

THE IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE SOCIETY (GB) SPORT HORSE REGISTER

On 23 November 2014, the IDHS (GB) Council agreed the following categories of registration in the Irish Draught Sport Horse Register. The following rules are effective for all animals born in or after 2015.

Some older Sport Horses may have passports with Grades 1-3 recorded on them. These classifications no longer apply. Please enquire from the passport administrator if you would like more information about this.

General rules for all sections of the Irish Draught Sport Horse Register

- The register as a whole provides a place for the registration of all part-bred stock with documented Irish Draught ancestry, combined with any other breed or breeds. It is divided into three categories.
- Owners must read the *Notes for Guidance* and apply on the Sport Horse Register application form, both available on our website at www.idhs.gb.com
- A covering certificate from an official Passport Issuing Organisation is essential. If you cannot obtain one, you must take this up with the stallion owner. Covering certificates for Irish Draught and ID Sport Horse stallions registered in Great Britain can be obtained from the office on payment of £4 each.
- The owner is responsible for resolving any pedigree queries and producing evidence of appropriate pedigree.
- Animals from other Passport Issuing Organisation registers can be over-stamped on to the Irish Draught Sport Horse Register, provided that the owner submits an over-stamping application and fee, and the horse meets the 25% minimum documented ID breeding requirement.
- Animals eligible for the ID Sport Horse Register must *never* be given identity-only (Utility) or purebred (Main Studbook) passports. If you have a Sport Horse with an incorrect passport, please contact the passport administrator for advice.

There are three categories of the Irish Draught Sport Horse Register:

1. Traditional Irish Draught Sport Horse Register (TSR)

- For male and female horses with *at least two* generations (parents and grandparents) of documented, or otherwise proven breeding (e.g. through DNA), of which a minimum of 25% must be *an inspected and graded* Irish Draught (RID, or Class 1 or 2).
- The remainder must be *documented* Thoroughbred, Connemara or Traditional Irish Sport Horse.
- The definition of a 'Traditional Irish Sport Horse' is an animal with *documented* Irish Draught, Thoroughbred or Connemara blood only, in any proportions.
- Animals eligible for this register will have 'Traditional Irish Draught Sport Horse' recorded on their passports.
- Within the TSR, there are some female animals that are eligible for inspection for the **Supplementary Grade Up Register** (SGUR). Please see the rules for the Irish Draught Horse Breed Register/Main Studbook. These fillies and mares retain their sport horse number and status throughout life. After inspection, if accepted into the SGUR, they will also be deemed to be part of the Breed Register/Main Studbook. This is the only point of cross-over between the Breed Register/Main Studbook and Irish Draught Sport Horse Registers.

2. Irish Draught Sport Horse (SPR).

- For horses with a *minimum* of 25% of documented or otherwise proven Irish Draught breeding, going back at least two generations.
- The non-Irish Draught portion does not qualify the animal for TSR. It may be any other breed. For example, Irish Draught X Warmblood, Arab, Iberian breeds, native pony breeds (other than registered Connemara).
- Animals eligible for this register will have 'Irish Draught Sport Horse' recorded on their passports.

3. Irish Draught Part-Bred (PBR)

- This register is solely for the progeny of SHR and TSR animals, where the foal is *less than 25%* ID.
- The non-Irish Draught portion of the pedigree may be any other breed.
- Animals eligible for this register will have 'Irish Draught Part-Bred' recorded on their passports.

AID (Appendix Irish Draught)

- For existing AID mares and geldings. AID mares are accepted by Horse Sport Ireland as being equivalent to Supplementary Grade Up mares, although they retain their AID grade. Most of these animals are three quarters Irish Draught. The grade is now closed, so mares are no longer inspected for AID.
- The progeny of AID mares by a RID, Class 1, Class 2 or 'old' Grade 2 (GB) stallions are eligible for Class 1 on inspection.
- Foals out of AID mares by a RID, Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 or Uninspected/Class 4 stallion will therefore be registered as 'Uninspected/Class 4' in the IDHS (GB) Breed Register (Main Studbook).
- Those mares which meet the pedigree requirements for RID, but which were inspected before 2011 and placed in AID because they did not meet the necessary inspection requirements, can be transferred to Class 2 in the Main Studbook if the owner requests this.

SID (Supplementary Irish Draught)

- For existing SID mares born before 2000, when the register closed. These mares typically had one RID parent. By definition, all are now very elderly or deceased. Mares have not been inspected for SID for many years.
- The very small number of mares that were eligible for RID on inspection, but which failed to meet the inspection requirements prior to 2011, were given SID. These mares could, if their owners request it, be transferred to Class 2 of the Main Studbook.

Showing Irish Draught Sport Horses

- TSR, SPR and PBR horses, as well as SID mares and geldings, must be shown in Sport Horse Classes.
- AID mares and geldings are shown in purebred classes alongside Breed Register/Main Studbook mares.
- AID and SID mares continue to be eligible for Hornby Premiums, provided that they have a foal at foot by a Class 1 or RID stallion.
- Sport horse fillies and mares that are eligible for inspection for Supplementary Grade-Up must be shown in Sport Horse classes.
- Supplementary Grade-Up mares (*post- inspection*) must be shown in purebred classes.

Can sport horses be inspected?

- Stallion inspections are held each spring (11 April 2018). These are open to Sport Horse stallions aged four years and over, with a minimum of 25% documented Irish Draught breeding. Further information is on our web site or from the Inspection Administration Team: email inspections@idhs.gb.com
- Stallions do not have to pass the IDHS GB Sport Horse Stallion inspection to have progeny accepted into the Irish Draught sport horse register, as many are not at least 25% ID breeding. However, it is desirable that any stallion used to breed a sport horse has passed a veterinary examination and/or inspection with another organisation, for example, with their own studbook or Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain: <http://www.sporhorsegb.co.uk/>
- *Exceptional* stallions that meet Irish Draught Sport Horse pedigree requirements and which have proven performance or progeny performance, may, at the Council's discretion, be accepted for over-stamping and inclusion in our stallion lists *without further inspection*.
- Currently, sport horse mares can be inspected if they meet the requirements for the Supplementary Grade-Up Register (please see TSR section above). The inspection process is equivalent to that for purebred ID mares. .

Do sport horses need to be DNA tested?

- With the exception of fillies that are eligible for Supplementary Grade Up on inspection, DNA parentage testing is not a requirement for animals entering this register, but owners are encouraged to consider this on a voluntary basis.
- DNA testing may however be the only option open to owners of foals where the stallion owner cannot or will not issue a covering certificate, as registering the foal is a legal requirement.

Do I need to be a Member of the IDHS (GB) to register a Sport Horse?

No, but you would be very welcome to join! Please contact our Administrator for membership details.