



Guidance notes for registration of Purebred Irish Draught Horses

- You **must** be a full member of the IDHS (GB) to register a pure bred Irish Draught horse in the Main Studbook.
- The deadline for Main Studbook registration is **31 October** in the year of birth.
- This will allow time for DNA results to be returned before the legal deadline for registration of **31 December** or by **six months of age**, whichever is the later.
- It is an offence to fail to register a horse outside this timeframe.
- If you miss the deadline, please register the horse without delay.

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) and IDHS (GB) Main Studbook registration rules:

The Main Stud Book is managed by Horse Sport Ireland (HSI). There are three daughter organisations that are harmonised with HSI and have to comply with their rules; Great Britain, Canada and the USA.

The Main Studbook is for purebred Irish Draught horses, which must meet the specified pedigree requirements, as follows:

Class 1: inspected horses that meet both inspection and veterinary requirements;

Class 2: inspected horses that meet veterinary requirements but no inspection requirements;

Class 3: horses that do not meet veterinary requirements;

Class 4/Uninspected: uninspected horses and for horses that fail to complete part of the compulsory inspection requirements

- To be eligible for Main Studbook registration, the horse must be by a Grade 1/RID, Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, Grade 2 GB or Grade 3 GB Irish Draught stallion. Please see below for details of the current classification system.
- In addition, the dam must be RID, Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, Grade 2 GB or Grade 3 GB Irish Draught, Appendix Irish Draught (AID) or a Supplementary Grade-Up mare. Foals out of SID mares are not eligible for the Main Studbook, but may be registered in the IDHS (GB) Sport Horse Register.

Colt foals which have been gelded:

- Will remain in Class 4, unless their owner wishes to bring them forward for a voluntary inspection at two years or over.
Please notify the Society when your colt is castrated, together with an email or certificate from your vet to confirm this.

DNA:

- **All purebred Irish Draught** horses being registered in the Main Studbook must be DNA parentage tested against both parents.
DNA kits are available from our Administrator. Further information about DNA is available on our DNA Guidance Notes.

Covering certificates:

- A valid covering certificate must be submitted with the registration. You must obtain this from the stallion owner.
- If you do not have a covering certificate because you, as the breeder of the foal, are in dispute with the stallion owner, this must be resolved between parties prior to registration.
- The Society will not get involved in any personal or business disputes.
- We cannot register your foal with a pedigree-based passport unless you have a valid covering certificate.
- If you have lost your covering certificate, the stallion owner and/or the Office may have a copy. Once registered, fillies and colts with Class 1, Class 2, Supplementary Grade Up (fillies only) or Class 4/Uninspected parents are eligible for inspection.

Central Prefix Register:

- Breeders can apply to register a prefix. This is managed by an external body, the Central Prefix Register.
- Application forms for registering/extending a Prefix are available to download from the website

Breeders and owners may not:

- Register any horse using a prefix registered to another breeder;
- Register or name a horse bred by someone else, using their own prefix or any variation of it (this includes horses purchased in Ireland that have been named there)
- Register a horse with this Society, using their own prefix that is registered with another PIO, but not with this Society. Contact the Central Prefix Register for advice.

Completed documentation should be sent to:

Miss A Holbeche,
2 Burnbake Cottages, Burcombe Lane, Wilton, Wiltshire SP2 0ES.

Queries: Tel. 01722 742333 Email: passports@idhsqb.com Web site: www.idhsqb.com

You are strongly advised to photocopy all important documents, ie the identity diagram and covering certificate before posting. It is also advisable to obtain proof of posting.