Irish Draught Horse Society (GB)

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Irish Draught Sport Horse/Partbred Stallion Inspections: Terms and Conditions and Guidance 2026

- **Date of inspection: 1 April 2026**
- **Venue: Warwickshire College, Moreton Morrell, Warwick CV35 9BP**
- **Closing date: 1 February 2026**

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

This document provides guidance to help owners submit an application for the inspection of an **Irish Draught Sport Horse colt or stallion** aged three years old and over for grading by our Society.

The inspections of Irish Draught Sport Horse and Partbred stallions have always been operated independently of the parent body in Ireland. Therefore, owners should be aware that our Irish Draught Sport Horse/Part-bred inspection protocol in Great Britain is **not** recognised in Ireland.

Eligibility

Sport Horse/Part-bred stallions must have a minimum of 25% documented Irish Draught pedigree to be eligible for inspection. The non-Irish Draught part of the pedigree can comprise any other documented breeding.

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.

If you have any questions about the inspection procedures, please contact the Inspection Management Team at inspections@idhsgb.org.uk

Pre-Inspection veterinary requirements

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.

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@idhsgb.org.uk

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@idhsgb.org.uk.

If applying for a three year old colt's inspection, please do not have your horse x-rayed before 1 January 2026. This is because he cannot be x-rayed before he is officially three years old.

X-rays 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 have their x-rays carried forward. They will, however, need to have their pre-inspection vetting and endoscopy repeated, and the full vetting on the day.

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 for the first three vaccinations was as follows:

Vaccination	Protocol	Eligibility to enter venue
Primary course	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
First booster	Within six months and 21 days of V2	Horses **must** have been vaccinated to comply with the requirements for the Primary Course.
Subsequent boosters	Minimum: within one year of previous booster	Horses **must** have been vaccinated to comply with the requirements for the Primary Course, First Booster and all subsequent boosters.
Competing	Within six months and 21 days of previous booster	Horses **can** compete for up to 6 months +21 days after V3, however they **cannot** 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.

Link: Vaccinations | FEI

Checklist 1: the following must be in place <u>at the time of your application</u>.

Requirement	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 www.idhsgb.org.uk	
Your horse must be officially 'named' on his passport	**All passports must be brought to the inspection venue on the day.** Irish-bred horses which require naming must have their passports sent to Horse Sport Ireland in good time. Please allow several weeks.	
Your horse must be 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. *For overstamping and transfers, please send the passport and forms to:* IDHS (GB), Holme House, The Dale, Ainstable, Carlisle CA4 9RH Email passports@idhsgb.org.uk Tel. 01768 870523 (Available 9-00am to 5-00pm Monday – Friday) This office will also help you with your membership or general enquiries: admin@idhsgb.org.uk	
Download application form	All forms are on our website. If you don't have a printer and cannot ask anyone else to print them for you, please contact our office (details above) and ask for them to be posted to you.	
Email the inspection management team on inspections@idhsgb.org.uk	The closing date is 1 February, but it would be extremely helpful if you email our team to let us know as soon as possible about your intention to apply. We can then update you with relevant information.	
Show your vet the pre-inspection veterinary report form and X-ray list.	The examining vet must be an experienced practitioner who normally sees equines as part of their practice. Any radiographic views which lack clarity will have to be repeated at the owner's expense.	
Book your stallion's veterinary examination appointment.	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. The pre inspection vetting comprises: • Pre-inspection veterinary examination • Endoscopy, using the Geoff Lane scoring system • A set of 16 x-rays views, as per the list of requirements on the form *(see note above if your colt is rising three)* • CEM, EVA and EIA certificates *(from 1 January 2026 onwards)* • Warmblood Fragile Foal Syndrome one-off genetic test	
Ask your vet to check the stallion's vaccination status	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.	

Once you have read the guidance notes, if you have any remaining questions, please email inspections@idhsgb.org.uk.

Checklist 2: <u>before you submit your completed application</u>:

Requirement	Notes	Tick
Completed and signed application form	Please do not send photocopies or photographs of the form, send the original.	
DNA parentage testing or SNP	All sport horses for inspection must have a DNA profile. All Irish-bred animals will already have this. British-bred animals must have DNA applied for at the time of the inspection. Sample bags are available from our office. The fee for this service is £55 for members.	
Inspection fee	£600 inc. VAT *£150 of this fee is non-returnable once the x-rays have been submitted to the Panel.* Payment options: • The fees for inspection, membership and stabling can be paid securely online at www.idhsgb.org.uk • You may pay by phoning our office in Cumbria, using your card • You may pay by BACS: Barclays Bank: Sort Code: 20-03-18, Account: 00700487. If paying by BACS, your surname plus 'Stallion' as the reference – e.g. 'Bloggs Stallion'.	
Ask your vet to email the X-rays, as specified on the pre-inspection veterinary report form	X-rays must be labelled clearly. They must be saved digitally and emailed, or sent via a link to inspections@idhsgb.org.uk not later than 1 February 2026. Please note that x-rays will not be submitted to our Panel until the full inspection fee is submitted.	
Pre-inspection veterinary report	Email the veterinary report direct to the inspections mailbox, with the x-rays.	
For those with HSI passports which are being posted to Ireland for naming or other updates (in case of delay in return).	A clear photocopy (**not a photograph**) of the following passport pages: • Pedigree • Marking chart • Certificate of Origin • Zootechnical certificate • Ownership page • Vaccinations page.	
Clean health certificates for: • CEM • EVA • EIA	If these are not available to the owner on the closing date, they are the ONLY 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. Results must be available at least four weeks before the inspection date.	
Performance data for your stallion	There is space on the application form for this information, which will be shared with the inspection team. Please use additional pages and attach them to the application form if there is insufficient space on the form.	
Stable booking email	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. Stabling: £48.00 per night. Day stable 8am – 5pm: £25.00 (Stables come with some bedding) Returnable deposit (if stable is left clean): £25	

How to apply:

Please either email the application or post to:

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

Tel.: 01823 601625 Email: inspections@idhsgb.org.uk

by the closing date: 1 February 2026.

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 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 forward your stallion's x-rays to our radiograph panel. The panel of three eminent 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 at this stage, please contact the inspection management team on inspections@idhsgb.org.uk

Please book your stable (if required) by emailing the Inspection Management Team

Please let us know when you intend to arrive and when you intend to leave.

Owners may bring shavings with them (not straw) and/or purchase extra shavings on site. All feed and hay must be supplied by the stallion owner. Stallion stable doors have anti-weave grilles. These must be used for health and safety reasons.

We charge a £25 deposit on booking each stable. This will be repaid either in cash after the inspection, or by BACS after the inspection. To receive your refund, the stable will be checked and must be found clean and tidy, as found. Please be aware that our volunteers do not have time to muck out stables, so your cooperation is much appreciated.

Payment for each stable must be made in advance using our online payment system plus the £25 'clean stable' deposit.

Preparation for your stallion's inspection

Please allow adequate time for your stallion's preparation.

About a month before the inspection, you will receive a timetable with your vetting and inspection times. Please let us know as soon as possible if there is a problem with your allocated times. Usually, stallions are inspected in the morning, mares in the afternoon. The precise times depend on numbers and genders of animals coming forward.

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.

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.
Please do not oil your stallion's limbs or feet, because this makes them slippery for the vet to handle.

Check In

All owners/producers must report to one of the inspection administrators (in the vetting area) upon arrival at the centre. 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.

The timetable is drawn up based on which horses have stayed overnight and are already on site, and the distance of travel. Owners will have the opportunity to request a different time when they receive the timetable.

On the day, the Inspection Management Team will not change the order in which horses are inspected unless there are unforeseen circumstances, for example a horse is lame on the day or someone does not arrive on time. This may be a horse scheduled before your stallion, so please arrive in good time.

Familiarisation with the Jumping Pen

The jumping pen will be available to stallion owners to walk down (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

If you choose not to come 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 under the same terms as above. Again, must be pre booked and an official must be present at the time 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. We do not use Heras panels.

Photographs

- **1st Class Images** will be available to take professional photographs, which you can purchase direct from them. One of our stewards will let you know when it is time for your stallion to be photographed.
- 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 purchase them from the photographer and follow their terms and conditions of use.

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 organisers, 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 and riders

Stallion handlers and riders must be aged 18 years or over and must be physically fit and strong enough to handle the stallion safely in public. This is for the protection of the handler, the inspection officials and all the horses and people present at the inspection centre.

Stallion owners and handlers must have all the necessary equipment (i.e. tack, lunge whips, lunge lines, etc.) at the inspection.

Protective headgear is a requirement for those handling stallions at the inspection, both in the vetting area and in the arena. Handlers are required to wear clothing appropriate to showing. Sturdy footwear must be worn and please bear in mind that you will have to run out at least twice, for the vet and then the inspectors.

Babies and children under 16 years

Please note that babies and children under 16 years are not allowed in the stable area under any circumstances. This is for safety reasons. If you are bringing a young child to the inspection, please also bring an adult who can help you take care of them if you need to be involved with the stallion.

Baby buggies are not permitted in the stables or trot-up areas.

There is no smoking on site (including vapes).

Dogs must be kept on a short lead at all times.

Mares

There will be mare inspections at the same venue. This is necessary in order to make 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 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.

Conduct

The IDHS (GB) reserves the right to terminate any inspection for heath and safely 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.

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, 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 further 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.

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.

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.

Free athleticism assessment in jumping lane

Please ensure that you prepare your horse according to the jumping lane dimensions in this document (see below).

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.

The maximum height of the fences for three year old Sport Horse colts 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.

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

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

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.

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.

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

Linear profile and upper beam scores

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

Conformation: 70, Movement: 65, Athleticism: 75.

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.

After the inspection

The Inspection Managers check the stallion's paperwork to ensure that it is complete and complies with our inspection rules.

Your stallion's passport will be stamped and signed on the 'Gradings' page by a trustee member of the inspection management team (provided that the inspection is complete). 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. We have no capacity to dismantle and rebuild passports, so if you require the passport to be amended throughout with the new classification, you will need to post it to our office in Cumbria.

The organisers try to return your passport to you as soon as possible. If we cannot find you, passports which have been stamped ready for collection will be in a blue box labelled 'passports for collection' on the administration table in the vetting area. Please ask us for the passport before you leave.

It is the owner or handler's responsibility to ensure that they collect their passport.

We 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 owners, starting with Grade 2 animals, as any decision to appeal is time-sensitive.

The inspection report includes a bar chart, the veterinary report and the inspection team's comments. Owners can use the bar chart and comments to inform their future breeding decisions.

If there is anything you do not understand about the inspection report and linear profile, please contact the inspection management team.

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 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.

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.

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 we are informed that 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.

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.

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

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

Use of public photos and video taken at the inspections

The IDHS (GB) has authorised 1st Class Images as our official photographers.

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 or the cordoned off area in front of the covered arena. Recording veterinary and inspection officials' deliberations is strictly prohibited.

The public gallery

There is a good public gallery at Moreton Morrell with plenty of seating and a clear view of the end of the arena.

Visitors and spectators are respectfully requested not to lean over the barrier or enter the surfaced part of the arena without invitation when horses are loose. Owners who are watching their horses from the gallery will be called in to receive feedback when the inspectors have concluded their assessment of the horse.

APPENDIX 1: ARENA AND JUMPING LANE

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 builders' 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.

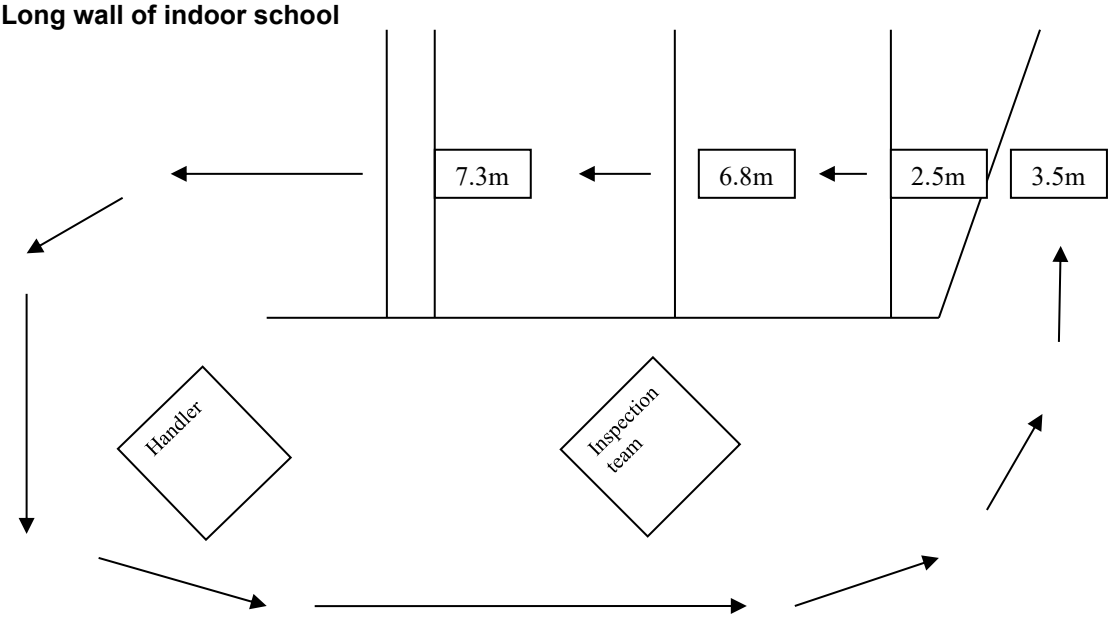
Athleticism Assessment under Saddle

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

Jumping lane diagram

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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