

THE IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE SOCIETY (GB) BREED REGISTER

GENERAL RULES FOR THE MAIN STUDBOOK

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) holds the Main Studbook of origin for the Irish Draught horse. The Irish Draught Horse Society (GB) entered into a harmonisation agreement with HSI in November 2011. This arrangement has not been changed by Brexit. We remain harmonised as a non EU- country. The harmonisation agreement enables stock born, registered and inspected in Ireland, Great Britain, the USA and Canada to be mutually recognised by the other harmonised studbooks. The Society's registration and inspection rules for purebred Irish Draught horses follow the principles of the Main Stud Book.

The Department for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in Ireland agreed to a five-year amnesty from 2017-2022 to enable the progeny of Class 4/Uninspected parents to come forward for inspection in their own right. We are seeking clarification regarding whether or not 2021 is the last year for this amnesty.

To comply with the Minimum Operating Standards issued by Defra, all purebred stock with documented Irish Draught ancestry MUST be registered in the Main Stud Book (Breed Register). They will never be issued with utility (white) or Sport Horse passports.

To register a foal or older horse in the breed register, the breeder must submit a covering certificate obtained from the stallion owner and a DNA sample. DNA samples must be taken by a veterinary surgeon, who must also complete the identity diagram.

If a mare owner cannot obtain a covering certificate for whatever reason, they must take this up with the stallion owner. Stallion owners purchase covering certificates from the office on payment of £4 per certificate. Homemade covering certificates will not be accepted.

Following Brexit, animals born in countries with harmonised studbooks (Canada, Ireland and the United States of America) MUST be over stamped by the IDHS (GB). This enables those animals to be included on Defra's Central Equine Database, which is a legal requirement. Over-stamping also allows horses to be shown or inspected in Great Britain.

CLASS 1

This class is for inspected horses that meet the pedigree, veterinary and breed standard requirements of the Irish Draught Horse Society (GB) Breed Register and hence, the Irish Draught Horse Main Studbook.

CLASS 2

This class is for inspected horses that meet the pedigree and veterinary requirements of the IDHS (GB) Breed Register/Irish Draught Horse Main Studbook, but which have not met all of the inspection criteria for Class 1.

Until the end of the present amnesty, the progeny of Class 1, Class 2 *and* Class 4/Uninspected parents by/out of a Class 1, Class 2 *or* Class 4/Uninspected animal, or out of a Supplementary Grade Up mare by a Class 1 stallion, are eligible for Class 1 on inspection.

CLASS 3

This class is for horses that fail their inspection day or pre-inspection veterinary examinations and are not recommended for breeding. The progeny/grand-progeny of Class 3 animals are not eligible for inspection.

CLASS 4/ UNINSPECTED

For all foals and other uninspected purebred stock. At the present time, the progeny of these animals by or out of Class 1, Class 2 or Class 4/Uninspected stock are eligible for inspection in their own right, but we are seeking guidance on whether this temporary amnesty will be extended.

SUPPLEMENTARY (GRADE UP) REGISTER

To be eligible for inspection for this grade, which is for fillies and mares only, horses must be registered on the Irish Draught Sport Horse Register. They must have the following pedigree requirements:

- one RID or Class 1 parent;
- three RID or Class 1 grandparents;
- the remaining quarter to be verified as registered Thoroughbred, Connemara or traditionally-bred Irish Sport Horse, comprising only those four breeds.

Prior to inspection, these fillies and mares must be shown as sport horses. After successful inspection, Supplementary Grade-Up mares remain registered on the Sport Horse Register, but are also cross-registered on the Breed Register and must be shown only in purebred mare classes.

AID mares are part of the Sport Horse Register. These mares are accepted as being equivalent to Supplementary Grade Up. As the majority are three quarters Irish Draught, they are always shown in purebred classes.

The progeny of Supplementary Grade Up and AID mares by RID/Class 1/ Class 2/ Grade 2 (GB) and (at the moment) Class 4/Uninspected stallions are all eligible for Class 1 on inspection. They have the potential to provide important outcross lines to the purebred breed.

Foals out of AID mares by a RID, Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 or an Uninspected/Class 4 stallion are registered as 'Uninspected/Class 4' in the IDHS (GB) Breed Register (Main Studbook).

Prior to the introduction of Class 2 in 2010, a small number of full-pedigree mares which did not meet inspection requirements for RID were sometimes placed in AID. These mares can be transferred to Class 2 on the owner's request.

HISTORICAL GRADES:

RID AND RID (GB) STALLIONS, RID MARES AND GELDINGS

RID is the historical classification for stallions and mares inspected and graded in Great Britain between 1979 and the introduction of the Breeding Plan in 2010-2011. These animals met official inspection and veterinary requirements in operation in Great Britain at the time.

RID (GB) stallions are a group of named animals that were classified as RID in Great Britain in the ten year period between 2001 and 2010.

All RID stallions and RID (GB) stallions are treated exactly the same as Class 1 animals in terms of eligibility for merit awards and the eligibility of their progeny for inspection.

Until our studbook fully harmonised with Ireland's Main Studbook in 2012, geldings registered in Great Britain by a RID stallion out of a RID, AID or SID mare were given the same classification as their dam, on confirmation of castration. Since harmonisation, they have been registered as 'Class 4' or 'Uninspected'. They are eligible for inspection for Class 1 under the same rules as mares. AID geldings are shown in pure bred classes, because most are at least 75% Irish Draught.

HISTORICAL GRADE 2

For stallions inspected up to and including 2010, that met the pedigree and veterinary requirements of the IDHS (GB) Breed Register at the time, but did not meet inspection requirements. Any of the living stallions in this group can be put forward for consideration for Class 2 status. For those inspected from 2004-2010, this will require endoscope and x-ray examination. Please apply to the office for details.

The progeny of Grade 2 stallions out of RID, RID (GB), Class 1, Class 2 and currently, Class 4/Uninspected, AID or Supplementary Grade Up mares are eligible for Class 1 on inspection.

GRADE 3

Grade 3 animals are those that did not meet veterinary requirements on inspection, prior to 2011. This grade was also, historically, given to uninspected stock, as at the time, we did not have a specific category for those animals. Please contact the inspection and registration administration manager or the passport administrator if you have any queries about the status of an older passport and would like to clarify whether it can be changed, for example, to Class 4/Uninspected.