



# 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 and successful 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.

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## 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.

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### 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
<b>Accredited Breeder</b>	Entry-level recognition	Meets and maintains core requirements for WSI Breeder Accreditation.
<b>Accredited Breeder – Silver</b>	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.
<b>Accredited Breeder – Gold</b>	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

~~€150 One Time Fee:~~  
**Waived in 2026**

**Review** of your *Application & Breeder Self-Assessment*, and **discussion** of your breeding program with the WSI Breeding Director through a Zoom meeting.

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.

€200      Annual Donation:      To help offset costs of four annual Zoom educational meetings and guest experts.

Please Note:

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

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**Apply Online:**

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