

Stallion Inspection and Classification Explained - Irish Sport Horse Studbook

Classification of Stallions in the Main Section of the ISH Studbook:

- **Approved (APP):** Stallions that have met all veterinary and inspection/performance requirements. Approved stallions are eligible for Star Ratings, ranging from 1 to 5 stars, based on their own performance or their progeny's performance in FEI disciplines.
- **Preliminary Approved (PA):** Stallions aged between 4 and 10 years of age that have met the veterinary requirements and the Stage 1 and Stage 2 inspection requirements.
- **Not Approved 1 (NA1):** Stallions that have met the veterinary requirements but have not met, or have not yet met, the inspection (conformation, movement, athleticism) or performance requirements. NA1 stallions can be upgraded to Approved status if they meet specified performance criteria in open competition. Stallions that were previously classified as Section 1 (S1) are classified in this class.
- **Not Approved 2 (NA2):** Stallions that have not met the veterinary requirements. Stallions that were previously classified as Section 2 (S2) are classified in this class.

Stallion Assessment Process:

- **Stage 1:** Stallions must be a minimum of 3 years of age to be presented for the Stage 1 inspection. Stallions undergo a veterinary examination (including x-rays) and an assessment of their conformation, movement and athleticism using linear scoring. Movement is assessed both in hand and loose and athleticism is assessed by means of a loose jumping demonstration. Older stallions can opt to have their athleticism assessed under saddle. Stallions that meet the inspection and veterinary requirements are invited to participate in the Stage 2 inspections.
- **Stage 2:** Stallions must be a minimum of 4 years of age to be presented for the Stage 2 inspection which is a ridden assessment. Stallions are required to jump a course of 6 to 8 fences ridden by their own rider and by a test rider appointed by HSI. Each stallion undergoes a further veterinary examination and an assessment of their gaits and athleticism under saddle. Stallions that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements in the Stage 2 inspections are classified as 'Preliminary Approved (PA)' and proceed to Stage 3.
- **Stage 3:** 'Preliminary Approved (PA)' stallions aged between 4 and 10 years of age undergo Stage 3 of the inspection process which involves a review of the stallion's own performance and/or his progeny's performance. This review takes place annually between the ages of 6 and 10 years and stallions that are deemed to have sufficient performance/progeny performance are upgraded to 'Approved'. Stallions with insufficient performance/progeny performance by the age of 10 years can be re-classified as 'Not Approved 1 (NA1)'.

Stallion Inspection and Classification Explained - Irish Draught Horse Studbook

Classification of Stallions in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook:

- **Class 1:** Stallions that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements. Class 1 stallions are eligible for additional merits (Gold, Silver and Bronze) based on their own performance and their progeny's performance in a number of disciplines. Stallions that were previously classified as 'RID' are classified in this class.
- **Class 2:** Stallions that meet the veterinary requirements but have not met the inspection requirements. Stallions that were previously classified as Section 1 (S1) are classified in this class.
- **Class 3:** Stallions that do not meet the veterinary requirements. Stallions that were previously classified as Section 2 (S2) are classified in this class.
- **Class 4:** Stallions that have not come forward for a veterinary examination or an inspection of any kind.
- **Note:** Stallions previously classified as 'RID' are classified as Approved in the ISH Studbook. Class 2 and Class 1 Irish Draught stallions that have not previously been classified as 'RID' are eligible for classification as Approved in the ISH Studbook providing they meet specified performance criteria.

Stallion Assessment Process:

- **Studbook Inspection:** Stallions must be a minimum of 3 years of age to be presented for the Irish Draught Horse Studbook inspections. Stallions undergo a veterinary examination (including x-rays) and an assessment of their conformation, type, movement and athleticism using linear scoring. Movement is assessed both in hand and loose and athleticism is assessed by means of a loose jumping demonstration. Older stallions can opt to have their athleticism assessed under saddle. Stallions that meet the veterinary and inspection requirements are classified as 'Class 1'.
- **Optional Athleticism Assessment for Bronze Merit:** The owners of 'Class 1' stallions aged 4 years and older can opt to have their stallion's athleticism assessed by jumping a course of fences at 1.00m level under saddle. Stallions that achieve the minimum athleticism score are awarded a Bronze merit for their own performance in the discipline of show jumping.