



Merit awards for RID, Class 1 and Class 2 stallions in Great Britain

If you wish to apply for merit awards for your stallion, 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 stallion's and/or his progeny's achievements.

Class 1 and RID stallions are eligible for merit awards based on their own performance or that of their progeny.

Class 2 stallions 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).

Gold merit award criteria

Discipline	Own Performance – Class 1 and RID stallions only	Progeny Performance Criteria (minimum) – Class 1 and Class 2 stallions
Show Jumping	A stallion that achieves four double clear rounds at 1.30m. Please see notes below for eligible classes.	A stallion that produces three progeny that each achieves four double clear rounds at 1.30m. Please see notes below for eligible classes.
Dressage	A stallion that achieves four scores of above 64% in British Dressage affiliated, at advanced medium level.	A stallion that produces three progeny that each achieves four scores of above 64% in British Dressage affiliated, at advanced medium level.
Eventing	A stallion that has completed four events at CNC** with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC OR on completion of 2 CNC** events & 1 CIC** with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC.	A stallion that produces three progeny that each complete 4 events at CNC** with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC OR on completion of 2 CNC** events and 1 CIC** with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC.
In Hand Showing (all In Hand Breeding Classes inc Hunter classes)	Not applicable.	A stallion that produces five distinctive progeny that each achieve 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 Show, the Three Counties Show and Horse of the Year Show (HOYS).
Ridden Showing (Ridden ID, IDSH, and Cob Classes, Performance and Working Hunter Classes)	A stallion 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 Show, the Three Counties Show and Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) on three occasions.	A stallion that produces five distinctive progeny that each achieve 1 st 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).

Silver merit award criteria

Discipline	Own Performance – Class 1 and RID stallions only	Progeny Performance Criteria (minimum) – Class 1 and Class 2 stallions
Show Jumping	A stallion that achieves four double clear rounds at 1.20m. Please see notes below for eligible classes.	A stallion that produces three progeny that each achieves two double clear rounds at 1.20m. Please see notes below for eligible classes.

Dressage	A stallion that achieves three scores of above 64% in British Dressage affiliated, at elementary level.	A stallion that produces three progeny that each achieves 3 scores of above 64% in British Dressage affiliated, at elementary level.
Eventing	A stallion that has completed three events at CNC* 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 stallion that produces three progeny that each have completed 2 events at CNC* 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.
In Hand Showing (all In Hand Breeding Classes inc Hunter classes)	Not applicable.	A stallion that produces three 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 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 stallion that achieves Champion 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 two occasions.	A stallion that achieves three progeny that each 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).

Bronze merit award criteria

Discipline	Own Performance – Class 1 and RID stallions only	Progeny Performance Criteria (minimum) – Class 1 and Class 2 stallions
Show Jumping	A stallion that achieves two double clear rounds at 1.0m. Please see notes below for eligible classes, OR: jumps 1m level under saddle as a four year old or older at the stallion inspections and achieves a score of above 70%.	A stallion that produces three progeny that each achieves two double clear rounds at 1.0m. Please see notes below for eligible classes.
Dressage	A stallion that achieves two scores of above 64% in British Dressage affiliated, at preliminary level.	A stallion that produces three progeny that each achieves two scores of above 64% in British Dressage affiliated, at preliminary level.
Eventing	A stallion that has completed two events at Pre Novice level with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC.	A stallion that produces two progeny that each has completed two events at Pre Novice level with a clear round SJ and clear jumping XC.
In Hand Showing (all In Hand Breeding Classes inc Hunter classes)	Not applicable.	A stallion that produces two progeny that each 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 W H Classes)	A stallion that achieves 1 st at the IDHS(GB) National 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 stallion that achieves two progeny that each achieves 1 st at the IDHS(GB) National Breed Show, the Great Yorkshire Show, Royal Bath and West Show, the Royal Show (up to 2009), HOYS & the Three Counties Show.

Show jumping - 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.