



Merit Awards for RID, Class 1 mares and geldings and Class 2 mares in Great Britain

If you wish to apply for merit awards for your mare or gelding, please complete the online form post it to the IDHS (GB) Office along with documentary evidence (for example, print outs from British Dressage/British Eventing websites) of your mare/gelding's achievements.

Class 2 mares are eligible for merit awards based on the performance of their progeny only. This is in line with the recommendation of the Task Force for the Irish Draught Breeding Policy Review (2014).

Geldings must have been inspected and classified as Class 1 to be eligible for merit awards in their own right.

Older geldings who, historically, were assigned their dam's grade without inspection are not eligible, because they have not been inspected.

Gold merit award criteria

Discipline	Own Performance - Class 1 Mares and geldings	Class 1, RID and Class 2 Mares - Progeny Performance
Show Jumping	A mare/gelding that achieves two double clear rounds at 1.20m. Please see notes below for eligible classes.	A mare that produces two progeny that each achieves two double clear rounds at 1.20m. Please see notes below for eligible classes.
Dressage	A mare/gelding that achieves two scores of above 64% in British Dressage affiliated at elementary level.	A mare that produces two progeny that each achieves two scores of above 64% in British Dressage affiliated at elementary level.
Eventing	A mare/gelding that has completed two events at CNC* (Novice) with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC, OR on completion of one CNC* and one CCI*/CIC* with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC.	A mare that has produced one progeny that has completed two events at CNC*(Novice) with a clear round SJ and clear XC, OR on completion of one CNC* and one CCI*/CIC* with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC.
In hand Showing (all In Hand Breeding Classes inc Hunter classes)	A mare that wins three times at the broodmare championships at the IDHS (GB) Annual Breed Show, the Great Yorkshire Show, the Royal Show (up to 2009), Royal Bath and West Show, the Three Counties Show and Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) on three occasions.	A mare that produces three progeny that each achieves 1 st in any showing class in the IDHS (GB) Annual Breed Show, the Great Yorkshire Show, the Royal (up to 2009), Royal Bath and West Show, the Three Counties Show and Horse of the Year Show (HOYS).
Ridden Showing (Ridden ID, IDSH, and Cob Classes, Performance and WH Classes)	A mare/gelding that achieves 1 st at the IDHS(GB) Annual Breed Show, the Great Yorkshire Show, the Royal Show (up to 2009), Royal Bath and West, the Three Counties Show and Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) on three occasions.	A mare that produces three progeny that each have achieved 1 st at IDHS(GB) Annual Breed Show, the Great Yorkshire Show, the Royal Show (up to 2009), Royal Bath and West, the Three Counties Show and Horse of the Year Show (HOYS).

Silver merit award criteria

Discipline	Own Performance - Class 1 Mares and geldings	Class 1, RID and Class 2 Mares - Progeny Performance
Show Jumping	A mare/gelding that achieves two double clear rounds at 1.10m. Please see notes below for eligible classes.	A mare that produces two progeny that each achieve two double clear rounds at 1.10m. Please see notes below for eligible classes.
Dressage	A mare/gelding that achieved two scores of above 64% in British Dressage affiliated, at novice level.	A mare that produces two progeny that each achieves 2 scores of above 64% in British Dressage affiliated, at novice level.
Eventing	Two events at BE 100 (Pre-Novice) with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC.	A mare that has produced one progeny that has completed two events at BE 100 (Pre-Novice) with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC.
In hand Showing (all In Hand Breeding Classes inc Hunter classes)	A mare that wins the broodmare championships at the IDHS (GB) Annual Breed Show, the Great Yorkshire Show, the Royal Show (up to 2009), Royal Bath and West, the Three Counties Show and Horse of the Year Show (HOYS).	A mare that produces two progeny that each achieves 1 st in any showing class at the IDHS (GB) Annual Breed Show, the Great Yorkshire Show, the Royal Show (up to 2009), Royal Bath and West, the Three Counties Show and Horse of the Year Show (HOYS).
Ridden Showing (Ridden ID, IDSH, and Cob Classes, Performance and WH Classes)	A mare/gelding that achieves 1 st at the IDHS(GB) Annual Breed Show, the Great Yorkshire Show, the Royal Show (up to 2009), Royal Bath and West, the Three Counties Show and Horse of the Year Show (HOYS), on two occasions.	A mare that produces two progeny that each have achieved 1 st at IDHS(GB) Annual Breed Show, the Great Yorkshire Show, the Royal Show (up to 2009), Royal Bath and West, the Three Counties Show and Horse of the Year Show (HOYS).

Bronze merit award criteria

Discipline	Own Performance - Class 1 Mares and geldings	Class 1, RID and Class 2 Mares - Progeny Performance
Conformation & Movement	Mares/geldings that on inspection, pass the clinical veterinary and achieve an above average score on conformation and movement (i.e. Above 80%) will receive a bronze merit. Mares that are classified within the IDHS (GB) as a Select Hornby mare will also receive a bronze merit.	Not applicable
Show Jumping	A mare/gelding that achieves one double clear round at 1.0m. <i>Please see notes below for eligible classes.</i> OR a mare/gelding that loose jumps under the HSI inspection process to 1m level and achieves a score of above 70%.	A mare that produces one progeny that achieves two double clear rounds at 1.0m. <i>Please see notes below for eligible classes.</i>
Dressage	A mare/gelding that achieves two scores of above 64% in British Dressage affiliated, at preliminary level.	A mare that produces one progeny that achieves two scores of above 64% in British Dressage affiliated, at preliminary level.
Eventing	A mare/gelding that has completed two events at BE 90 with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC.	A mare that has produced one progeny that has completed two events at BE 90 with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC.

In hand Showing (all In Hand Breeding Classes inc Hunter classes)	A mare/gelding that achieves 1 st in any showing class in the IDHS (GB) Annual Breed Show, the Great Yorkshire Show, the Royal Show (up to 2009), Royal Bath and West, the Three Counties Show and Horse of the Year Show (HOYS).	A mare that produces one progeny that achieves 1 st in any showing class in the IDHS (GB) Annual Breed Show, the Great Yorkshire Show, the Royal Show (up to 2009), Royal Bath and West, the Three Counties Show and Horse of the Year Show (HOYS).
Ridden Showing (Ridden ID, IDSH, and Cob Classes, Performance and WH Classes)	A mare/gelding that achieves 1 st in any riding class at the IDHS (GB) Annual Breed Show, the Great Yorkshire Show, the Royal Show (up to 2009), Royal Bath and West, the Three Counties Show and Horse of the Year Show (HOYS).	A mare that produces one progeny that achieves 1 st in any riding class at the IDHS (GB) Annual Breed Show, the Great Yorkshire Show, the Royal Show (up to 2009), Royal Bath and West, the Three Counties Show and Horse of the Year Show (HOYS).

Show jumping merit awards - eligible classes:

1.00m: Discovery, Newcomers, National Amateur 1m first and second round, Newcomers 1st round.

1.10m: Winter Novice Championships, National Amateur 1.10m, Senior Newcomer 2cd round*.

1.20m: Foxhunter 1st round, Olympic Starspotters*, National Grade C*, Amateur Classic*.

1.30m and above: National 1.30m, National 1.40m, Winter Grade C*, Winter B & C* (excluding Handicaps), Foxhunter 2cd round*, 7/8 year old Championships*, Grade B*, International Trial*, Winter Grade A and B Grand Prix*, Grade A & B*.

**A top four placing in these classes will be accepted as an alternative to a double clear round if the placing can be verified but the faults and times cannot.*

Speed classes are only eligible for merits if they take place at F.E.I. CSI level.

The list of classes eligible for merits may be amended by the IDHS (GB) to include additional affiliated classes run over two rounds for which verifiable results are available.