



Accredited Breeder Program

1. Overview

WSI's **Accredited Breeder Program** is a professional recognition granted by the Warmblood Studbook of Ireland to breeders who demonstrate high degrees of competence, commitment, and compliance with WSI's standards for responsible sport horse breeding.

It is a mark of excellence for the Irish and international sport horse communities and a signal to purchasers that the breeder pursues high standards in breeding, horse welfare, and commercial transactions.

2. Purpose

The accreditation aims to:

- Recognise Irish Warmblood breeders who uphold the **highest standards** of animal welfare, science-based breeding practices, record-keeping, and studbook and legal compliance;
 - Create a trusted **Registry of WSI Accredited Breeders** accessible to the public through WSI's homepage and social media channels; and
 - Develop **supportive networks** among Irish Warmblood breeders;
 - Encourage **education and training** within the Irish Warmblood community;
 - Strengthen the **reputation** of the Irish Warmblood and our breeders nationally and internationally;
 - Provide a clear signal to the **market** that *WSI Accredited Breeders* and the Irish Warmbloods they breed should be the first choice when looking to purchase high-quality sport horse foals, youngsters, breeding stock, and competition horses.
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3. Eligibility

To become a *WSI Accredited Breeder*, you must:

- Be a current **Active Member** of WSI, meaning you registered at least one Irish Warmblood foal or older horse in 2023, 2024, or 2025 or had a stallion or mare approved for breeding;
- Commit to using only **Approved Sires** and advancing to using only **Approved Damsires** in your breeding program;
- Commit to advancing your program to breeding foals that have **5-generation pedigrees** with **no missing ancestors** and **no unapproved stallions**;
- Commit to advancing your program to breeding foals that descend from **performance damlines** that have produced at least several FEI horses in showjumping, eventing, or dressage;
- Commit to registering your foals, processing transfers of ownership, and lodging importations with WSI within **statutory timeframes**;
- Agree to abide by the **WSI Breeder Code of Conduct** and **WSI Animal Welfare Charter**;
- Complete the [Application & Self-Assessment](#), and discuss your breeding program with the WSI Breeding Director in a Zoom meeting;
- Agree to participate in at least 3 of 4 **Zoom educational meetings** each year with fellow Accredited Breeders and **guest experts** to share ideas to improve everyone's breeding and young horse production programs; and
- Commit to attend at least one **inspection** event each year as a participant or spectator.

4. Application Process

Stage 1 — Application & Self-Assessment

You complete an [Application & Self-Assessment](#) that helps you evaluate your knowledge and practices in five areas:

1. Breeding knowledge.
2. Animal welfare and health.

3. Foaling and early-life management.
 4. Studbook registration and record-keeping.
 5. Farm management and environment.
 6. Ethics of breeding, selling, and modern reproduction techniques.
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Stage 2 — Verification and Discussion

1. WSI Breeding Director reviews your Application & Self-Assessment.
 2. WSI Breeding Director discusses your self-assessment and your breeding program with you on a Zoom meeting, and you suggest topics you would like to see explored in meetings of Accredited Breeders and future WSI education and training events.
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Stage 3 — Accreditation

Successful applicants are awarded:

- A **printed WSI Accredited Breeder Certificate** and **digital WSI Accredited Breeder badge**;
 - Entry in the **WSI Accredited Breeder Register** on the WSI website and Facebook page;
 - Permission to use the **WSI Accredited Breeder badge** on your promotional materials and to make reference to your status as a *WSI Accredited Breeder* in sales catalogues, your email signature line, your homepage, your social media accounts, etc. for three years;
 - The *WSI Accredited Breeder* badge will appear for the next three years in newly issued **WSI Passports** in which you are the breeder;
 - The *WSI Accredited Breeder* badge will appear for the next three years in **WSI Registration Certificates** in which you are the breeder; and
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5. Continuing Education & Training

WSI Accredited Breeders continue to learn through:

- WSI workshops, seminars, and webinars;
- Participation in mare and stallion inspections and linear profiling events;
- Participation in other approved training or study tours.

6. Duration and Renewal

- Accreditation is valid for **three years**.
- Renewal requires evidence of **ongoing activity**: Participation in at least three Zoom meetings each calendar year with fellow accredited breeders and guest experts; continuing Irish Warmblood foal registrations; participation in mare and stallion inspections; continuing education through WSI seminars, educational events, and study tours; and continuing compliance with the *WSI Breeder Code of Conduct* and *WSI Animal Welfare Charter*.

7. Recognition Levels

| | Level | Description |
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| Accredited Breeder | Entry-level recognition | Meets and maintains core requirements for WSI Breeder Accreditation. |
| Accredited Breeder – Silver | Intermediate recognition | Above requirements, plus demonstrates success as a breeder: A stallion or mare you bred has been Approved by WSI, and one or more of your horses has competed at Grand Prix level (or equivalent) in national sport. |
| Accredited Breeder – Gold | Advanced recognition | Above requirements, plus proven track record of breeding horses that have competed in FEI sport in showjumping, eventing, or dressage. |

8. Fee and Donations

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| €150 | One-Time Fee: | Review of your <i>Application & Breeder Self-Assessment</i> , and discussion of your breeding program with the WSI Breeding Director through a Zoom meeting. |
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If you fulfil the criteria for the WSI Accredited Breeder Program, your name and contact details will be published in the **WSI Accredited Breeder Registry**, and you will be issued a **printed WSI Accredited Breeder Certificate** and **digital WSI Accredited Breeder badge**, and be invited to participate in four free **Zoom educational meetings** of Accredited Breeders each year.

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| €200 | Annual Donation: | To be paid by 1 February in 2026, 2027, and 2028 to help offset costs of four annual Zoom educational meetings and guest experts. |
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Please Note:

Breeders 25-years-old and younger receive a 50% discount on the above prices.

Apply Online:

<https://bit.ly/WSI-Accredited-Breeder-Application>