



Guidance notes for registering an Irish Draught Sport Horse

This guidance also applies to those owners seeking a full ID Sport Horse passport for a horse which is now resident in the UK, but which has foal identity papers issued by Horse Sport Ireland.

We cannot lawfully register any equine which was born, and still resides in, the Republic of Ireland.

- You do not have to be a member to register an Irish Draught Sport Horse in the Sport Horse Register, but if you wish to join, you would benefit from reduced rates.
- The legal deadline for registration of all foals is **31 December** or by **six months of age**, whichever is the later. It is an offence to fail to register a horse within the legal limit.
- If you miss the deadline, please register the horse without delay.

Data Protection statement

The Society is required to collect and use certain types of personal identifiable information to comply with the requirements of the law, for example the Equine Identification (England) Regulations 2018.

We are committed to processing all personal information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018), as amended on 01 January 2021 by regulations under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, to reflect the UK's status outside the EU.

The DPA 2018 sits alongside the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), which also came into effect on 01 January 2021.

The IDHS (GB) exchanges personal data, limited to names, addresses and when necessary, other contact information such as phone numbers and email addresses with Weatherby's Scientific for the purposes of DNA parentage-testing, and with Horse Sport Ireland, its parent organisation, both of which are located in the Republic of Ireland. This is required in order to enable equine passports to be issued and processed. Therefore, we are also obliged to adhere to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and the Minimum Operating Standards (June 2021) set by Defra.

Data, including titles, names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, dates of birth and membership numbers, is collected from trustees, volunteers, customers, suppliers and members.

General information about horse passports:

- All equines must have a passport, which is to be with the animal at all times. This requires registration with a recognised Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO). The Irish Draught Horse Society (GB) is a passport-issuing organisation authorised by and accountable to Defra.
- Equines to be registered must be identified and microchipped by a veterinary surgeon.
- All equines must be in possession of a passport before they are six months old, or by 31 December in the year they are born, whichever is later. We are now obliged to report late registrations to Trading Standards.
- Late registrations (i.e. after the above deadline) must, by law, be signed out of the food chain.
- You must be the owner of a horse to register it.
- It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that a passport is obtained within the time scale prescribed by the legislation.
- If you need a replacement or duplicate passport for an equine that is already registered, please see the separate guidance and forms.
- If you buy or have bred an unregistered equine that is over the age or date deadline, you must register the animal immediately. Owners of unregistered equines run the risk of prosecution.
- It is an offence to sell an equine without a passport.
- Transfers of ownership must be notified to the issuing Passport-issuing Organisation within 28 days.
- The passport remains the property of the Society at all times and must be returned to the Society for amendment on request, and when the horse dies. In the latter case, the passport may be returned to the owner, on request, after it has been invalidated, if the postage is paid for. Please contact our Administration Office for details.

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 these Notes for Guidance and apply on the Sport Horse Register application form, available on our website at www.idhsqb.org.uk
- A covering certificate from an official Passport Issuing Organisation is normally essential.
- DNA parentage testing is not normally required for animals entering this register, but is recommended.
- The exception to this is Traditional Irish Draught Sport Horse (TSR) fillies that are eligible for Supplementary Grade-Up inspection. These fillies should always be DNA-tested on registration.
- Owners of Irish-bred horses now resident in the UK may well have applied for DNA parentage-testing because this is compulsory in Ireland. If that is the case, please send evidence of testing to our passport office and we will include this information in the passport.
- The owner is responsible for resolving any pedigree queries and producing evidence of appropriate pedigree.
- Foals out of AID mares by a RID, Class/Grade 1, Class/Grade 2, Class/Grade 3 or Uninspected/Class 4 stallion will be registered in the Main Studbook (Breed Register) and not on the Sport Horse Register.
- Irish Sport Horse mares and geldings are shown in part-bred breeding (in-hand) classes and ridden classes.
- 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.
- **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.
- The Society cannot issue a passport to a horse that was born and still resides outside the UK.

In 2022, DAFM and Defra agreed a protocol which enables the IDHS (GB) to update passports issued by Horse Sport Ireland, provided that the horse, even though born in Ireland, now lives in the UK. We can carry out the following updates:

- Naming a previously un-named animal
- adding a microchip number
- transfers of ownership
- over stamping
- updating foal identity papers once the DNA results are available
- issuing a duplicate passport when the original is lost, damaged or destroyed.

Categories within the Irish Draught Horse Society (GB) Sport Horse Register

The Irish Draught Horse Society (GB) has a Sport Horse Register which provides a place for the registration of part-bred animals with documented Irish Draught ancestry. This register, unlike the Irish Draught Breed Register, is independent of any other organisation. The Sport Horse Register was last reviewed and updated in 2014. The following rules came into effect for all animals born in or after 2015.

- The Sport Horse Register is divided into three categories (please see below).
- To register a sport horse foal, you will need a sport horse application form, marking chart and a covering certificate from an official Passport Issuing Organisation. Our forms are available on our website at www.idhsqb.org.uk. This is the minimum requirement.
- DNA parentage testing is optional for most animals entering this register, but there are two exceptions:
 - To demonstrate pedigree that cannot be proven any other way, e.g. there is a very good reason why there is no covering certificate and there is no reasonable likelihood of obtaining one; for example, because the stallion owner is seriously ill or is deceased;
 - Fillies or mares eligible for the Supplementary Grade-Up Register inspection should be DNA-tested on registration. If this is not done, they must be DNA-tested prior to inspection.
- The foal's owner is responsible for producing evidence of appropriate pedigree on the non-Irish Draught side, as we will not have access to this information unless the horse concerned is recorded on the members' Grassroots database.
- Animals eligible for the ID Sport Horse Register must *never* be given identity-only passports unless the pedigree cannot be verified. If you have a sport horse which has been issued with a utility passport and you wish to upgrade it to a sport horse passport, please contact the Administration Office for advice.
- 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 for TSR or SPR.
- Please be aware that our Society does not have the exact equivalent sport horse registration categories as Ireland. Their Sport Horse registration rules do not apply to our Society, and vice versa.
- The Society is not permitted by law to issue passports to any horse that was born **and still resides** outside the UK.
- Owners do not need to be members to register a sport horse, but they are most welcome to join the Society to achieve membership benefits and reduced registration fees.
- Full information about passport services is on our website at www.idhsqb.org.uk or is available from our passport office.

There are three categories within the Irish Draught Horse Society (GB) Sport Horse Register:

1. Traditional Irish Draught Sport Horse (TSR)

- This is an elite register for male and female horses whose parents and grandparents (as a minimum) have 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 *fully documented* Thoroughbred, Connemara or Traditional Irish Sport Horse.
- The definition of a 'Traditional Irish Sport Horse' is an animal with *fully 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). For more information on Supplementary Grade-Up, please see the rules for the Irish Draught Horse Breed Register.
- Supplementary Grade-Up 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. They are eligible for Merit Awards and to be inspected for a possible Hornby Premium.
- 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.
- Unlike TSR, the Irish Draught element does not have to be inspected and graded, so if your sport horse foal is by an uninspected Irish Draught stallion out of a mare from any other breed, this is where the foal will be registered.
- The non-Irish Draught portion may be any breed, for example, Warmblood, Arab, Iberian breeds, native horse and pony breeds.
- Animals eligible for this register will have 'Irish Draught Sport Horse' recorded on their passports. They are not eligible for Hornby Premium inspections.

Irish Draught Part-Bred (PBR)

- This register is solely for the progeny of SHR and TSR animals, where the foal is *less than* 25% documented Irish Draught.
- There is no minimum pedigree requirement and the Irish Draught element does not have to be inspected and graded.
- 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 'historical' 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).
- AID and other sport horse mares can be linear profiled if their owners so wish. Linear profiling may assist owners in making breeding decisions.

Showing Irish Draught Sport Horses

- TSR, SPR and PBR horses must be shown in Sport Horse Classes.
- AID mares and geldings are shown in purebred classes alongside Breed Register/Main Studbook mares.
- AID mares as well as half-bred (Class 1/RID X General Studbook TB) mares are eligible for Hornby Premium inspection.
- SID mares, plus Sport horse fillies and mares that are eligible for inspection for Supplementary Grade-Up, but have not yet been inspected, must be shown in Sport Horse classes.
- Supplementary Grade-Up mares (*post- inspection*) must be shown in purebred classes, because this grade cross-registers them in the Main Studbook/Breed Register.

Sport horse inspections

- Sport horse and Irish Draught stallion inspections are held each year. Dates are determined by the Council and will be publicised on our website and in the newsletters.

- Sport horse stallion inspections are open to **ridden** 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 Management Team: email inspections@idhs.gb.org.uk
- Stallions for sport horse inspection can be registered with another passport-issuing organisation, but must be over-stamped by us and their owners must be members of the IDHS (GB) prior to inspection.
- *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*.
- 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 Irish Draught mares with the same minimum scores required to meet the inspection criteria: conformation (70), type (65) and movement (70) (athleticism assessment is optional).
- Other sport horse mares can be linear-profiled on request, for the owner's information purposes only.

Colt foals which have been gelded:

- Please notify the Society when your colt is castrated, with an email or certificate from your vet to confirm this.

DNA:

- A DNA sample, if required, must be taken and verified by a veterinary surgeon.
- DNA kits are available from our Administrator or from our passport administrators. Further information about DNA is available on our DNA information sheet on the website.

Covering certificates:

- A valid covering certificate must be submitted with the registration. You must obtain this from the stallion owner.
- Stallion owners can apply to the office for covering certificates, which cost £4 each.
- If you do not have a covering certificate because you, as the breeder of the foal, are in dispute with the stallion owner, this must be resolved between parties prior to registration. The Society will not get involved in any personal or business disputes.
- If you have lost your covering certificate, the stallion owner and/or the Office may have a copy.

Central Prefix Register:

- Breeders can apply to register a prefix. This is managed by an external body, the Central Prefix Register.
- Central Prefix Register rules must be followed at all times regarding the use of prefixes: [Central Prefix Register](#)
- Application forms for registering/extending a Prefix are available to download from the website at www.idhs.gb.org.uk
- Breeders and owners may not register any horse using a prefix registered to another breeder; this includes using another breeder's prefix as part of the horse's name (e.g. *your prefix* followed by *another prefix* is not an acceptable name).
- Breeders and owners may not register or name a horse bred by someone else, using their own prefix or any variation of it (this includes horses purchased in Ireland that have been named there)
- Breeders and owners may not register a horse with this Society, using their own prefix that is registered with another PIO, but not with this Society. Contact the Central Prefix Register for advice.

Completed documentation should be sent to:

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

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

Please note that registration and all other fees are reviewed annually, usually in October. If you are using an old application form, please check the current list of fees before submitting your application, or print off a current form.

You are strongly advised to photocopy all important documents, i.e. the identity diagram and covering certificate before posting. It is also advisable to obtain proof of posting.