

Warmblood Studbook of Ireland

International Showjumpers with an Irish Accent

Mikala Münter Appointed Test Rider - Dressage

WSI is very pleased to announce that Mikala Münter has accepted our invitation to serve as WSI's Test Rider for our dressage stallion inspections.

Mikala is a very experienced and successful FEI Grand Prix/World Equestrian Games/World Cup Final rider. She also has decades of experience producing young horses for both amateurs and top sport.

A Danish citizen, Mikala was classically trained in Germany and Denmark. She moved with her young family from Denmark to the USA over ten years ago. Mikala recently became a citizen of the USA and now competes for the stars and stripes while maintaining her love for her birth country.

We first met Mikala in 2000 when a stallion owned by two of WSI's directors went to her yard. Her attributes of integrity, professionalism, and deep experience in FEI dressage sport makes her an ideal Test Rider for WSI's rapidly growing dressage breeding direction.

Update on EC Complaints

WSI's complaint about €17.7 million in unauthorised State Aid paid to Horse Sport Ireland by the Department of Agriculture (DAFM) is progressing, with the third submission by DAFM recently sent to the European Commission.

WSI also is awaiting responses from DAFM and the EC about concerns we have about discriminatory competitions in Ireland.

The wheels of justice move slowly but we hope that the rule of law will prevail in both cases.

WSI's Stallion Approval Process: What You May Not Realize

The Studbook Administrator evaluates the pedigrees and damlines for eligibility for inspection under WSI rules. If the pedigree or damline is not sufficient the application and payment are returned to the stallion owner.

At the Stage 1 Inspection stallions are identified by microchip and the Chair compares the stallion's marks with the marking chart. The only identifying data 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, even if asked to do so.

Before Stage 2 the Chair informs the other members of the Stallion Committee of the pedigree of each stallion so they can perform additional pedigree and damline analyses, watch competition videos (if available), etc.

During Stage 3 the Test Rider is not informed of the pedigree of the stallion until after his or her written assessment of each stallion has been completed.

At the end of Stage 3 the Chair discloses and discusses each stallion's pedigree with the audience attending the inspection. The Chair also will discuss the stallion's attributes and the factors that led to the inspection committee's decision.

In 2018 WSI was the #1 choice for stallion owners in Ireland: More sport horse stallions went through our inspection process than any other Irish sport horse studbook. We believe the key to our success is transparency, integrity, and a well-developed selection policy for each of the three breeding directions (showjumping, eventing, and dressage).

More information about WSI inspections can be found at www.irish-warmblood.com and on the Facebook page of Warmblood Studbook of Ireland.



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