



## **Irish Draught Sport Horse/Partbred Stallion Inspections: Terms and Conditions of Inspection and Guidance notes for 2025**

**Date: Wednesday 23 April 2025**

**Venue: Warwickshire College, Moreton Morrell, Warwick CV35 9BP**

**Closing date for applications: 15 February 2025.**

Please read this carefully before applying to have your stallion inspected.

If you have any questions about the inspection procedures, please contact the Inspection Management Team at [inspections@idhsqb.org.uk](mailto:inspections@idhsqb.org.uk)

If you are entering an **Irish Draught stallion** for inspection, you are reading the wrong guidance! Please use the separate guidance and application form for this purpose.

### **Reciprocity**

**The inspections of Irish Draught Sport Horse and Partbred stallions have always been operated independently of the parent body in Ireland.** They were never subject to the 2011 Harmonisation Agreement relating to Irish Draught stallions.

Therefore, if you live in Ireland and are thinking of sending a Sport Horse stallion to Great Britain to be inspected, please bear in mind that our Sport Horse inspection protocol is **not** recognised in Ireland.

We strongly recommend that owners check with the Inspection Management Team on the email address above that the stallion is eligible to be inspected with our Society before you embark on the veterinary process.

### **Eligibility**

**Sport Horse/Part-bred stallions must have a minimum of 25% documented Irish Draught pedigree** to be eligible for inspection. The remaining part of the pedigree can comprise any other recognised breed. A photocopy of the pedigree page of the passport must be submitted with the application.

**Stallions for inspection must be formally named.** If you have an un-named Irish-bred stallion, the passport must be returned to Horse Sport Ireland in good time (currently this requires several months) in order to have it processed before the inspection.

**Stallions must be in the correct ownership.** This function can be carried out by our passport office in Cumbria.

Stallions for inspection must be either **registered with the IDHS (GB)** or, if registered with another passport-issuing organisation, their passport must be **overstamped by our Society**.

**Owners of Sport Horse stallions with identity-only passports** must apply for a pedigree-based passport prior to applying for inspection. To do this with the IDHS (GB), owners will require an official covering certificate as a minimum.

**DNA parentage-testing** may be required (e.g. if the covering certificate is not available) and will definitely be required for all stallions forward for inspection.

**Passports must be with the animal on the day of the inspection** and presented to the administration team at check-in.

### **Pre-Inspection veterinary requirements for Sport Horse/Part-bred stallions:**

The horse is examined by a vet who sees equines as part of their normal practice. The vet should be asked to carry out the pre-inspection vetting including endoscopy, complete the report form (this forms part of your application) and if applicable, take the x-rays.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT X-RAYS ARE OPTIONAL FOR SPORT HORSE AND PART-BRED STALLIONS.**

The vet also takes samples for WFFS, EVA, EIA and CEM testing. The resulting health certificates also form part of the application.

The stallion will also undergo a full clinical veterinary examination on the day of inspection.

**Please note that the owner is responsible for all veterinary costs prior to and after the inspection.**

**Your inspection fee** covers veterinary examination related to the inspection on the day, but not any additional procedures, e.g. if the animal becomes unwell and requires treatment, or needs to be referred for further investigation of a problem identified during the vetting on the day of inspection .

Once you have read the guidance notes, if you have any remaining questions, please email [inspections@idhsqb.org.uk](mailto:inspections@idhsqb.org.uk)

### **Optional radiographs**

If you decide to submit radiographs, please download the pre-inspection Veterinary report and x-ray list and discuss the examination with your vet. Procedural advice can be sought from the Inspection Management team at [inspections@idhsqb.org.uk](mailto:inspections@idhsqb.org.uk).

If applying for a three year old colt's inspection, please do not have your horse x-rayed before 1 January 2025. This is because he cannot be x-rayed before he is officially three years old.

If you decide to submit X-rays, they must be submitted in time to be read by our Panel **within six months** of being taken. Sometimes there is an issue with the images themselves, so you need to allow enough time for them to be repeated if necessary.

**Any stallions** being re-presented for inspection the following or any subsequent year can carry any x-rays forward. They will, however, need to have their pre-inspection vetting and endoscopy repeated.

### **Society rules for vaccinations:**

Please ensure that your stallion complies with the F.E.I. EQUINE INFLUENZA rules:

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

Moreton Morrell will NOT admit unvaccinated horses to the site. If vaccines are not recorded on the passport, there is no evidence that the horse has received them.

If the horse is new to you and he has not been vaccinated, you will need to start him on the programme. If he has been vaccinated but the vaccinations are not recorded in the passport, ask your vet to update the document from his or her records. Every year, horses come forward for inspection with incomplete vaccination records. Because of this, we ask you to check this before you apply.

**The requirement in 2024 for the first three vaccinations was as follows:**

<b>Vaccination</b>	<b>Protocol</b>	<b>Eligibility to enter venue</b>
<b>Primary course</b>	Initial vaccination (V1): Day 0  Second vaccination (V2): Day 21 – 60	Cannot come to venue or compete  Can come to venue so long as the second dose was not given within seven days of the event
<b>First booster</b>	Within six months and 21 days of V2	Horses <b>must</b> have been vaccinated to comply with the requirements for the Primary Course.
<b>Subsequent boosters</b>	Minimum: within one year of previous booster	Horses <b>must</b> have been vaccinated to comply with the requirements for the Primary Course, First Booster and all subsequent boosters.
<b>Competing</b>	Within six months and 21 days of previous booster	Horses <b>can</b> compete for up to 6 months +21 days after V3, however they <b>cannot</b> compete if they have been vaccinated within 7 days of arriving at an event venue.

This rule may therefore be subject to change, in line with further anticipated guidance from the FEI/BEF.

Reference: [Vaccinations | FEI](#)

**Stables may be booked through the Inspection Management Team.**

This is not essential at the time of the application, but it helps. You can submit this any time up to seven days prior to the inspection.

Shavings (only) may be brought to the site. Extra bedding may be purchased direct from Moreton Morrell and must be paid for by the owner.

Stable costs: £42.00 per stable per night.

Day stable: 8am – 5pm: £22.00

Returnable deposit (if stable clean): £20.

*This will be repaid by BACS or cheque after the inspection, provided the stable is left clean and tidy. Please cooperate with this. Our volunteers do not have time to muck out stables. This service is not included in the inspection fee.*

**Stables must be left clean and any bedding left up around the stable sides.** Stables which are left dirty after departure will forfeit the deposit.

## Presentation

All stallions are expected to be presented at show standard and must be sufficiently trained and fit to take part in all aspects of the selection. The stallion should be in good (not fat) bodily condition, be well groomed and have well-maintained hooves.

## Check In

All owners must report to one of the inspection administrators upon arrival at the centre in order to check in. You must check in not later than one hour before your scheduled veterinary time.

At this time, all owners must present the stallion's passport and sign the disclaimer forms, retaining one copy. We retain the passport for the duration of the inspection. The passport is stamped with the inspection grade and returned to you before you leave.

**Please note stallions that have not been checked in cannot be presented at the first stage of the vetting and inspection, even if they are running late.**

The Inspection Management Team will not change the order in which horses are inspected unless someone does not arrive on time. Owners will have the opportunity to request a different time when they receive the timetable.

## Familiarisation with the Jumping Pen

The jumping pen will be available to stallion owners to walk down (with poles on the ground) between the hours of 17.00 – 18.00 on the evening before the stallion inspections. Stallions will be allowed to receive a five-minute familiarisation period in the lane.

Jumping is not permitted during the familiarisation period.

Only one handler and stallion may enter the indoor school at a time. This will be strictly monitored and will be available on a first come, first served basis. This facility must be pre-booked with the administration team on [inspections@idhsgb.org.uk](mailto:inspections@idhsgb.org.uk)

If you have not been able to introduce your stallion to the lane the night before the inspection, there will be a second opportunity to access the lane between 07.30 and 08.00 on the day of the inspection.

Again, must be pre booked. At least one official must be present to ensure safe passage of all animals.

Please note that we use plastic building site tape to mark out the jumping lane, so it would be a good idea to get your stallion used to this before the inspection.

## Inspection Panel

The inspection panel will consist of three senior inspectors (including the Chairperson) with the knowledge, training and experience to produce a linear profile sheet and a set of overall scores for each stallion from their collective deliberations.

The Inspection Management Team makes sure that there is no potential conflict of interest. If there is a known connection, another inspector will be substituted to inspect that particular horse.

For security reasons, it is our policy not to announce the inspectors' names in public prior to the timetable being issued. The inspectors and the vet are supported by experienced administrators who process passports, ensure that the day runs on time, photograph the horses for the official inspection record,

record the outcome of the veterinary examination and the linear profile and check that everything is correct before the results are announced.

Any procedural queries must be directed to the inspection managers and administrators, not to the inspectors.

**The inspection will include the following elements:**

1. Veterinary examination
2. Conformation assessment
3. In-hand gait assessment on a hard surface and in an indoor arena
4. Free gait assessment in jumping pen
5. Athleticism/jumping assessment in jumping pen.

**Veterinary Examination**

On arrival at the veterinary examination the identification of the stallion will be checked by comparing the stallion's markings to the markings on its passport. The stallion will also be scanned to confirm its microchip number.

If the microchip cannot be found, a DNA sample will be taken.

**Measurements** (height, bone and girth) will be taken during the veterinary examination and will be considered to be the official measurements of the stallion for classification and studbook purposes.

Stallions that are entered for the Stallion Inspections are subject to the FEI Anti-Doping and Equine Controlled Medication rules. Blood and urine samples may be taken from your stallion for this purpose.

**Stallions will undergo a full five-stage veterinary examination** by a veterinary surgeon appointed by IDHS (GB). The examination will consist of the following:

**Stage 1.** Preliminary examination: The preliminary examination involves overall visual and palpable observations of the animal presented. The heart and lungs are auscultated at rest.

**Stage 2.** Gait assessment & Trotting up: This includes co-ordination testing such as tight circling and reversing, trotting on loosened rein both before and after flexion of the individual limbs.

**Stage 3.** Strenuous exercise: Lungeing on lead at a working canter to assess wind and heart function. Heart & lungs auscultated on pull-up.

**Stage 4:** A period of rest: Recovery and management of stress associated with stage 3 can facilitate eye examination as pupillary dilation has occurred during exercise. Final heart auscultation.

**Stage 5.** The second trot and foot examination: Assessing maintenance of soundness as follow-on from the previous stages.

**Conformation Assessment**

Handlers must present stallions to the inspectors in the indoor arena for their conformation assessment using linear scoring. Stallions must be able to stand correctly and quietly in order for the inspectors to make their assessment. No boots or leg wraps of any description are permitted at this stage of selection.

The linear score sheet for Irish Draught Sport Horse inspection includes conformation, movement and athleticism traits. There is no assessment for type because this varies according to the breeds in the pedigree.

### **In-hand gait assessment on a hard surface and in the indoor arena**

The stallion will be required to stand for a visual inspection on a hard surface. When requested, the handler will walk the horse away from the inspection panel, around the marker and return to the panel. The handler will then repeat the process in trot, however, in trot the stallion should continue to trot past the inspection panel.

### **Free gait assessment in jumping**

Handlers must lead the stallion in walk in a figure of eight around the two diamond shaped markers in the indoor arena. The handlers must then safely release the stallion and stand in one of the diamond shaped markers.

A trained arena team will be on hand to direct the stallion through its free gait, athleticism and jumping assessment.

Stallions will be shown loose on both reins in trot and canter. The jumping lane will be opened once the stallion's free gaits have been assessed. The stallion will be guided down the lane by the arena team for the free athleticism/jumping assessment.

All owners/handlers are given the option of catching and releasing their stallion between each jumping effort during the loose jumping element of the inspection.

### **Free athleticism assessment in jumping lane**

Each stallion will normally be required to jump through the jumping lane at least six times. The jumping lane consists of three fences. The inspection 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 old Sport Horse stallions will be 1.10m.

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

*Note:* Stallions are permitted to wear front tendon boots for the free gait assessment or the free athleticism/jumping assessment. If, in the opinion of the inspection panel, the movement of the horse is affected in any way, the selection panel reserve the right to request the removal of the front boots.

The use of boots/bandages on the hind legs is not permitted.

The elements of the inspection may not necessarily be carried out in the same order as they are outlined above.

The IDHS (GB) reserves the right to terminate any inspection for health and safety reasons. For example, stallions that are unfit or insufficiently prepared for jumping may not (at the inspectors' discretion) be allowed to continue on welfare grounds.

Any offensive conduct towards officials or staff at the venue will not be tolerated and may result in termination of the stallion's inspection and/or an instruction for the individual concerned to leave the site. Owners and other applicants sign a Disclaimer on the day agreeing to this condition.

### **Linear profile and upper beam scores**

To achieve Grade 1, the stallion is required to achieve the following minimum scores:

Conformation: 70, Movement: 70, Athleticism: 75.

*(Please note that the minimum upper beam score for movement is 5 points higher than in Ireland).*

### **Classification after the inspection**

Sport Horse/Part-bred stallions will be classified according to the table below:

Passed veterinary examination and met all the inspection requirements	Grade 1	If the stallion has acceptable x-rays, this will be noted on his listing in the Yearbook and on our website with the letters 'XR' after his grade.
Passed veterinary examination but did not meet all the inspection requirements	Grade 2	If the stallion has acceptable x-rays, this will be noted on his listing in the Yearbook and on our website with the letters 'XR' after his grade.
Failed to meet veterinary requirements	Grade 3	The stallion will not be publicised in the Yearbook and on the website, regardless of his x-ray status.

**Sport Horse stallions which achieve Grade 1** (including our existing Sport Horse stallions) will be entitled to achieve **Star Awards for performance** in open competition. The precise details will be announced in due course, but will be similar to the Merit system for Irish Draught stallions.

Retrospective results will be taken into consideration. All results must be in **affiliated disciplines** so that they can be objectively verified. Please see our Merit Awards page on the website.

### **Inspection results**

The provisional results of the inspection in terms of the classification awarded will be announced publicly on the day along with a brief synopsis explaining the inspection panel's decision. The stallion owner and handler will be informed in the arena shortly before the public announcement.

We ask our inspectors NOT to announce the upper beam scores, because at that stage the inspection paperwork has not been checked by the Inspection Management Team.

For this reason, administrators do not show owners and producers the linear profile. Owners will receive a full typed report after the inspection results have been verified (see below).

### **After the inspection**

The Inspection Management Team checks the stallion's paperwork to ensure that it is complete and complies with the inspection rules.

Unless there is a veterinary referral or the inspection cannot be completed for some other reason, the passport will be stamped with your horse's inspection grade and returned to you on the day.

You can have your passport back as soon as this has been done. If you are not in the immediate vicinity of the administration table, it will be placed in the stallion's file to await your return.

Inspection files are confidential. Please ask an administrator or the inspection manager to locate the passport for you before you leave. It is the owner or handler's responsibility to ensure that they do not travel without the passport.

Inspection Management Team members prepare bar charts and reports on all the animals forward for inspection. This can take two to four weeks to complete, depending on numbers forward. These are emailed to the owner. The inspection report includes a bar chart, the veterinary report and the inspection team's comments.

Mare owners also have bar charts for their inspected mares. They can compare stallions' bar charts to inform their future breeding decisions.

### **Inspection appeal procedures**

Owners who are not satisfied with the results of the inspection will be given the opportunity to represent the stallion for one repeat inspection, under a different inspection team and administrator, at a future date.

In addition to the opportunity for one re-inspection (the current fee for which is £450 inc VAT), the owner may appeal in writing within 28 days of their inspection date.

Any appeal will be held at the next available suitable inspection venue and will involve a different inspection team. To reflect the significant cost of making these arrangements, the fee for an appeal is currently £1500 inc VAT.

### **Veterinary Examination Appeal**

Owners of stallions that do not meet the requirements of the veterinary examination on the day can appeal the results of the examination, providing that they apply in writing to the Inspection Management team manager within 28 days of the veterinary examination.

The stallion will have to be re-examined by a mutually agreed specialist for a second opinion.

The examination will only be carried out in respect of the condition for which the stallion was failed at the initial inspection.

The cost of the examination must be borne by the owner of the stallion. The decision of the appeal vet is final.

### **Health and Safety**

This event is supported by a full and detailed risk assessment. Health and safety is the responsibility of all of us. Anything to do with horses is inherently hazardous and we cannot eliminate all risk. If you see any particularly risky situations developing, please report them to one of the administrators, stewards or the stable manager.

If anyone needs first aid, please report to any official on site on the day. For any significant medical incident, it is our policy to request external medical support.

**Stallion handlers:** must be aged 18 years or over and must be physically fit and strong enough to handle the stallion safely in public.

Stallion owners and handlers must have all the necessary equipment (i.e. tack, lunge whips, lunge lines, etc.) at the inspection. Handlers are required to wear clothing appropriate to showing. Comfortable footwear must be worn in order to present the animal correctly. Protective headgear is strongly encouraged for those handling stallions on the ground.



In cases where an owner has more than one horse on the premises, sufficient handlers must be on site to cater for each animal. If there are very few stallion entries it may not be logistically possible to separate stallion vetting times by more than one horse. If you have two stallions forward, we will do our best with the timetabling, but you may need an additional person to hold one animal for the vet while the other is being inspected.

**Babies and children under 16 years are not allowed in the stable and trot up areas under any circumstances.** Failure to adhere to this rule will be regarded as a potential safeguarding issue.

If you are bringing a young child to the inspection, please also bring an adult who can help you take care of them in a safe location if you need to be involved with the stallion.

**Dogs** can come on site (on a short lead), but not in the stable, arena and trot up areas. Dog waste must be cleaned up immediately.

## **Mares!**

Please be aware that there are mare inspections at the same venue later on the same day. This is necessary in order to make up numbers and keep our inspections viable for all. There are also mares on site for other purposes outside our control, e.g. students' horses and liveries.

The mares will be inspected after the stallions and will be stabled separately. There are clear rules regarding movement around the site and a one-way system is in operation at all times, to avoid stallions coming into contact with other horses. Please listen to the stewards, who are there to help keep everyone safe.

## **Photographs:**

- An administrator will take photographs of your stallion: both sides, front view and rear view. These form part of the record of your stallion's inspection.
- **1st Class Images** will be available to take professional photographs, which you can purchase direct from them.
- The stallion must be stood up correctly with all four limbs fully engaged (i.e. not resting a foot) and should show the horse to his best advantage. The stance should be open, so that three or four legs can be seen from the side.
- If you wish to use photographs for publicity purposes, please ask the photographer's permission and always credit each use.

## **Use of public photos and video taken at the inspections**

In the interests of confidentiality, owners are asked not to video or audio-record in other people's horses from any location other than the public gallery. Recording veterinary and inspection officials' deliberations is strictly prohibited.

Posting video recordings of other people's stallions on the Society's Facebook Forum is prohibited unless the person concerned has the owner's permission in writing. We have no jurisdiction over other sites.

## **Publicity on the web site**

**All inspected Irish Draught and ID Sport Horse stallions standing at public stud** in Great Britain will be listed in the IDHS (GB) Yearbook stallion listings and on the Stallions at Stud page on the website, unless their owners ask us not to publicise them, or if they have been gelded.

Owners of newly-inspected stallions must inform the inspection management team whether or not they intend to stand their stallion at stud, so that he can be listed in the Yearbook. The Yearbook deadline is 15 November.

If you wish your stallion to be publicised with a photograph on our website, a modified version of his inspection report will be made available as a download on the site. Owners may if they wish supply their own photograph, but measurements used will be those taken on inspection day. This applies to all stallions.

Please note that stallion owners sign a statement on their application forms to agree that this information will be made public if they choose to stand their stallion at stud.

We send our inspection results annually to Horse Sport Ireland, based in the European Union. For data protection reasons, we have to inform our members that this data includes the names of the stallions' owners in line with our Data Protection policy.

### Visiting Moreton Morrell: accommodation

The inspection management team does not book accommodation for owners and other connections. Try the following price comparison sites:

<https://www.booking.com/>  
<https://www.expedia.co.uk/>  
<https://www.trivago.co.uk/>

### Refreshments

There are no public refreshment facilities. Members of the public and stallion owners/connections are advised to bring food and drink with them.

## HOW TO APPLY:

**Checklist 1: the following must be in place at the time of your application.**

Requirement	How to find further information	Tick
You must be a full or joint member of the IDHS (GB).	Membership application forms and payment facility are available online at <a href="http://www.idhsgb.org.uk">www.idhsgb.org.uk</a>	
Your horse has been officially 'named' on his passport	<b>All passports must be brought to the inspection venue on the day.</b> Irish-bred horses which require naming must have their passports sent to Horse Sport Ireland in good time. Please allow several months.  Please photocopy (not photograph) your passport <b>x 2</b> before sending it away. You will need one photocopy to accompany your application (see below) and the other one to keep.	
Your horse is in the correct ownership	Transfer of ownership forms are on our website. You may pay online for this service. Transfers may be done by our own passport office in Cumbria (details below), or by Horse Sport Ireland.	
The passport must be overstamped by the IDHS (GB) if it was issued by Horse Sport Ireland or any other organisation.	Our overstamping form and payment facility are available online.  <i>For overstamping and transfers, please send the passport and forms to:</i>  IDHS (GB), Holme House, The Dale, Ainstable, Carlisle CA4 9RH	

	<p>Email <a href="mailto:passports@idhsqb.org.uk">passports@idhsqb.org.uk</a> Tel. 01768 870523 (Available 9-00am to 5-00pm Monday – Friday)</p> <p>This office will also help you with your membership or general enquiries: <a href="mailto:admin@idhsqb.org.uk">admin@idhsqb.org.uk</a></p>	
Download and print the application form, guidance notes and pre-inspection veterinary report form.	All are available on our website. If you don't have a printer and cannot ask anyone else to print them for you, please contact our office as above, and ask for them to be posted to you. It will not be possible to read everything properly and see the arena diagram on a phone.	
Email the inspection management team on <a href="mailto:inspections@idhsqb.org.uk">inspections@idhsqb.org.uk</a>	<p>Although the closing date is 15 February, it is extremely helpful if you email our team to let us know about your intention to apply, so that we have some idea of numbers and can update you with our inspection news.</p> <p>Please include your contact details and the horse's registered name.</p>	
<p>Speak with your vet and show them the pre-inspection veterinary report form.</p> <p>If you have chosen to submit X-rays, show them the X-ray list.</p>	<p>The examining vet must be an experienced practitioner who normally sees equines as part of their practice.</p> <p>Most stallion owners request a quote for the veterinary work prior to booking the stallion in for this to be done.</p> <p><b>If you are having radiographs done:</b></p> <p>It is a good idea to check whether the vet requires your stallion to be brought to the practice for radiographs. This will depend on the equipment that they have at their disposal and other factors.</p> <p>The arrangements made should take into account that any radiographs which lack clarity will have to be repeated, so having them done at home could be a more expensive exercise in the long run.</p>	
Book your stallion's veterinary examination appointment.	<p>The booking should be made well in advance, but please do NOT x-ray two year olds. They cannot be x-rayed until after 1 January of the year in which they will be three.</p> <p>This will comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-inspection veterinary examination</li> <li>• Endoscopy, using the Geoff Lane scoring system</li> <li>• OPTIONAL: set of 16 x-ray views, as per the list of requirements on the form (<i>see note above if your colt is rising three</i>)</li> <li>• CEM, EVA and EIA certificates (<i>from 1 January 2025 onwards</i>)</li> <li>• Warmblood Fragile Foal Syndrome one-off genetic test</li> </ul>	
Ask your vet to check the stallion's vaccination status	<p>Your horse will not be permitted to come to the inspection venue unless he is vaccinated to FEI guidelines and his vaccinations are recorded in his passport.</p> <p>Please see below for details of vaccination requirements as at 31 October 2024.</p>	

### Checklist 2: before you submit your completed application:

Requirement	Notes	Tick
Completed and signed application form	Please do not send photocopies or photographs of the form, send the original.	
Inspection fee	<p>£450 inc VAT for Sport Horse stallions with no x-ray submission.</p> <p>£600 inc. VAT for Irish Draught stallions and for Sport Horse stallions whose owners are submitting x-rays.</p>	

	<p><i>£150 of this fee is non-returnable once the x-rays have been submitted to the Panel.</i></p> <p>Payment options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The fees for inspection, membership and stabling can be paid securely online at <a href="http://www.idhsqb.org.uk">www.idhsqb.org.uk</a></li> <li>• You may pay by phoning our office in Cumbria, using your card</li> <li>• You may pay by BACS:</li> </ul> <p>Barclays Bank: Sort Code: 20-03-18, Account: 00700487. If paying by BACS, your surname plus 'Stallion' as the reference – e.g. 'Bloggs Stallion'.</p>	
<b>OPTIONAL</b> X-rays as specified on the pre-inspection veterinary report form	<p>X-rays must be labelled clearly.</p> <p>They must be saved digitally and emailed, or sent via a link to <a href="mailto:inspections@idhsqb.org.uk">inspections@idhsqb.org.uk</a> not later than 15 February 2025.</p> <p>Please note that x-rays will not be submitted to our Panel until the full inspection fee is submitted.</p>	
Pre-inspection veterinary report	Some vets prefer to email the veterinary report direct to the inspections mailbox.	
For those with passports from other PIOs	<p>A clear photocopy (<b>not a photograph</b>) of the following passport pages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedigree</li> <li>• Marking chart</li> <li>• Certificate of Origin</li> <li>• Zootechnical certificate</li> <li>• Ownership page</li> <li>• Vaccinations page.</li> </ul>	
Clean health certificates for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEM</li> <li>• EVA</li> <li>• EIA</li> </ul>	If these are not available to the owner on the closing date, they are the <b>ONLY</b> item which may be submitted later. They must be in place before the day of inspection.	
Certificate to show that the animal is clear of Warmblood Fragile Foal Syndrome	This is a one-off genetic test which is done from a mane or tail hair sample, taken by your vet and submitted to a suitable laboratory. The choice of laboratory is up to the owner and their vet.	
Performance data for your stallion	<p>There is space on the application form for this information, which will be shared with the inspection team.</p> <p>Please use additional pages and attach them to the application form if there is insufficient space on the form.</p>	
Stable booking form	<p>This is not essential at the time of the application, but it helps us. You can submit this any time up to seven days prior to the inspection.</p> <p>Stable costs: Stabling: £42.00 per night. Day stable 8am – 5pm: £22.00 Returnable deposit (if stable clean): £20</p>	

**How to apply:**

**Please submit all paper documentation to:**

**Inspection Management Team, c/o Middle Munty Farm, Churchstanton, Taunton, TA3 7RH**

**Tel.: 01823 601625 Email: [inspections@idhsqb.org.uk](mailto:inspections@idhsqb.org.uk)**

**by the closing date, which this year is **15 February 2025**.**

**Late applications will not be accepted. If you do not have all of the required documentation by the closing date, please contact the team for advice.**

### **What happens when the application is received?**

Your application form will be acknowledged by personal email. If you pay online, there is an automated acknowledgement.

The Inspection Management Team will then keep in touch with email updates. We may need to ring you to check that you have carried out the basic passport –related tasks needed before your stallion's inspection.

**If you don't have access to email, please ensure that you provide our team with an email address we can use. We do not post inspection information by surface mail.**

If you are submitting x-rays, these will be sent to our radiograph panel with basic information about the stallion (owner, stallion age, name, breed). The panel of three distinguished radiograph specialists will read the x-rays and report back to the inspection administration team.

We will contact you by email when the outcome of your stallion's x-rays is known. If there is an issue with the x-rays, we will phone you to explain the situation with you.

If you have any questions, please contact the inspection management team on [inspections@idhsgb.org.uk](mailto:inspections@idhsgb.org.uk)

### **APPENDIX 1: ARENA AND JUMPING LANE**

**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.

The size of the indoor arena at Moreton Morrell is 60m x 23m. The inspectors and administrator will be in the arena, as will the arena team comprising five or six people.

Each stallion or mare (athleticism assessment is voluntary for mares) will be required to jump through the jumping lane. The jumping lane consists of three fences and a placing pole in front of the first fence.

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. The maximum height of the fences for 3-year-old Irish Draughts will be 1.00 metre.

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.

Coloured jump poles are used. The sides of the lane will be jump stands, poles and plastic tape.

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.

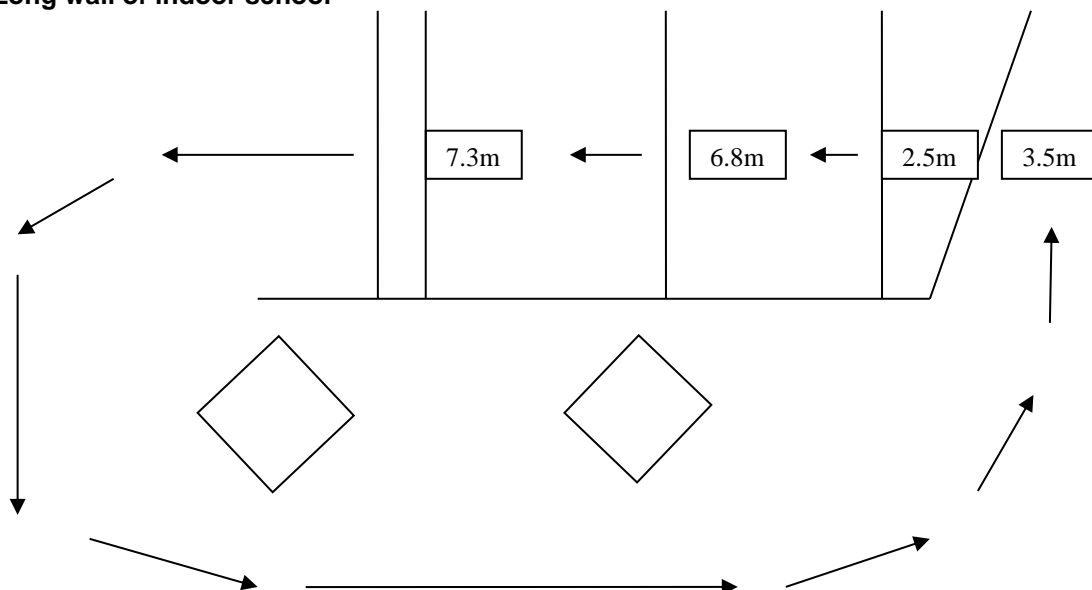
The owner or handler stands in the left hand diamond and the inspection team in the right hand diamond on the diagram below.

### **Athleticism Assessment under Saddle**

The owners of stallions and mares that are four 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.

There will be an additional charge made to cover the cost of hiring show jumps for stallions and mares whose owners wish to demonstrate athleticism over a course.

### Long wall of indoor school



	Height of 1st fence	Height of 2nd fence	Height of 3rd fence (oxer)
Jumping effort 1	0.90m	0.90m	0.90m front pole 0.95 back pole 0.90 wide
Jumping effort 2	1.0m	1.0m	0.95m front pole 1.00 back pole 1.00 wide
Jumping effort 3	1.0m	1.0m	1.0m front pole 1.05 back pole 1.05 wide
Jumping effort 4	1.0m	1.0m	1.05m front pole 1.10m back pole 1.05m width

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