



COLT AND STALLION INSPECTION AND CLASSIFICATION 2025

Please read the following Procedures and Conditions before completing the application form.

- 1.1 The approved application form Colt and Stallion Inspection and Classification may be completed online via the website www.cpbs.ie
- 1.2 Please see Appendix 5 of the CPBS Breeding programme Scale of Fees or the website www.cpbs.ie for Scale of Fees. Sterling cash or sterling cheques are not accepted.
- 1.3 This form must be completed by the registered owner of the pony in question. Incomplete applications or those with incorrect fees will be returned.
- 1.4 The Lifetime Identification Document/Passport must be registered in the name of the applicant, otherwise the pony will not be inspected. Please check the Lifetime Document/Passport, as incorrect or incomplete applications will be returned.
- 1.5 Where a pony has not been tested for HWSD previously a DNA sample for testing will be taken 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. Applications accompanied by the incorrect fee will be returned. Please read the attached Procedures and Conditions for Colt/Stallion Inspections below.
- 1.6 A pony 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 (see below).
- 1.7 Inspection venues and dates will be posted on the website www.cpbs.ie
- 1.8 A closing date for receipt of applications will be posted on the website.
- 1.9 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.

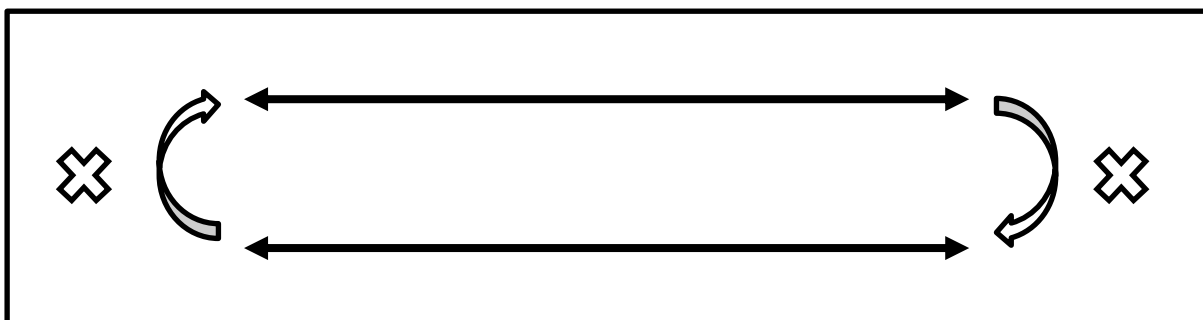
Rules and Procedure

- 2.0 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 ponies in accordance with the breed standard and thereby for classification in the Studbook. Inspection results for individual ponies are maintained by the CPBS Office. Inspection statistics are reported to CPBS members at the AGM and recorded on the website. Twice yearly inspections, in spring and autumn, take place at centres throughout the country. A demonstration of athleticism/jump for colts is mandatory.

- 2.1 A breeder/owner does not have to be a member of the CPBS to have a pony inspected by the Society; however a different scale of fees will apply: *CPBS Breeding Programme Appendix 5 Scale of Fees* at www.cpbs.ie.
- 2.2 The Society will inspect colts of three years and over.
- 2.3 Owners/agents must report to the inspection office with the Lifetime Identification Document/Passport and signed declaration form for the pony entered for Inspection on arrival at the inspection venue.
- 2.4 The inspection of each pony shall take into account the individual merits of the pony on the day of inspection.
- 2.5 **Ponies must be presented for inspection in the natural state, i.e. With manes and tails not plaited. Ponies must be healthy, groomed, with hooves trimmed by a farrier, in a bridle with bit and on a secure lead with a quick release clip.**
- 2.6 **Markings on a pony e.g. flesh marks, socks etc. shall not be concealed or altered**
- 2.7 All colts, if not already tested for HWSD, may be at time of inspection.
- 2.8 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 results of the HWSD test will be stamped on the passport and published with the linear profile results on the CPBS online database.
- 2.9 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*.
- 2.10 Four inspectors all trained and experienced in the method of linear profiling will participate at the inspections. The scribe shall be independent to the inspectors. 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.
- 2.11 Ponies will have their transponder code (microchip) verified on the day of the inspection. If any discrepancy arises or if the code cannot be located, a sample for DNA testing to verify parentage will be taken by the attendant veterinary practitioner. Owners/breeders will be liable for this cost.
- 2.12 **Ponies must be adequately trained and fit to take part in all aspects of the inspection including walking and trotting in hand.**
- 2.13 **Handlers should ensure they wear suitable attire with a view to safety. The CPBS accepts no responsibility for any accidents arising from the inspections.**

3.0 Conformation Assessment/In Hand Gait Assessment on a Hard Surface

The pony will be required to stand for a visual inspection on a hard surface. The pony must be stood up, with the off (right) side facing the inspectors. The handler should always lead from the near (left) side of the pony. The pony must be trained to show correctly. Upon request, the handler will walk the pony 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).



3.1 Free Gait Assessment

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

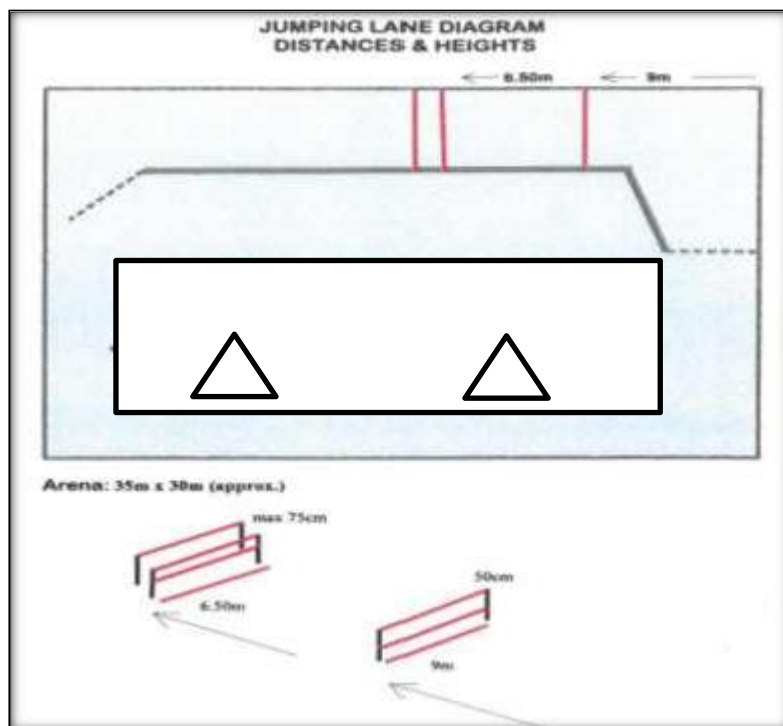
3.2 Athleticism/Jump Assessment (Loose Jumping)

In the loose jumping phase will be guided through the jumping lane by the trained arena party. Ponies 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 pony can be released. They will be assessed for free athleticism/jumping. Handlers may advise the arena party as to how they wish their pony to be handled. Handlers must remain outside until the routine is completed, at which point the handler will be requested to catch the pony.

Ponies 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.

3.3 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.

- 4.0 Ponies must be mannerly and fit to be handled** by the veterinary practitioner appointed by the CPBS.
- 4.1 All ponies will be measured for height and ponies shall have their bone measured too.
- 4.2 An owner may appeal a height measurement. Please see *CPBS Rules of Appeals Procedure* (12.5).
- 4.3 Colts eligible for either Class 1, 2 and Over Height. After the visual inspection will undergo a full veterinary examination. The veterinary fee of €100 is payable on the day of inspection to the CPBS. If the owner chooses not to have the pony inspected by the vet the pony will remain in Class 3.
- 4.4 Lunging is a compulsory part of the veterinary examination. Colts must be trained for this.
- 4.5 All ponies may be photographed at the inspection and these photographs can be used in Society publications, on the Society website and Society social media.
- 4.6 Classification, linear profile confirmed inspection results, HWSD status and height measurement will be published in Society publications, on the Society website and on Society social media.
- 4.7 The decision of the inspection team and the marking sheet of the pony 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.
- 4.8 Ponies may be presented for possible reclassification at a later date.
- 4.9 **The CPBS Safety Officer** reserves the right to **terminate** an individual inspection for safety reasons.
- 4.10 **The Vet also has the right to terminate an individual animals inspection for health reasons.**