eligible to registered in the Foal Book, Register B, or Register C.)
2. Approved Book, which contains Approved Stallions and Approved Mares.
3. Studbook Mare Book, which contains mares on reaching the age of 2 that have fulfilled all criteria for approval except the inspection for classification as an Approved Mare;
4. Register A, which contains foals sired by a stallion approved by a Recognized Studbook and out of an Approved Mare or Studbook Mare. These animals will remain in this class until they are inspected for breeding purposes by the Studbook and, if approved for breeding as Approved Stallion or Approved Mare, will be entered into the Approved Book;
5. Register B, in which foals sired by an Approved Stallion, Recognized Stallion, a stallion approved by a Recognized Studbook, or an Accepted Stallion, and are out of a mare participating in the Genetic Development Program (Register D) or Register E, will be registered. Foals sired by a stallion approved by a non-recognized studbook that is a Full Member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses will be registered in Register B. These stallions and mares are participating in the Studbook's Cross-Breeding Program.
6. Register C, in which foals with an automatic right under EU legislation to be registered by the Studbook will be registered unless they are eligible for registration in the Foal Book or Register A or Register B; and
7. Register D, the developmental book, in which mares in the Studbook's Genetic Development Program will be entered. Register D is open to progeny of Germany Riding Pony mares sired by stallions approved by a German studbook and to French Saddle Pony mares. Register D Mares' foals are eligible to be registered in Register B if sired by an Approved Stallion or a Recognized Stallion or a stallion approved by a Full Member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses that meets the criteria to be an Approved Stallion.

A stallion or a mare must be inspected and pass a performance test to be designated an Approved Stallion or Approved Mare, respectively. Stallions and mares are approved through a rigorous inspection process that evaluates pedigree, conformation, movement, and athletic ability and an under-saddle performance test.

Studbook inspectors will note any apparent or potential congenital deformities or other abnormalities (e.g., unsound wind, deformities of the mouth, neurological deficiencies, etc.) found in progeny of the Approved Stallions and draw these to the attention of the stallion owner, the Veterinary Committee, and the Breeding Director. Such deformities will preclude a stallion from maintaining his status as an Approved Stallion if the defects have a significant incidence, are distributed among a significant number of mares, and are likely to have a hereditary or genetic basis. The Breeding Director, in cooperation with the Veterinary Committee and the inspectors, will monitor reports of congenital deformities associated with each Approved Stallion; place the stallion on the Watch List if there is reasonable cause to believe that the stallion may be the most likely source of the congenital deformity; and strip the stallion of his Approved status when the Veterinary Committee, inspectors, and Breeding Director are convinced that the congenital deformities are likely to have been caused by the stallion and not the dams of the foals or environmental conditions.

All Approved Stallions must meet or exceed the semen requirements established by the Studbook. The most important features of the semen requirements are:

- (a) minimum standard of progressive motility post-collection;
- (b) minimum standard of progressive motility 48 hours post-collection;
- (c) minimum standard of percentage of normal sperm (morphology);
- (d) minimum standard of fertility (the only criterion employed for stallions used exclusively through natural service).

The Supplementary Section book consists of one class for mares only as follows:

1. Register E, which allows recording of mares that meet the following conditions:
 - (a) be identified in accordance with applicable animal health law;
 - (b) undergo and pass an inspection of type, conformation, and gaits to ensure conformity to the characteristics of the breed;
 - (c) fulfil the following performance criteria:

- be sired by a stallion that is approved by a studbook that is a Full Member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses, or by a Thoroughbred, Anglo Arab, or Shagya Arab stallion;
- have as its genetic dam a mare that is sired by a stallion that is approved by a studbook that is a Full Member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses, or by a Thoroughbred, Anglo Arab, or Shagya Arab stallion;
- be registered by a studbook that is a Full Member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses, or a Thoroughbred, Anglo Arab, and Shagya Arab studbook.
- and be inspected in-person or by means of a video to ensure that the mare's conformation and basic gaits are at least "sufficient" under WSI's inspection regime.

All progeny of mares recorded in Register E are eligible to be registered in an appropriate book of the Main Section of the Studbook, if the progeny are sired by a stallion approved by a WBFSH studbook or by a Thoroughbred, Anglo Arab, or Shagya Arab.

14. Cross-Breeding Program

WSI employs a Cross-Breeding Program to facilitate the introduction of warmblood and pureblood stallions and mares into the Irish Warmblood breeding population, and to diversify the range of valuable genetics in the gene pool.

To enter the population through the Cross-Breeding Program as an Approved Stallion, Recognised Stallion, Accepted Stallion, Approved Mare, or Studbook Mare, the equine must be: (a) sired by a stallion approved by a WBFSH studbook or by a Thoroughbred, Anglo Arab, or Shagya Arab; (b) have a minimum 5-generation pedigree with no missing ancestors; no unapproved stallions; and no Irish Draught, Connemara Pony, or other non-sport horse genetics; and (c) descend from a damline that has produced at least several FEI athletes. The Breeding Director is authorised to grant an exemption if one criterion is not fulfilled, and the equine otherwise is judged to be able to make important contributions to the Irish Warmblood population.

15. Identity Verification Where Germinal Products Are Used

1. Where purebred breeding animals are used for the collection of semen, the donor stallion is identified, and his parentage is verified, by DNA analysis. The donor stallion must be approved by a studbook that is a Full Member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses, or be a Thoroughbred, Anglo Arab, or Shagya Arab. The Studbook does not require further performance testing or genetic evaluation.

2. Where purebred breeding animals are used for the collection of oocytes and embryos, the donor stallion and donor mare are identified, and their parentage is verified, by DNA analysis. The donor stallion, and the sire of the donor mare, must be approved by a studbook that is a Full Member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses, or be a Thoroughbred, Anglo Arab, or Shagya Arab. The Studbook does not require further performance testing or genetic evaluation.

16. Services and Fees

Information on services and fees may be found here:

<https://www.irish-warmblood.com/all-services.html>

17. Outsourced Activities

WSI has not outsourced technical activities to a third party organisation.

18. Derogations

Under Annex 1, Part 3, Point 1 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 the competent authority granted a derogation on 24 July 2018, and effective on 1 November 2018, from the requirement of identifying a purebred breeding animal by a covering certificate entering into the breeding book where the animal is identified by DNA analysis.

Under Article 31(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 the competent authority, DAFM, granted a derogation on 28 March 2019 to permit a certificate for germinal products to be issued by the following semen collection and/or semen storage centres:

Ballymureen Stud, Littleton, Thurles, Co Tipperary

Rockmount AI Centre, Philip McManus, Rockmount, Claregalway, Co Galway.

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