



## IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE INSPECTIONS: CONDITIONS OF INSPECTION 2022

### **It is essential that mare owners read this guidance carefully before applying for inspection**

These mare inspections offer owners an evaluation of their breeding stock. Irish Draught mares of two years old or older are invited for inspection, where they will be assessed on their pedigree, conformation and movement. Assessment for athleticism is voluntary.

Having your mare inspected will, if she passes the veterinary examination, entitle her:

- to be shown in hand
- Irish Draught progeny to be shown in hand
- Irish Draught progeny to come forward for inspection, provided that they are sired by a Class 1, RID or Class 2 stallion.

Being classified may also increase your mare's value and that of her Irish Draught progeny.

There is no upper age limit for mares coming forward for inspection, but there are lower age limits.

**Please note** that two year olds should be presented at one of the later inspection venues, from 12 August onwards to give them more time to mature. The decision about when to bring a filly forward should be informed by her physical development in relation to the Breed Objective and Description (please see Appendix 4).

### **Procedure at the inspection:**

**A veterinary examination** for possible hereditary conditions will be carried out on the day by a Society-appointed vet, who is not the animal's usual vet. This applies to all the mares coming forward for classification for grading.

If the mare successfully passes the vet, she will be photographed and presented to the inspection panel. The inspectors will see her standing, walking and trotting in hand on a hard surface, and loose in an arena. They complete a linear profile and comment on her conformation, type, movement and (if applicable) athleticism. The owner will be told the outcome at the time, and about four weeks after the inspection, will receive a bar chart and report showing the mare's strengths and weaknesses.

*If you are physically unable to run your mare up for the inspectors and vet, and you cannot bring anyone with you who can do this, please let us know in good time so that we can make sure there is someone on hand to help.*

The owners of mares that were classified as 'RID' or 'AID' before 2010 are also invited to have their mares linear profiled. The full vetting is not required for this purpose, but they will be trotted up briefly to check that they are sound enough to be assessed for movement and/or athleticism.

A linear profile will provide owners with a detailed description of their mare's strengths and weaknesses. This can be invaluable when making breeding decisions.

**A merit system** provides additional merits for mares that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements.

Mares that meet the requirements of the veterinary examination and the inspection will be classified in Class 1.

Those mares which achieve average scores of 80 or higher for conformation and movement will be awarded an additional 'Bronze' merit in 'Conformation and Movement'.

**Class 1 and Grade-Up mares** may opt to have their athleticism assessed by means of a loose jumping demonstration. This is entirely voluntary. It may take place either immediately after the mare has been graded, or at a later date.

Mares that achieve a score of 70 or higher in their athleticism demonstration will receive a Bronze merit in Showjumping. These merits may assist mare owners with demonstrating the added value of their mare when selling them or their progeny.

In Great Britain, from 2021 onwards, all mares which achieve a Bronze Merit on inspection (either in show jumping or conformation and movement) will receive a special rosette, kindly donated by the Chief Inspector, Mary Wilson.

**Applications for mare inspections MUST be returned before the relevant closing date.**

Inspection dates are spread over a four-month period to accommodate as many people’s needs as possible, e.g. mares that are due to foal, at stud or being presented for shows. Venues have been arranged based on expressions of interest received by 14 May. They cover all three countries, Scotland, Wales and England.

A list of **provisional** inspection venues for the mares is posted on our web site during early May. Whether or not an individual venue is viable will depend on the number of paper application forms received by the relevant closing date.

When we came to set up venues for 2022, we found that in response to rising fuel and staffing costs, many vets have raised the fees they charge to the Society. This is due to a multitude of economic factors, including some that were unforeseen when we set the fees (for example, the war in Ukraine). This fee increase has not been passed on to mare owners for 2022, but there will have to be an increase in fees next year.

Because we are now paying vets a fixed rate per mare plus travel costs, the more mares that we have at each venue, the less likely we are to lose money. There is no set minimum number of mares to make a venue viable, because we try to be as flexible as possible. A minimum of four mares is a rough guide. It is not unusual for mares to withdraw at short notice, which can leave us with three, or fewer.

If we were left with only one or two mares at a venue, this would almost certainly not be financially viable and we may have to merge it with another venue. In making decisions about viability, we take into account geographical location, mare numbers and ease of transport in that area. For example, we may be more flexible if the venue is not a major detour from the inspection route and if it is at a veterinary practice, so that we are not paying the vet to travel. Every situation is taken on its own merits.

**The revised closing dates are:**

**Mid-summer mare inspections** - to be held in June and July: mares must be three years and over – the closing date is now **31 May 2022**.

**Later summer mare inspections** - to be held from 12 August onwards, and all September dates: mares must be two years and over – the closing date is still **15 July 2022**.

**No late applications can be accepted.** This is because of the large amount of planning and administration to be completed for each venue. Thank you for your understanding.

**Please POST your application first class (not Special Delivery) to – Heather Chaplin, Middle Munty Farm, Churchstanton, Taunton, Somerset TA3 7RH.**

Type of inspection	2022 fees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grading of uninspected Irish Draught mares and geldings eligible for Class 1, and Sport Horse Register mares eligible for Supplementary Grade Up. This fee includes voluntary athleticism assessment if requested.</li> <li>Re-inspections of animals previously classified Class 2</li> </ul> <p><i>The fee includes vetting on the day of inspection by a Society-appointed vet and all passport-processing costs.</i></p>	£180 inc. VAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linear profiling of RID and AID mares that were graded before 2010.</li> <li>Athleticism assessment for Irish Draught mares that have already been inspected and classified RID, Class 1, AID/ Supplementary Grade Up.</li> <li>Mares previously classified as RID or AID will need to be linear profiled, but this is included in the £100 fee.</li> </ul> <p><i>The fee includes a brief trot-up on the day to check for obvious unsoundness, and all passport-processing costs.</i></p>	£100 inc. VAT

**Refunds and fees carried forward:** These can normally only be considered if you have to withdraw due to circumstances beyond your control. For example, you will be refunded if your horse has a confirmed veterinary condition that prevents her from being brought forward or if we have to cancel or merge a venue and you cannot make any of the other venues.

If you decide not to attend and there are no extenuating circumstances, we may not refund your fee, especially if we have incurred costs (such as a deposit) that we cannot recoup.

Members postponing on veterinary grounds can opt to have their fee carried forward to the following year if they wish.

### **CONDITIONS OF IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE INSPECTIONS**

- The owner must be a full and current member of the Irish Draught Horse Society (GB)
- Horses bred overseas or registered with another passport-issuing organisation (PIO) must have had their passports overstamped (endorsed) by the IDHS (GB)
- The horse must have been formally 'named' and transferred into the correct ownership. For horses resident in Great Britain, irrespective of where they were bred, this will be the IDHS (GB).
- Vaccinations MUST comply with current FEI/Showing Council guidelines (please see Appendix 1 below)
- Your application must be complete and the fee paid, preferably using our secure online facility. This is easy to use and a great help to our inspection administrators.
- Mares must be adequately trained and fit to take part in all aspects of the inspection, including the athleticism phase (where applicable)
- Mares must be fit to be handled at the inspection, including handling by veterinary surgeons appointed by the Society.
- The Society and its veterinary advisors reserve the right to refuse to carry out an inspection of any mare which is not in a suitable condition for inspection, or in instances where it may be unsafe to proceed with the inspection.
- Mares should be clean, tidy and fitted with a bridle. Plaiting or braiding looks attractive, but is not essential.
- Please avoid dressing the mare's feet or legs with oil because it makes the limbs more difficult for the vet to handle.
- All horses will be measured by the examining veterinary surgeon immediately before the inspection. These measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of classification in the Irish Draught Horse studbook and the IDHS (GB) Breed Register.
- Mare owners must bring the mare's **passport** and all the necessary equipment to the inspection. The passport must be handed in before the vetting commences.
- Mares will be photographed at the inspection and these photographs may be used in the Society's publications or website.
- For safety reasons, foals MUST be led during the inspection, particularly at larger or more public venues such as the Annual Breed Show, veterinary hospitals or Moreton Morrell.
- Blood and urine samples may be taken on the day of inspection and may be subject to screening for substances listed on the FEI 'Equine Prohibited Substances' list (see [www.feicleansport.org](http://www.feicleansport.org)).
- Failure to satisfy the above conditions may result in a mare being disqualified from inspection/classification.

Please note that incomplete applications may be returned.

The relevant IDHS (GB) forms and payment facilities are on our website at [www.idhs.gb.org.uk](http://www.idhs.gb.org.uk)

#### **Passports can be updated by:**

IDHS (GB) PASSPORTS. Holme House, The Dale, Ainstable, Carlisle CA4 9RH

Email: [passports@idhs.gb.org.uk](mailto:passports@idhs.gb.org.uk) Tel 01768 870523 (Available 9-00am to 5-00pm Monday – Friday)

Please do not send your inspection applications to our passport administrators, as they will only have to send it on to the inspection team.

## COVID -19

Depending on any new variants and the risk level at the time, everyone attending inspection venues *may* be asked to produce evidence of compliance with COVID-19 vaccination. This will depend on government advice. In any event, please do not attend a venue if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or if you have recently tested positive (government guidelines must be followed, please, regarding the quarantine time limit – these change, so we have not included a time limit here).

**Please pay your inspection fee online on our web site at [www.idhsqb.org.uk](http://www.idhsqb.org.uk) then post your completed, signed application to:**

IDHS GB Inspections, Middle Munty Farm, Churchstanton, Taunton, Somerset TA3 7RH  
Tel. 01823 601625 (calls before 6.00 p.m. please).

PLEASE DO NOT POST USING SPECIAL DELIVERY. If you pay by cheque (we much prefer online) please make sure it is made payable to 'IDHS (GB)'.

Finally, please don't use Facebook to ask specific questions about the inspections – otherwise, we may miss your question, or someone may inadvertently give you the wrong advice. Please email the inspection team, or ring the number above.

Email: [inspections@idhsqb.org.uk](mailto:inspections@idhsqb.org.uk)

### Eligibility for Class 1 inspection

Mares must be sired by a stallion that is classified as 'Class 1, RID (GB), Class 2, Grade 2 GB or RID (Canada) or RID (USA). They must be out of a dam that is classified as RID, Class 1, Class 2, AID or Grade-Up in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook or the IDHS (GB) Breed Register.

The progeny of Irish Draught Horse stallions or mares of Class 3 (Section 2 – S2 of the Irish Draught Studbook in Ireland) are **not** eligible for inspection.

### The progeny of Class 4/Uninspected mares and stallions:

Please see the note in the paragraph below about the Irish Horse Board Inspection Amnesty review. This will be updated when the Irish Horse Board has met to consider the outcome of the Task Force.

### Eligibility for Class 1 Inspection (Amnesty):

An amnesty was in place between 2017 and 2021 for mares that were by a Class 4 (Uninspected) Irish Draught stallion or out of a Class 4 (Uninspected) Irish Draught mare. During that period, many more animals were born to uninspected parents and were too young to be inspected while the Amnesty lasted.

The Amnesty ended in December 2021. We understand that the Irish Horse Board plans to reinstate the Task Force to review the Amnesty. They will be considering whether or not to extend it for a period to allow uninspected animals to come forward. It seems likely that this decision will be made in time for the 2023 inspections, but probably not this year.

When the Board decides this matter, we will inform all owners who have applied for inspections. In the meantime, if you have an animal by or out of an uninspected parent, please send in an expression of interest form. You do not need to pay your fee until you have been told that your mare is eligible to come forward.

### Eligibility for Grade-Up Register Inspection:

To be eligible for classification in the Supplementary Grade-Up Register Section of the Irish Draught Studbook, mares must be classified in the main section of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook or the IDHS (GB) Sport Horse Register.

One parent (either the dam or the sire) must be classified as CLASS 1, RID or 'RID GB'. The other parent will be a sport horse.

The mare must have three grandparents classified as CLASS 1, RID or 'RID GB', in other words she will be three quarters Irish Draught. Her fourth grandparent must have **documented pedigree** and can be:

- a Thoroughbred registered in Weatherby's General Stud Book (not the Weatherby's non-TB Register)
- a registered Connemara Pony
- a registered Irish Sport Horse with a recorded pedigree of Thoroughbred/Irish Draught/Connemara pony descent ONLY.

Horses that are eligible for classification in the Main Section of the Irish Draught Studbook or the IDHS (GB) Breed Register cannot be classified in the Supplementary Section (Grade Up Register) of the Register.

These rules are quite complicated, so if you are not sure whether your mare is eligible for Grade Up, please enquire and we will check for you.

Mares that are classified in the Supplementary Section (Grade-Up Register) will retain their original classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook or the TSR (traditionally-bred) section of the IDHS (GB) Sport Horse Register and their passports will reflect that they are also classified in the Supplementary Section (Grade Up Register) of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook or our Breed Register.

These mares are very important to the breed. They can potentially produce a Class 1 stallion or mare, if put to a Class 1, RID or Class 2 Irish Draught stallion. They are eligible for Merit awards. They can also come forward for a Hornby Premium inspection with a foal at foot, provided that the foal is by a Class 1 or RID stallion.

#### **CLASSIFICATION OF IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE MARES FOLLOWING INSPECTIONS**

1. Classification of all horses will be completed after the inspection. In the vast majority of cases, passports are stamped on the day.
2. Classification is confirmed once any appeal or specialist veterinary referral has been completed. The inspection administration team will issue the bar chart. We try to do this as quickly as possible but this process may take up to six weeks, depending on workload. Results will not appear on the website until this work is complete.
3. Horses that meet the pedigree and veterinary requirements and achieve minimum required scores in conformation, type and movement will be classified as Class 1 in the Irish Horse Register and in the Irish Draught Horse Society GB breed register.
4. Class 1 mares and geldings that achieve average scores of 80 or higher for both movement and conformation will be awarded a Bronze Merit in conformation and movement.
5. Horses that meet the pedigree and veterinary requirements but which do not meet the inspection requirements for Class 1, will be classified as Class 2 in the Irish Draught Horse Society GB Breed Register.
6. Horses that do not meet the veterinary requirements will be classified as Class 3 in the parent studbook in Ireland and in the Irish Draught Horse Society (GB) Breed Register.
7. 'Uninspected' is the term used for animals registered in Great Britain from 2014 onwards, for uninspected Irish Draught horses. These were formerly known as Class 4, a term which will appear on passports for horses born between 2012 and 2014 inclusive. This change in terminology is in line with the Task Force recommendations 2014.
8. Passports issued since January 2016 (including duplicate passports for older horses) are riveted and cannot be dismantled to change information, including the terminology used for Class 4 horses. As inspection grades are not a regulatory issue, Defra have indicated that a sticker may be issued by our passport providers to amend inspection grades on the pedigree pages of passports. Owners must never amend passports because it could invalidate them.

9. The inspection classification awarded on the day will be stamped into the mare's passport by the inspection administrator. The exceptions to this will be animals referred for further follow-up veterinary examination due to a condition detected on the day, where the final classification will not be known until that examination is complete and a report has been received.
10. Temporary passport documents will be issued only when there is no alternative but to retain the passport. This cannot be done for horses brought over from Ireland who are returning there immediately after the inspection, because these documents are not valid for international travel.

### **CLASSIFICATION OF RID AND AID MARES FOLLOWING LINEAR PROFILING**

1. Mares that are classified as 'RID' in the Irish Draught Studbook in Ireland or in the IDHS (GB) Breed Register will be classified as 'Class 1' following the linear profiling process.
2. Mares that are classified as 'AID' in the Irish Draught Studbook in Ireland or the IDHS (GB) Breed Register will be classified as 'Grade Up' following the linear profiling process.
3. 'RID' or 'AID' mares that are presented for linear profiling with an obvious (heritable) veterinary condition will be disqualified.

### **CLASSIFICATION OF EXISTING CLASS 1 AND GRADE-UP REGISTER IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE MARES FOLLOWING SUBSEQUENT PRESENTATION FOR JUMPING MERITS**

1. Class 1 and Grade-Up mares that participate in the loose jumping phase of the inspection and achieve a score of 70 or higher will be awarded a Bronze Merit in showjumping.
2. Class 1 and Grade-Up mares that participate in the loose jumping phase of the inspection and do not achieve a score of 70 or higher will remain classified as 'Class 1' or 'Grade-Up Register'.
3. Class 1 mares that are required to undergo a veterinary inspection after being presented for jumping merits with an obvious veterinary condition will be classified as 'Class 3' if they fail to meet the veterinary requirements.
4. Grade-Up register mares that are required to undergo a veterinary inspection after being presented for jumping merits with an obvious veterinary condition will retain their original classification in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook or IDHS (GB) Sport Horse Register if they fail to meet the veterinary requirements.

**Note:** Class 1 Irish Draught mares or Grade-Up register mares will not be required to undergo a veterinary examination unless the mare is presented at inspection for jumping merits with an obvious veterinary condition. Mares that are presented with an obvious veterinary condition will be required to undergo a complete veterinary examination.

### **INSPECTION APPEALS**

#### **Inspection result appeal**

Owners who are not satisfied with the results of the inspection will be given the opportunity to represent the horse for one repeat inspection, under a different inspection team, at a future date. The mare or gelding will have to be vetted again. The full inspection fee is payable.

In addition to the single opportunity for re-inspection described above, the owner may appeal in writing **within 28 days of the inspection outcome letter.**

The IDHS (GB) reserves the right to charge a fee for an appeal inspection outside the normal inspection programme.

## **Veterinary Examination Appeal**

Owners of horses that do not meet the requirements of the veterinary examination can appeal the results of the examination, providing that they apply to the Society **within 28 days of the veterinary examination**. The horse may be re-examined by a mutually-agreed specialist for a second opinion.

To save time and expense, owners must NOT make their own arrangements for a second veterinary opinion without consulting the Society first. The second examination will only be carried out in respect of the condition for which the horse was failed at the initial inspection. The cost of the examination must be borne by the owner of the horse.

**The decision of the appeal vet is final.**

## **APPENDIX 1: EQUINE INFLUENZA (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

Equine Influenza and Tetanus vaccinations are a compulsory requirement for all horses registered with the Irish Draught Horse Society (GB), in order to bring your horse forward for inspection or to show him/her at our affiliated shows.

Inspection venues will NOT admit unvaccinated horses, unless an agreement is made that all the horses attending a given venue will be unvaccinated.

The requirement for the first three vaccinations is as follows:

- The first two vaccinations must be 21 – 92 days apart, with a third booster between 150-215 days after the second dose.
- Thereafter, there should normally be an annual booster vaccination within 365 days, but the current FEI ruling for certain competition horses is for a six-monthly booster as opposed to an annual booster.

This rule may be subject to change, in line with guidance from the FEI/BEF. Any changes affecting our affiliated shows and inspections will be notified via the Society's web site at [www.idhsgb.org](http://www.idhsgb.org)

### **Newly-vaccinated horses:**

Your horse must, as a minimum:

- Have had the first two initial doses of equine influenza vaccine
- The administration of these doses must be recorded on her passport before you bring your horse to the venue.
- The second dose must be given not less than seven days before travel to the inspection.

### **Booster vaccinations:**

- Must be within date
- There must be seven clear days before the booster is due, and if just given to the horse, seven days clear before travel.
- The additional or 6-month vaccine can be done at any time. No clear days are required, other than the annual stipulation.

Any equine companion animals travelling with the horse must also be vaccinated.

If your horse develops a cough, snotty nose or seems unwell, do not travel him or her and stay at home. Contact your vet for advice.

Vaccination records on passports will be checked on arrival. Horses must not be unloaded before this has been done.

Animals with no passport, unvaccinated or obviously unwell horses will not be permitted to enter the premises.

## **APPENDIX 2: ARENA AND JUMPING LANE (2 September, Moreton Morrell ONLY)**

Please note that jumping is entirely voluntary for mares. The information in Appendix 1 is only relevant for mare owners if you present your mare for a Bronze Merit Award in Athleticism at Moreton Morrell. Assessments for athleticism are only held at this one venue because we have the arena team and jumping lane there to facilitate this.

Note: Horses are permitted to wear front tendon boots for the free gait assessment or the free athleticism/jumping assessment. If, in the opinion of the panel, the movement of the horse is affected in any way, the panel reserve the right to request the removal of the front boots. The use of boots/bandages on the hind legs is not permitted.

**Please ensure that you prepare your horse according to the jumping lane dimensions in this document.** If you do not prepare your horse adequately, it is unfair on her and she will not perform to her optimal ability.

The size of the indoor arena is 60m x 23m. The inspectors will be in the arena, as will the arena party of five or six people.

Each stallion or mare (only if she is undertaking the athleticism assessment) will normally be required to jump through the jumping lane at least six times. The jumping lane consists of three fences. The selection panel may use their discretion as to the number of attempts they wish to assess each horse over the obstacles and the height of the fences, however the maximum height of the fences for 3-year-olds will be 1.00m.

If in the opinion of the selection panel a horse is jumping in an unnatural manner, the selection panel reserves the right to award zero points for their assessment of the horse's athleticism/jumping ability.

The panel reserves the right to terminate the athleticism assessment on welfare grounds if the horse is insufficiently prepared for the task.

A diagram of the lane is below. This is not to scale. The heights of the jumps are as in the table below, and horses jump anticlockwise.

There is a placing pole on the ground 3m from the end wall of the school, angled at 45 degrees. It is important to practice with this pole in place, as it does make a difference to how horses approach the lane.

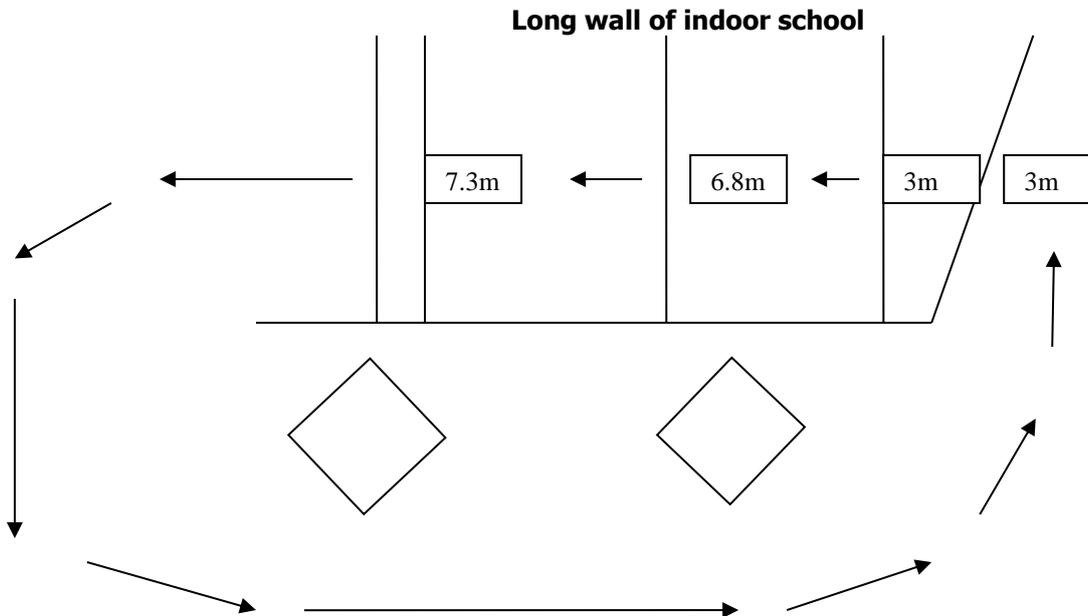
Coloured jump poles are used. The sides of the lane will be jump stands and poles. We do not use Heras panels around the lane in Great Britain, because they are not designed for equestrian use.

**Fences are placed as follows:** fence A is 6m from the end wall and 3m from the centre of the placing pole; fence B is 6.8m from (A) and fence C is 7.3m from fence B.

The owner or handler stands in the left hand diamond and the inspection team in the right hand diamond on the diagram below.

### **Athleticism Assessment under Saddle**

The owners of mares that are 4 years or older that have chosen to do this element under saddle on their application form will have their horse's athleticism assessed by jumping over a course of fences.



	Height of 1st fence	Height of 2nd fence	Height of 3rd fence (oxer)
<b>Jumping effort 1</b>	<b>0.75m</b>	<b>0.75m</b>	<b>0.95m</b>
<b>Jumping effort 2</b>	<b>0.75m</b>	<b>0.75m</b>	<b>1.0m</b>
<b>Jumping effort 3</b>	<b>0.75m</b>	<b>0.75m</b>	<b>0.95m</b> <b>0.95 width</b>
<b>Jumping effort 4</b>	<b>0.75m</b>	<b>0.75m</b>	<b>0.9m front pole</b> <b>1.0m back pole</b> <b>1.05m width</b>

### **APPENDIX 3: The inspection management team: contact details and roles**

**Mailbox:** [inspections@idhsgb.org.uk](mailto:inspections@idhsgb.org.uk)

#### **CHIEF INSPECTOR:**

**Mrs Mary Wilson (Trustee)**, Rudge Manor Farm, Froxfield, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 2HN, Tel. 01672 520869  
Mobile: 07729 516465 Email: [memwilson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:memwilson@hotmail.co.uk)

- *Leads on Breed Standards*
- *Liaises with the stallion inspection venue*
- *Coordinates helpers for the stallion inspections*
- *Liaises with BEF and other equestrian bodies.*

## REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION ADMINISTRATION MANAGER:

**Mrs Heather Chaplin (Trustee)**, Middle Munty Farm, Churchstanton, Taunton, Somerset TA3 7RH. Tel. 01823 601625 (before 6 p.m. please). Email: [chaplinheather51@gmail.com](mailto:chaplinheather51@gmail.com)

- *Responds to members' queries about inspection and registration*
- *Liaises with Defra with regard to legislation and the Minimum Operating Standards*
- *Attends 826 group meetings of British Passport Issuing Organisations*
- *Ensures that the Society is compliant with the Horse Sport Ireland and liaises with them regarding registration and inspection rules*
- *Organises and leads the application process and administrative support for the stallion and mare inspections*
- *Liaises with the Society's veterinary advisor and the veterinary radiograph panel*
- *Ensures accurate processing of inspection results*
- *Ensures that members are supported in dealing with veterinary issues arising during inspection*
- *Leads the process of producing bar charts after the inspections.*

## INSPECTION ADMINISTRATORS:

*(in line with our data protection policy, only trustees' phone numbers and emails are publically available).*

**Mrs Sue Benson:** *Provides administrative support at the stallion and mare inspections.*

**Mrs Carol Rudd** - Tel. 01625 873662 Mobile 07860 102256. Email: [carol@aerialwired.co.uk](mailto:carol@aerialwired.co.uk)

- *Provides administrative support for the stallion and mare inspections*

**Mr Graham Chaplin** *Provides administrative support for the stallion and mare inspections*

## Veterinary Clerks:

Mrs Anne Beattie  
Mrs Sarah Bright-Phillips  
Mr Graham Chaplin  
Mr James Noblett  
Mrs Linda Radice  
Mrs Shirley Roberts  
Mrs Ann Weston.

## SOCIETY ADMINISTRATOR:

**Miss Carol Malin**

Email: [admin@idhsgb.org.uk](mailto:admin@idhsgb.org.uk)

- *DNA kits*
- *Annual Breed Show entries*
- *Covering certificates*

## PASSPORT ADMINISTRATION:

IDHS(GB) PASSPORTS. Holme House, The Dale, Ainstable, Carlisle CA4 9RH  
Tel 01768 870523 (Available 9-00am to 5-00pm Monday – Friday) Email: [passports@idhsgb.org.uk](mailto:passports@idhsgb.org.uk)

- *Registrations*
- *Passport updates, including naming, transfers and over stamping of Irish passports where the horse is resident in the UK*
- *Duplicate passports*
- *Membership*
- *Phone enquiries.*

## IRISH DRAUGHT STUDBOOK-HOLDING BODY:

**Horse Sport Ireland**, Beech House, Millennium Park, Osberstown, Naas, Kildare, Ireland.  
Phone: 00-353-45-850800. [Info@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:Info@horsesportireland.ie)

### Appendix 4: The Breed Objective and Description

#### Breeding Objective

The breeding objective of the Irish Draught studbook is to breed sound Irish Draught horses with correct conformation, type, movement and action, calm and willing temperaments and sufficient athleticism that conforms to the Irish Draught breed standard. These animals will serve one or more of the following three functions by:

- Participating in preservation and ongoing breed improvement programmes;
- Performing as pleasure, leisure or performance horses;
- Contributing to cross breeding programmes with other breeds.

#### Breed Summary Description

The Irish Draught Horse is a versatile, powerful and athletic animal with substance and quality. It has a pleasant head, good bone and a short shin, good spring of rib, strong loins and hindquarters and an active powerful stride. Known for its good temperament, docility and willing nature, it has a robust constitution and is inherently sound. The Irish Draught Horse is a foundation breed that, when crossed with other breeds, will produce all types of leisure and performance horses.

#### Type of horse: detailed description

**Height:** Ideally Irish Draughts should stand between 158cms (15.2hh) and a maximum of 170cms (16.3hh) at maturity.

**Bone:** Approximately 23cms (9 inches) of strong, clean, flat bone.

**Head:** Should be pleasant, not coarse or hatchet like, with plenty of room between the jaw bones. Wide forehead and kind eyes, set well apart, and with large quality ears.

**Neck:** Good length of rein with head well set on, neck should be correctly muscled and well shaped.

**Front legs:** Long muscular forearms, short cannon bones with plenty of strong clean, flat bone, not back at the knee or tied in below the knee. Pasterns should be in proportion with good hoof pastern axis. Hooves should be of equal size, hard and sound with plenty of room at the heel. They should not be boxy, over large or flat.

**Shoulders:** A sloping shoulder neither loaded, nor too heavy, nor too short, with well-defined withers, well set back.

**Body, back and hindquarters:** Deep girth with a good spring of rib, strong back, loins and quarters. The croup and buttocks should be long and gently sloping. Hips should not be too wide.

**Hind legs:** Strong gaskins, well shaped clean hocks set into short shins. Should not be cow-hocked or wide apart at the hocks.

**Action:** Should be straight and free, not heavy or ponderous.

**Movement:** Should be active and strong, with sufficient athleticism showing good flexion of joints and freedom of the shoulders.

**Colour:** Any strong whole colour including bay, grey, chestnut, black, brown and dun. Excessive white markings are not desirable.

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