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CONNEMARA PONY BREEDERS SOCIETY

COLT / STALLION INSPECTION & CLASSIFICATION 2026

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING NOTES AND *PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS* BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

The approved application form for Colt / Stallion Inspection and Classification may be completed online via www.cpbsonlin.ie

Please see Appendix 5 of the CPBS Breeding Programme or the website for Scale of Fees.

The Lifetime Identification Document/Passport must be registered in the name of the applicant, otherwise the colt will not be inspected.

Where a colt has not been tested for HWSD previously, through the CPBS, a sample will be taken for testing on the day by the attendant veterinarian. The fee for HWSD testing will be incurred by the owner and must be paid with application for classification fee to the CPBS.

Please read the Procedures and Conditions for Colt Inspections below.

A colt presented for inspection must be adequately trained, fit and clean to take part in all aspects of the inspection as specified in the Procedures and Conditions rules.

Inspection venues and dates will be posted on the website www.cpbs.ie

The closing date for submission of applications will be posted on the website.

The CPBS reserve the right to terminate, postpone or re-arrange a scheduled Inspection for health and safety or other reasons at their discretion. In such case notice will be notice to all applicants, posted on CPBS website and social media and notice posted at venue.

PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS

General

An Inspection Committee is appointed by the Society annually. This committee is responsible for the implementation of the Breed Standard. The purpose of inspections is to evaluate the performance of colts in accordance with the breed standard and thereby for classification in the Studbook. Inspection results for individual colts are maintained by the CPBS Office and recorded on the Society database. Inspection statistics for the current year are reported to CPBS members at the AGM and displayed on the website. Twice yearly inspections, in Spring and Autumn, take place at centres throughout the country.

Rules and Procedures

A breeder/owner does not have to be a member of the CPBS to have a colt inspected by the Society; however, a different scale of fees will apply: *CPBS Breeding Programme* Appendix 5 *Scale of Fees* at www.cpbs.ie.

The Society will inspect colts of three years and over.

Owners/agents must report to the inspection office with the Lifetime Identification Document/Passport and signed declaration form for the colt entered for Inspection on arrival at the inspection venue.

The inspection of each colt shall take into account the individual merits of the colt on the day of inspection.

Colts must be presented for inspection in the natural state, i.e. with manes and tails not plaited. Colts must be healthy, groomed, with hooves trimmed by a farrier. Colts who present with tender feet, as a result of over pairing will not be inspected and will be deferred to a later date. It is recommended that colts are prepared by a farrier no sooner than 14 days prior to the inspection. Colts must be in a bridle with bit and on a secure lead with a quick release clip.

Markings on a colt e.g. flesh marks, socks etc. shall not be concealed or altered

All colts, if not already tested for HWSD, must be at time of inspection. Should testing for HWSD be required, a hair sample for DNA analysis will be taken on the day of inspection. The owner will be liable for the fee which will be payable to the CPBS. The classification will only be awarded once the HWSD has been resulted. The HWSD test result will be stamped on the passport and published with the linear profile results on the CPBS online database.

Colts will undergo a full veterinary examination ahead of the visual inspection. No additional fee is made payable on the day. Colts who do not meet the veterinary requirements ahead of the inspection will remain in Class 3. The inspection entry can be deferred to a later date, or 50% of the inspection fee will be refunded to the owner.

All colt's height and bone will be measured at the inspection and these measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose classification in Studbook. In instances where the measurements of a colt are disputed, the owner shall have the option to appeal through the CPBS Grievance Protocol - https://cpbs.ie/grievance-protocol-complaints-procedures-and-complaints-and-disciplinary-procedures.

Lunging is a compulsory part of the veterinary examination. Colts must be trained for this.

In 2019 the inspection method known as linear profiling was introduced; see *CPBS Breeding Programme* - Appendix 5 *The Studbook and Division of the Studbook*; Appendix 2 *Linear Profiling* and Appendix 3 *Linear Profiling Sheet*.

Four inspectors all trained and experienced in the method of linear profiling will participate at the inspection. A veterinary practitioner will also be in attendance. A trained arena party will assist for free gait assessment and for Athleticism/Jump Assessment. The Chair of Inspections or an inspector will be available to explain result at a time suitable for the inspection day.

Colts will have their transponder code (microchip) verified on the day of the inspection. If any discrepancy. If any discrepancy arises or if a code cannot be located, a sample for DNA comparison testing to verify parentage will be taken by the attendant veterinary practitioner. Owners/breeders will be liable for this cost. The classification will only be awarded once the DNA comparison has been resulted.

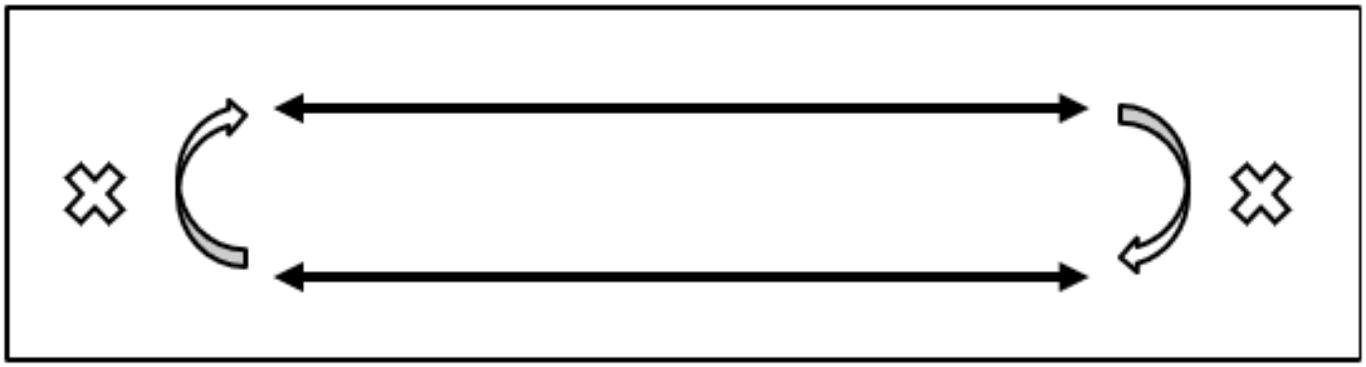
Colts must be adequately trained and fit to take part in all aspects of the inspection including walking and trotting in hand.

Handlers should ensure they wear suitable attire with a view to safety. The CPBS accepts no responsibility for any accidents arising from the inspections**.**

Conformation Assessment/In Hand Gait Assessment on a Hard Surface

The colt will be required to stand for a visual inspection on a hard surface. The colt must be stood up, with the off (right) side facing the inspectors. The handler should always lead from the near (left) side of the colt. The colt must be trained to show correctly. Upon request, the handler will walk the colt away from the inspector towards the other inspector. Stand for the second inspector to assess then walk between the inspectors and then repeat in trot. (as shown in Diagram A, inspectors are marked with X).

Diagram A



Free Gait Assessment

Handlers will lead the colt into the enclosed jumping area. When directed by the Trained Arena Party the handler will release the colt by unclipping the lead rope. The handler can tell the arena party how they wish the colt to be helped down through the jumps, they will then will stand outside the arena. The arena party will then direct the colt through its free gait assessment. Colts will be shown loose on both reins in trot and in canter.

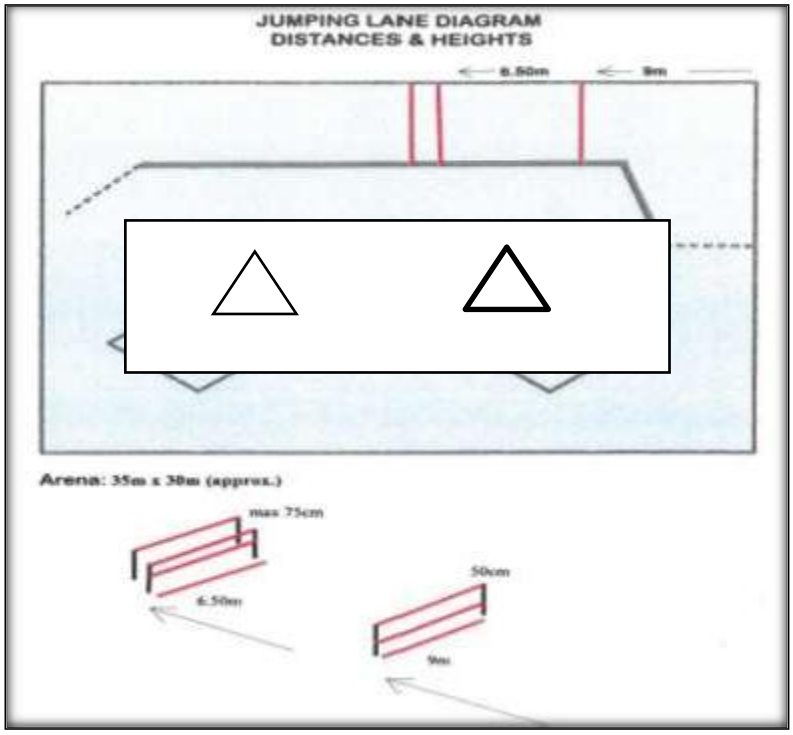
Athleticism/Jump Assessment (Loose Jumping)

In the loose jumping phase will be guided through the jumping lane by the trained arena party. Colts may be led to the jumping lane by the handler shown the jump then brought back out. The arena party will direct the handler to where the colt can be released. They will be assessed for free athleticism/jumping. Handlers may advise the arena party as to how they wish their colt to be handled. Handlers must remain outside until the routine is completed, at which point the handler will be requested to catch the colt.

Colts are required to jump through the jumping lane five times including one practice round and four assessment rounds to a maximum height and width of 90 cm.

Assessment rounds

The jumping lane consists of two obstacles of which the first is a check vertical 50 cm high with a baseline pole placed 2.70m from the corner of the lane; followed by a second obstacle:



- **Round 1** a vertical 70 cm high
- **Round 2** an oxer (spread) back pole height 80cm, spread 80 cm
- **Round 3** a vertical 90 cm high
- **Round 4** an oxer (spread) back pole height 90 cm, spread 90 cm with a baseline pole at a distance of 6.50m from the check fence. Distances will be adjusted for 138 cm and under.

Colts must be mannerly and fit to be handled by the veterinary practitioner appointed by the CPBS.

All colts may be photographed at the inspection and these photographs can be used in Society publications, on the Society website and Society social media.

Classification, linear profile confirmed inspection results, HWSD status and height and bone measurement will be published in Society publications, on the Society website and on Society social media.

The decision of the inspection team and the marking sheet of the colt will be given to the owner on the day of the inspection. It is not permissible for any owner/breeder to enter into discussion or approach a member of the inspection team. Any queries may be addressed to the Sub inspector or Chair of Inspections.

Colts may be presented for possible reclassification at a later date. Reapplication for inspection is required.

The CPBS Safety Officer reserves the right to terminate an individual inspection for safety reasons.

The Vet also has the right to terminate an individual animal's inspection for health reasons.