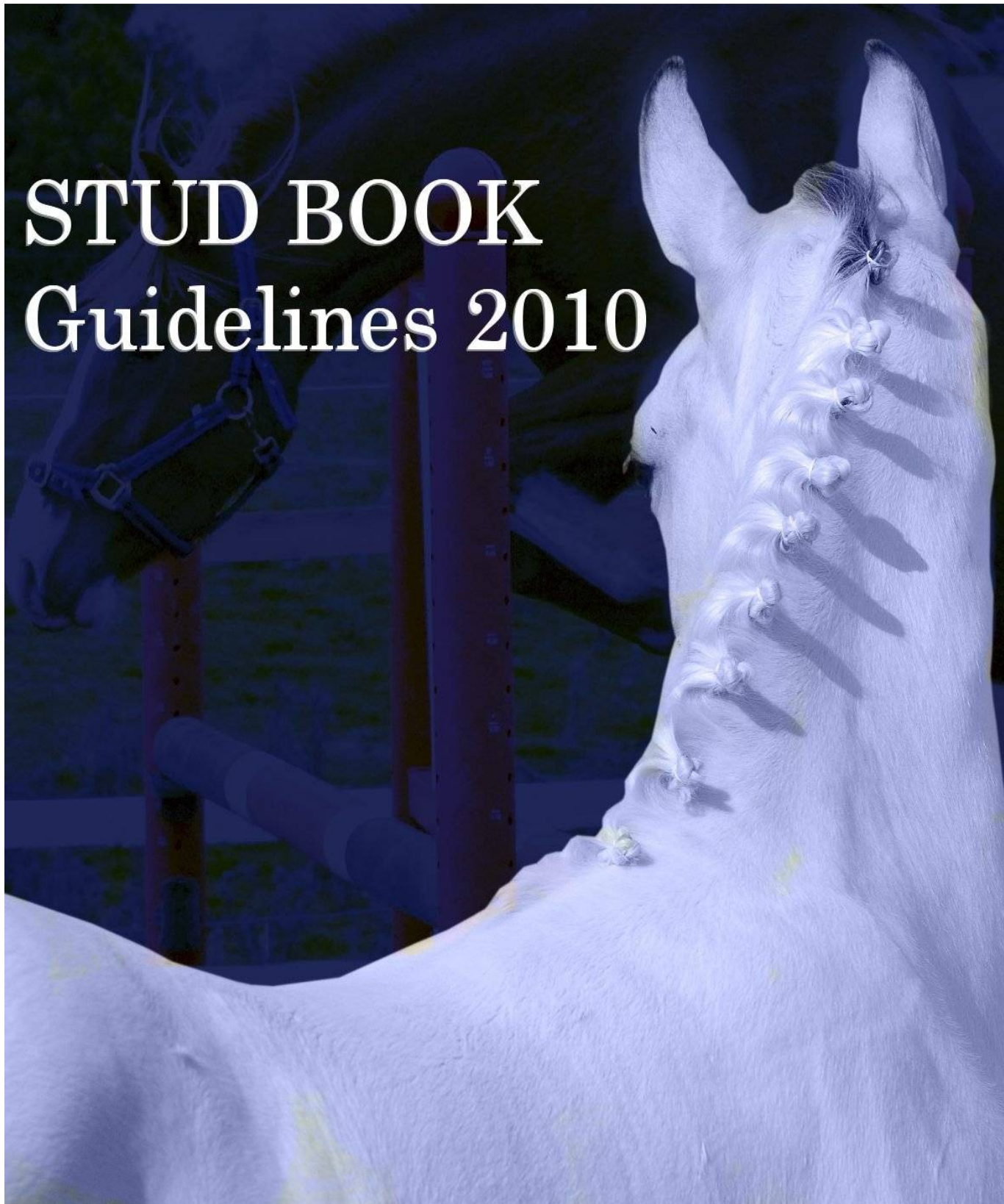


STUD BOOK Guidelines 2010



SSEH
Scottish Sports Horse

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INTRODUCTION

The Scottish Sports Horse (SSH) has an open stud Book policy allowing the registration, grading and provision of passports for any sports horse or pony. The organisation welcomes horses and ponies from all disciplines of equestrian sport from any studbook. The international standing of the Scottish Sports Horse is evident as they are recognised by the World Breeding Federation of Sports Horses and the European Union. The SSH is also a Sport Horse & Pony passport Issuing Office (PIO) in Scotland Recognised by SEERAD and DEFRA.

The SSH encourages, supports and promotes the breeding of the very best show jumping, dressage, eventing and endurance horses and ponies. These must be athletic, have correct conformation, supple movement, willing temperament and be sound in wind and limb. The SSH offer cash award certificates to owners of highly graded mares to encourage selective breeding of only the best stallions and mares.

The Scottish Sports Horse evolved from the Scottish Dutch Warmblood Association (SDWA), which was formed in 1990 by a group of far-sighted stallions owners who recognised the importance of registering and properly recording and documenting the sports horses which were being bred and produced in Scotland. As these stallions were predominantly of Dutch bloodlines in their ancestry, a strong link was formed with the KWPN (Royal Studbook of the Netherlands) It should however be noted that the Scottish Sports Horse is a **Mother Stud Book**, and only modelled itself, and took guidance from the KWPN.

The SDWA now has a well established reputation for the quality of its horses and the procedures used to grade and select them. Fundamental to this success is the operation of the **Open Stud Book**, a policy firmly founded and strongly supported by the SDWA.

To highlight the **Open Studbook** policy, when the original SDWA became a Company Limited by Guarantee, and a Registered Charity, it also adopted the new trading name – the **Scottish Sports Horse (SSH)**. In 1990 the SSH welcomed endurance horses into its ranks, and in 2001 the SSH introduced a pony section into the Studbook.

In 2007 The KWPN requested that the SSH sign a License agreement to become a dependant Daughter Stud Book operating in Scotland. The Agreement stipulated that the SSH would solely promote and encourage the breeding of KWPN horses. As the SSH has an Open Stud Book policy and a responsibility to support its Scottish membership, who breed from a variety of sport horses and in particular caters for ponies, the SSH chose not to sign the agreement.

Accordingly the SSH turned to other European Stud Books for assistance with assessing and evaluating breeding stock in accordance with its own independent studbook Guidelines.

The SSH is forward thinking in its approach: -

- ↪ The “Open” studbook means that *any* sports horse or pony can be registered with the SSH in accordance with EU legislation.
- ↪ Professional judges are always used.
- ↪ Horses and ponies are graded loose (allowing their natural movement & self carriage to be assessed)
- ↪ X-rays, fertility tests, parentage testing and DNA sampling are all part of the SSH approach
- ↪ The SSH aims to encourage Universities and Veterinary Schools in research into breeding and genetic influence on performance.

STUDBOOK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Two Books operate within the “Main Stud Book” (Register), the “Head”, “ “ and “Foundation” Books. SSH Graded Stallions are recorded separately. Each book has separate sections for ponies and foals. Eligibility and entry requirements, including progression through the studbooks are detailed below:

1. PONY SECTION

Animals under 153cm s at maturity will be registered in the pony section of the Head or Foundation books.

2. FOAL SECTION

All animals will be initially registered in the foal section of the Head or Foundation books. They will be transferred from the Foal Section after gaining a *First Second* or *Third* premium when aged three years old or over at an SSH grading. Any horse or pony which is *not* graded within the SSH system shall remain in the foal section of its book irrespective of age.

3. PROGRESSION FROM FOUNDATION TO HEAD STUDBOOK

This is possible for animals with a verified three-generation pedigree that satisfactorily completes the relevant grading procedures, achieves the relevant premium and providing that it is sired by a Graded stallion.

4. STALLION STATUS

When a stallion attends initial grading with the SSH he must obtain a minimum average score of 70% or above. Successful stallions are granted unrestricted breeding rights (A license to breed)

Stallions can be *promoted to Approved status* within four years providing they fulfil all the credentials.

****See Stallion Section for Further Details on the Stallion Directory (page 11)*

THE BOOKS WITHIN THE STUDBOOK

Two books operate in conjunction: *Head and Foundation*

They each have separate sections for foals; there is also a Passport Register. A number of horses remain in the old SDWA Basic Register. Eligibility and entry requirements, including the progression through the studbooks, are as follows:

HEAD STUDBOOK

- a. Horse and pony mares and geldings three years old and over registered with the SSH with a minimum of three generation pedigree sired by an SSH Approved / L1 Stallion that has been awarded a 1st or 2nd Premium or Ster at an SSH Grading.
- b. Horse and pony mares and geldings three years old and over registered with the SSH with a minimum of three generation pedigree sired by an L2 Stallion that has been awarded a 1st premium or Ster at an SSH Grading
- c. Horse and pony mares and geldings registered with a WBFSH or EU member Studbook that are registered in the Stud Books Main Book sired by a WBFSH and/or EU recognised Approved* stallion that are awarded a 1st or 2nd Premium.

FOUNDATION STUDBOOK

- a. Horse and pony mares or geldings sired by Non-graded Stallions (not licensed for breeding)
- b. Horse and pony mares or geldings that receive a third premium at an SSH Grading
- c. Horse and ponies mares or geldings that do not have a three generation pedigree.
- d. Horses and Ponies mares or geldings that receive a second premium sired by an SSH L2 stallion

PASSPORT REGISTER

This records any horse or pony, of any height or breed, for whom the SSH has issued a Passport and which is not recorded in any other Stud Book or Register.

FOALS – STUD BOOK ENTRY

- a. Foals by an SSH L1 /EU/ WBSHF APPROVED/ Licensed stallion out of a 1st or 2nd Premium graded mare sired by a SSH /EU/ WBSHF stallion providing the foal has a three generation pedigree are entered in the **Head Foal Book**
- b. Foals by an SSH L2 stallion out of a 1st or 2nd Premium graded Head stud book mare sired by an SSH /EU/ WBSHF APPROVED/ LICENSED stallion are entered in the Foundation Foal section.
- c. Foals by ANY STALLION out of 3rd Premium mares are entered into the Foundation Foal section.
- d. Foals by SSH L2 stallions out of ANY mare, enter the Foundation Foal section.
- e. Foals out of mares which are NOT GRADED with the SSH are initially entered into the Foundation Foal section, whatever the mare and stallion status with another organisation.

FOAL BOOK TO STUD BOOK

- a. On attaining three years of age (and over) young stock are eligible for inspection and progression from *Foal Book* to *Stud Book* providing they obtain a *1st, 2nd or 3rd Premium* .
- b. The *Premium* attained at three years of age or older will determine which book they will be registered. A horse who has been graded previously may be presented a second time only.
- c. Young stock **NOT** brought forward for grading after 3 years of age or older, will retain Foal Book status.
- d. All initial horse registrations will be entered into the Head or Foundation Foal Book, as applicable, irrespective of the animal's age until such times as they attend an SSH Grading. Horses can only progress from Foal Book to Studbook following a satisfactory grading result.
- e. Main Studbook numbers will be suffixed with Studbook status and animals subsequently promoted to the Main Studbook will have their passports stamped accordingly:-

Suffixes:

HFB Head Foal Book - Previously Main Foal Book

HSB Head Stud Book - Previously Main Stud Book

FSB Foundation Studbook

FFB Foundation Foal book

PR Passport Register

SDWA Old SDWA Basic Register

The Re-naming of the "Main Studbook" to "Head Studbook" was done in compliance with EU legislation commission decision 96/78 so as not to cause confusion.

- The EU identifies that all stud books must register all animals in the "Main Stud Book" meaning (Register) of which a number of books may operate. Thus all animals registered with the SSH providing that they meet the criteria set out in commission decision 96/.78 and are also in compliance with SSH Stud Book Guidelines must be recorded in the "Main" Stud Book.
- The SSH still has the right to refuse entry of any animal into its Main Stud Book if it does not meet the criteria outlined in the SSH stud book Guidelines which operate in compliance with EU legislation.

For more details visit http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/zootechnics/legislation_en.htm

SCOTTISH SPORTS PONY SECTIONS

That in all aspects of the Scottish Sports Horse Organisation:

- a. Any animal exceeding 153 cm in height shall be classed as a Scottish Sports Horse
- b. Any animal NOT exceeding 153 cm in height shall be classed as a Scottish Sports Pony
- c. There is no minimum height for Endurance and Pony stallions.
 - A Scottish Sports Pony at maturity MUST NOT exceed 153 cm

An indication of heights of young stock for entry to the pony section:

- As a yearling the maximum height should not exceed 146 cm
- As a two year old the maximum height should not exceed 149 cm
- As a three year old the maximum height should not exceed 151 cm

After 1st July of each year, (as a 2 or 3 year old) 1 cm may be added to these heights, and a 1.5 cm deduction may be allowed for horses graded with shoes.

All requirements within these Studbook Guidelines pertaining to the Scottish Sports Horse, are equal to the requirements for that of the Scottish Sports Pony Section, in ALL cases.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FREE RETURNS – When a mare returns to stud on a “free return”, a covering certificate in respect of the “free return”, must not be issued until the original covering certificate is surrendered to the stallion owner.

DNA TESTING – From 2007 all foals being registered with the SSH will be DNA tested at the time of registration. All mares will also be required to come forward for testing (unless tested elsewhere and proof can be supplied) If a mare owner DOES NOT provide a DNA sample or DNA certificate her breeding will NOT be included in the animals passport and the foal will be registered in the Foundation BOOK

MINIMUM HEIGHT – The minimum height for horses to enter the Main, Auxiliary and Foundation Studbooks is 153 cm at maturity (1.60m for Ster). Smaller animals will be recorded in the Pony Section.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION – Registration of all horses conceived by Artificial Insemination must be supported by appropriate documentation. Certificates are available from the Stud Book manager.

EMBRYO TRANSFER – Registration of all horses produced by Embryo Transfer must be supported by appropriate documentation.

GRADING FORMAT FOR MARES/GELDINGS & YOUNGSTOCK

Gradings will take place at various venues throughout Scotland at the beginning of September each year.

GRADING FORMAT:

- a. **HEALTH** – All entrants should be free from hereditary defect, vice or disease on entry.
- b. **IN HAND/LOOSE** – All entrants will be assessed in hand on a hard surface and then loose by two overseas judges. Marks will be awarded for conformation, walk, trot and canter, and also the jump.
- c. **LOOSE JUMPING** – Entrants aged three years or older will be jumped down a jumping lane. The loose jumping phase is optional, however the higher of the two scores, either movement or jumping will dictate the mares' overall final score. A mare that perhaps lacks movement may fair better if she is loose jumped.
- d. **ASSESSMENT** Entrants will be assessed for Predicate status in conjunction with any performance results available, any young stock at foot and the verification of a three generation pedigree. All entrants shall be evaluated using the linear scoring system.
- e. **HORSES MUST BE** plaited (unless native pony breeds) and shown in a plain Cavesson nose band and snaffle bridle bit.
- f. **HANDLERS** – MUST BE appropriately dressed IN WHITE and hard hats recommended. Under exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the SSH substitute handlers not appropriately dressed may be accepted.
- g. **PREMIUMS** – Following the above, the judges will award a 1st, 2nd or 3rd Premium based upon the marks obtained, as detailed below:

1ST PREMIUM – MARKS ARE 70+ ON AVERAGE

2ND PREMIUM – MARKS ARE BETWEEN 60-69 ON AVERAGE

3RD PREMIUM – MARKS BELOW 59 ON AVERAGE

Below 50 no premium awarded.

DISABILITY – Mares which have a permanent disability/injury may apply for entry to the grading provided a full and complete veterinary report, by a Veterinary School/College within the UK. Certification must be submitted to the grading committee prior to entry, clearly stating that there is no possibility whatsoever of hereditary unsoundness, and subject to their satisfaction, entry will be approved. Should the horse achieve success at the grading, temporary breeding status will be granted pending inspection of progeny. Temporary status will only be granted if the judges feel that the horses exceptional quality and pedigree warrant it.

PRIVATE GRADINGS Any SSH Member can apply to the SSH committee to have their mares, geldings and young stock graded at their own premises within the period of the annual mare and young stock gradings are scheduled whereby sufficient numbers warrant an additional venue. Applications must be in writing by the 1st July of the current year. Members may be expected to pay any "additional" expenses incurred and must be able to provide suitable premises for the purpose of assessing animals correctly. (e.g Suitable surface for trot up. Secured loose movement/jumping environment)The decision will be at the discretion of the committee.

AWARD OF PREDCATES (Mares/Geldings)

The SSH encourages the grading of all young stock, including geldings. This all adds to both the mare and the stallions "tally", and may aid their future promotion.

Predicates available to Main Stud Book Mares:

STER Awarded to mares who have been presented at an SSH grading and Achieved an overall minimum score of 145 points or over for conformation + jumping or conformation + movement. A minimum of 70 must be achieved for conformation with a minimum score of 75 for jumping or movement, horses will also have to be measured (for the Ster predicate the horse must be a minimum of 1.60m) and have their teeth/mouths checked

KEUR

For MSB mares that have achieved the *Ster* predicate and have passed a performance test (IBOP) with good results, or have successfully competed in sport - Dressage (Medium at 65%), Show jumping (1.30m Double Clear), Eventing (Intermediate) or Endurance (75mile Gold Series) and have produced a 1st or 2nd Premium foal.

ELITE

For MSB mares that have achieved the *Keur* predicate and had x-rays taken with good results.

PREDICATES AVAILABLE TO ALL STUBOOK MARES:

PREFERENT

For mares that have produced three SSH registered offspring which have been designated *Ster*.

N.B This award can be given posthumously to a mare.

PRESTATIE

For mares that have produced three offspring that have reached an advanced level in: Dressage (65% at Medium), Show jumping (1.30m Double Clear), Eventing (Intermediate) or Endurance (75mile Gold Series). Note – This award can be given posthumously to a mare.

SPORT

For mares in the FSB, ASB or HSB once graded who have achieved advanced success in sport that have jumped up to 1.30m/Dressage (Medium at 65%)/**Eventer or Endurance 75 Mile Gold Series

PROK

For mares that have been x-rayed and satisfactorily laid out by Rosssdales & Partners (see x-ray requirements) and found to be free from hereditary defects such as OCD and navicular.

MODEL awarded to mares who have successfully bred three first premium foals. This predicate can be awarded to ALL mares including those who have failed to achieve the *Ster* or *Keur* predicates or who fail to meet the pedigree requirements of a head studbook mare. (£100 Cash Award)

MARES

The SSH uses the IBOP (Mare Ridden Performance Test) to monitor the performance of its registered mares. The IBOP aims to provide owners and breeders alike with a performance benchmark to assist in the breeding and selection process of the sports horse. On completion of the test a numerical score will be calculated for each horse (certificates are issued by the SSH Studbook Manager to verify the result, at a later date).

MARE RIDDEN PERFORMANCE TEST (IBOP) – SEE APENDIX 2

CASH AWARD CERTIFICATES – SEE APPENDIX 3

STUDBOOK BREEDING & REGISTRATION RULES

STALLION FEES – An annual Stallion registration fee of £25 must be paid in full to the SSH Treasurer by the 31st March of each year in order that he maintain his licensed breeding status and remain within the system.

COVERING CERTIFICATES - can be purchased for the sum of £5 per certificate for each mare covered. These can be obtained from the Stud Book and Passport administrator.

NON-BREEDING STALLIONS FEES – If a stallion owner decides not to use their stallion for breeding purposes then they must notify the SSH Studbook Manager in writing of their intentions/reasons. Covering certificates will be not be issued.

Stallions not used for breeding but who's owners wish that their stallions remain within the system must pay their annual registration Fee – (Applicable to Non Breeding Competition Stallions who will be required to breed at a later date)

Note – There will be a time limit for non-breeding stallions, as ultimately the concept of the SSH is to promote the breeding programme for owners in Scotland, therefore a stallion could not indefinitely stay a “Non-breeding” stallion. Assessment of progeny is a very important factor for any stallion.

REASSESSMENT – Stallions will be reassessed every four years as detailed in the next section. They must prove themselves as a competition horse and also breeding stallion. Deferment can be given up to a MAXIMUM of 6 years after Initial Grading. Alternatively a copy of competition records can be provided and progeny statistics will be referred to.

Non Payment Of Fees: If a stallion falls out of the system caused by non-payment of annual fees (e.g. Whereby a stallion has been sold) the only mechanism by which a stallion can re-enter the system is by paying all outstanding fees for the previous years in which payment has lapsed. Each case will be addressed individually and entry to the system will be at the discretion of the committee.

AMENDMENTS – The SSH Committee have the right to amend any aspect within the Studbook Guidelines at any period throughout the term of the year, in order to allow the studbook to progress.

STALLION GRADING

CATEGORIES FOR GRADED STALLIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

L1 STATUS – Marks are 70% + on average

L2 STATUS – All stallions graded prior to 2010 with an average score below 70% and all stallions without a verified three generation pedigree prior to and after 2009

The overall average score a stallion achieves is based on Conformation + Movement or Conformation plus Jumping.

GRADING FORMAT FOR STALLIONS:

Stallions will come forward for INITIAL GRADING at one central location in Scotland in the spring of each year. The basic format detailed below may be modified or adapted as facilities and timings allow, fitting logistically within the grading schedule.

MORNING SESSION:

- ↻ Veterinary examination of all stallions and DNA sampling.
- ↻ In hand walk/trot on a hard surface before judges and vet, with horses assessed for conformation, movement, type and soundness.
- ↻ Start of loose display in indoor arena incorporating loose jumping (mandatory for ALL stallions)

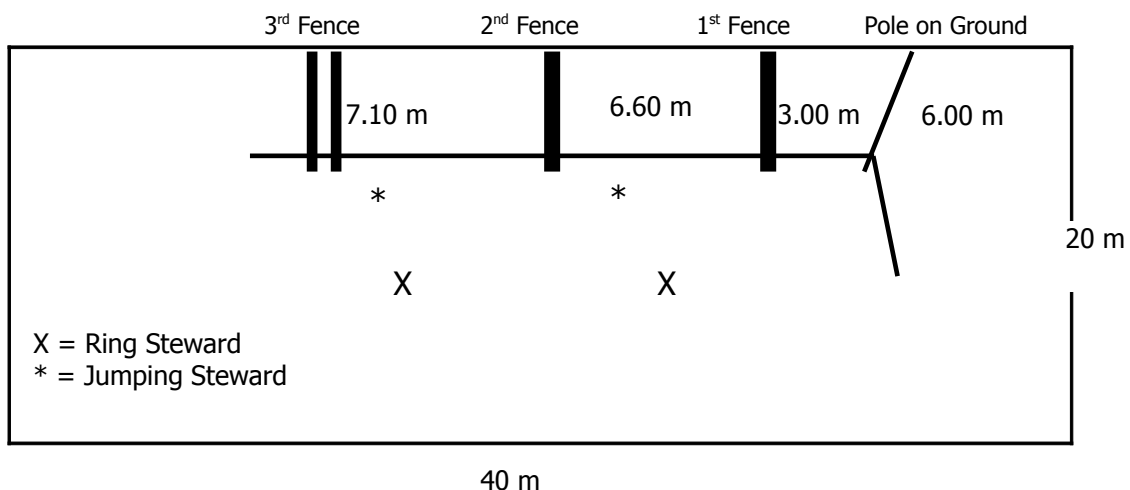
AFTERNOON SESSION:

- ↻ Continuation of loose display in indoor arena
- ↻ Ridden assessments
- ↻ All stallions brought back in for results, with parade of those stallions that have achieved L1 and L2 status.

Loose jumping will be conducted within a jumping lane in a grid formation (see Diagram 1) consisting of three fences that will vary in height/spread. It is at the graders discretion to ask for the number of runs through the lane.

Note – distances shall be adjusted accordingly for ponies. Maximum height jumped 1.25m

Diagram 1



X-RAYS (NEW RULING FROM 2007 ONWARDS)

Owners wishing to present a stallion for Grading should first make arrangements to have their stallions digitally X-Rayed by a Veterinary Practitioner of their choice. X-Rays must be sent to:

F.E. Barrelet, Dip VMS (Berne), Dr. med. vet.(Berne), MRCVS Of RosSDales & Partners
Beaufort Cottage Stables, High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8JS, England
Tel: 01638 663150 Fax: 01638 660157 e-mail: Fred.Barrelet@rossdales.com

The SSH do not need to be informed that a stallion is being x-rayed. Dr F.E Barrelet will inform your vet directly if your stallions have passed satisfactorily. The SSH will only be notified of stallions that have successfully passed the X-Ray examination respecting the stallion owners confidentiality. Successful candidates must then submit entry forms and accompanying fees to the SSH no later than the published date.

If a stallion owners' vet disagrees with the conclusion of the findings and results, stallion owners have the right to appeal for a second opinion. This must be done in writing by your vet within five working days of the results being disclosed to owners' vet to RosSDales & Partners.

X-Ray Requirements

- ↪ Total: Minimum 22 x-rays per horse plus clinically relevant lumps & bumps, e.g. Exostoses (splints) etc
 - a. X-rays must be dated and labeled with the horses name, stud book passport number and Microchip number when available.
 - b. Limbs Must be identified with Left or Right
 - c. Digitally recorded x-rays submitted on CD Rom or e-mail must be identified on each image file
 - d. Digital X-rays must not be taken prior to the 1st of December
- ↪ X-rays must be submitted to Rossdales & Partners for reading strictly not later than the 15th of January of the year of Grading.
- ↪ A fee of £62.50 + VAT per stallion will be charged directly to the stallion owner in advance by Rossdale & Partners for the reading of the x-rays.
- ↪ Rossdales & Partners reserve the right to request further pictures if required, costs are at the owners expense.
- ↪ The cost of X-Rays will be borne by the stallion owner.
- ↪ The SSH will not be held liable for any fees incurred by the stallion owner regardless of the outcome.

FRONT FEET:

- Shoes **must** be removed and the feet trimmed prior to radiography.
- Dorsoproximal-palmarodistal oblique of navicular bone (DPr-PaDiO, "Oxspring view")
- Lateromedial (LM) centered on navicular bone
- Palmaroproximal-palmarodistal oblique (PaPr-PaDiO, "skyline", "California view")

FRONT FETLOCKS:

- Dorsopalmar (DP)
- Lateromedial (LM)

HIND FETLOCKS:

- Dorsoplantar (DP)
- Lateromedial (LM)

HOCKS:

- Dorsoplantar (DP)
- Lateromedial (LM)
- Dorsolateralplantaromedial oblique

STIFLES:

- Caudal 60 degrees lateral-craniomedial oblique (Ca60L-CrMO) [or Caudo-cranial and lateromedial views] to show the distal medial femoral condyle and proximal lateral condylar femoral ridge.

X_RAY PASS LEVEL

Grade 1: No clinically significant radiological abnormalities.

Grade 2: Clinically insignificant radiological abnormalities.

X_RAY FAIL LEVEL

Grade 3: Radiological abnormalities that may affect the horse's athletic usefulness.

Grade 4: Clinically significant radiological abnormalities that are likely to hinder the horse's athletic usefulness

SSH Graded stallions (pre 2007) also have the opportunity to come forward for x-rays, but this is up to the individual stallion owner as it is not compulsory and the results will not change their position within the Studbook. The results from these stallions will be strictly confidential between the SSH and the Stallion Owner and it would be up to the stallion owner to make them public or not.

CLAUSES THAT APPLY TO ALL STALLIONS/COLTS FORWARD FOR INITIAL GRADING

- ↪ All colts and stallions MUST BE handled competently. The SSH reserve the right to eliminate anyone they deem to be incompetent in handling their animal from the grading premises.
- ↪ The SSH reserve the right to eliminate any stallions that are deemed not to be in correct condition/health on the day of the grading in conjunction with the vet in attendance.
- ↪ ALL colts/stallions must shown plaited. (except natives)
- ↪ Cavesson bridles and snaffle bit must be worn
- ↪ Strictly no training aids to be used, rollers side reins or martingales ect.
- ↪ ALL handlers are to be dressed in white and whips may be carried. The handler may have an assistant present that can walk behind with a whip on the provision that he/she does not obstruct the judges view. This assistant must be correctly dressed in white. Hats are advised but at the discretion of the stallion handler.
- ↪ Shoes are optional but must be shod on all four hooves. No corrective shoeing of any type is permitted.
- ↪ ALL colts/stallions must be free from any hereditary defects or disease. Those that are not will not be accepted for grading.
- ↪ It is important that colts/stallions are able to halt and stand for inspection. The graders have the right to refuse to allocate marks to any animal as they see fit.
- ↪ Any dangerous behaviour of a colt/stallion at the grading will be reported to the judges, and if deemed necessary can be eliminated from the grading.
- ↪ Colts/stallions which have a permanent disability/injury may apply for entry to the grading provided a full and complete veterinary report, by a Veterinary School/College within the UK, is submitted to the grading committee prior to entry, clearly stating that there is no possibility whatsoever of hereditary unsoundness, and subject to their satisfaction, entry will be approved. Should the horse achieve success at the grading, temporary breeding status will be granted pending inspection of progeny. Temporary status will only be granted if the judges feel that the horses exceptional quality and pedigree warrant it.
- ↪ The Stallion Grading is open to all sport horse and pony colts and stallions in the year that they reach their third birthday or older
- ↪ Colts/stallions will be required to undertake a Veterinary Inspection on the day of the grading by a veterinary surgeon appointed by the grading committee. **Passing the veterinary examination is a prerequisite for successful completion of the grading process.** The purpose of the examination is to establish freedom from hereditary defect or disease.
- ↪ All colts/stallions passing the Veterinary Inspection and Grading MUST BE DNA TESTED (this has replaced blood typing). It is MANDATORY and must be completed at the end of the Veterinary Inspection, unless the animal already has an Animal Health Trust Reference Number for DNA Testing/Blood Typing. The cost of this procedure will be borne by the owner. From 2002 all stallions are required to be parentage tested. This will also be filed at the Animal Health Trust.
- ↪ NO BACK BOOTS are allowed for loose jumping or ridden assessment. ONLY open fronted tendon boots are allowed for the front legs.

**** IMPORTANT DECLARATION **** The judges decision will always be final and it is deemed a condition of entry that no liability whatsoever for any damages, accident or injury whether real or implied to persons, vehicles, equipment, businesses or horses will be accepted in any way by the SCOTTISH SPORTS HORSE, its judges or officials, in connection with the grading and that the owners/exhibitors and their representatives agree to abide by the STALLION RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR GRADING AND ENTRY INTO THE STUDBOOK.

GENERAL GRADING INFORMATION:

PRIVATE GRADING – Any SSH member can apply to the SSH Committee to have a stallion graded out with the annual grading. Applications and the reasons must be in writing to the committee providing a satisfactory reason for the request. Members will be expected to pay all expenses incurred and provide suitable premises for the purpose of assessing animals correctly. (e.g Suitable surface for trot up on a hard surface, a Secured loose movement/jumping environment and a dark stable for veterinary assessment of eyes)

LOOSE JUMPING – Will be conducted indoors within a jumping lane consisting of three fences of varying height/spread. Owners/handlers will be responsible for providing guidance to officials as to height/spread required for each colt/stallion. Two to three runs in the lane will usually suffice.

SCORING – Owners will be presented with a copy of their stallions scores. The results will also be published.

STALLIONS TALLY – The offspring of a stallion can attend more than one grading in its lifetime (i.e. as a foal, yearling, three year old etc.) but its result cannot count more than once to the sire's tally.

STALLIONS GRADED/APPROVED WITH ANOTHER WBFSH STUDBOOK – These stallions will still have to be presented the same as any other colt/stallion coming forward for grading should the stallion owner wish to be registered in the Stallion Directory as a Registered SSH Breeding stallion.

STALLIONS GAINING AN AVERAGE SCORE LESS THAN 70 WILL NOT BE GRANTED A BREEDING LICENSE BY THE SSH.

APPROVED STALLIONS

- ↪ Stallions that were previously awarded L1 status at initial grading and all stallions that have managed to reach L1 status through progeny and performance results that satisfy the requirements of Approved Status.
- ↪ Stallions that have achieved a minimum sport standard of: Dressage (65% at Medium), Show jumping (1.30m Double Clear), Eventing (Intermediate) or Endurance (75mile Gold Series).
- ↪ Stallions that have had a minimum of 12 foals forward for grading in their first four years after initial grading, achieving marks of no less than 68.
- ↪ Stallions that have completed a Standard Fertility Test that must be carried out by a Specialist Vet School or College within the UK. The stallion **MUST BE** free of transmissible disease (venereal, or otherwise). They must possess no physical traits that would interfere with mating ability, semen quality, or sperm output, and ejaculate more than one billion progressively motile, morphologically normal sperm, in the second of two ejaculates, collected one hour apart, after one week of sexual rest.
- ↪ Deceased/injured stallions whose progeny have proven themselves in sport and at gradings and therefore justified the move to “Approved” Status (Page 20).

L1 STALLIONS

- ↪ Premium status awarded at Initial grading.
- ↪ All colts/stallions MUST POSSESS a verifiable three generation pedigree.
- ↪ All Horse colts/stallions (except Endurance) are to be a minimum of 153 cm, some latitude will be allowed for colts at 3 years of age.
- ↪ All animals 153 cm and under shall be entered into the pony section of the studbook. Stallions may be measured at gradings to confirm height.
- ↪ Must be parentage tested.
- ↪ From 2007 must PASS x-rays
- ↪ From 2010 onwards must have achieved an average mark of 70% at Initial Grading.

REASSESSMENT

- ↪ Must come back for re-assessment within four years after Initial Grading. Deferment can be given up to a MAXIMUM of two years beyond this due to lack of progeny or competition results. Alternatively a copy of competition records can be provided and progeny statistics will be referred to.

TO RETAIN STATUS

- ↪ Must present minimum of 3 progeny and progeny must receive 1st or 2nd Premiums.
- ↪ Must present minimum of 12 progeny at gradings within first four years after Initial Grading and progeny must achieve an average score of 68 or over.
- ↪ Must be shown under saddle at stallion grading on year reassessment due.
- ↪ OR if competing at the minimum competition level (see below) or above the stallion will retain his status.

TO BE PROMOTED TO “APPROVED” STATUS

- ↪ Must present minimum of 12 progeny at gradings within first four years after Initial Grading and progeny must achieve an average score of 68 or over.
- ↪ Of the 12 a minimum of 7 must attain the 1st Premium Status.
- ↪ Must have written confirmation of Affiliated competition results (including results from abroad as long as results are verified) as follows:

Dressage (Medium at 65%), Show jumping (1.30m Double Clear), Eventing (Intermediate) or Endurance (75mile Gold Series).
- ↪ Must pass standard Fertility Test and provide written confirmation.

DEMOTION

- ↪ Any stallion failing to meet the minimum performance AND/OR progeny standards may, at the discretion of the SSH Committee face removal or demotion of its breeding license. Reasons for failure to meet the minimum performance standard owing to injury or illness must be presented to the committee in conjunction with a veterinary surgeon's report from the Veterinary School/College within the UK.

L2 STALLIONS

- ↪ All colts/stallions (except Endurance) are to be a minimum of 153 cm, some latitude will be allowed for colts at 2 ½ years of age.
- ↪ All animals 153 cm and under shall be entered into the pony section of the studbook. Stallions may be measured at gradings to confirm height.
- ↪ Must be parentage tested.
- ↪ From 2007 must PASS x-rays.
- ↪ From 2010 onwards must have achieved an average mark of 70% at Initial Grading.
- ↪ This category would include demoted L1 stallions.

REASSESSMENT

- ↪ Must come back for re-assessment within four years after Initial Grading. Deferment can be given up to a MAXIMUM of two years beyond this due to lack of progeny or competition results. Alternatively a copy of competition records can be provided and progeny statistics will be referred to.

TO RETAIN STATUS

- ↪ Must present minimum of 6 progeny at gradings within first four years after Initial Grading and progeny must achieve a 1st or 2nd Premium award.
- ↪ Must be shown under saddle at stallion grading on year reassessment due OR have proven performance record.
- ↪ OR if competing at the minimum competition level (see below) or above the stallion will retain his status.

TO BE PROMOTED TO "L1" STATUS

- ↪ Must present minimum of 12 progeny at gradings within first four years after Initial Grading and progeny must achieve an average score of 68 or over.
- ↪ Of the 12 a minimum of 5 must attain the 1st Premium Status.
- ↪ Must have written confirmation of Affiliated competition results (including results from abroad as long as results are verified) as follows:

Dressage (Medium at 65%), Show jumping (1.30m Double Clear), Eventing (Intermediate) or Endurance (75mile Gold Series).
- ↪ Must pass standard Fertility Test and provide written confirmation.
- ↪ L2 Stallions can be promoted to Approved Status proving they meet the criteria of a L1 stallion within four years from initial grading.

DEMOTION

- ↪ Any stallion failing to meet the minimum performance or progeny standards may, at the discretion of the SSH Committee, face removal of its breeding license. Reasons for failure to meet the minimum performance standard owing to injury or illness must be presented to the committee in conjunction with a veterinary surgeon's report from the Veterinary School/College within the UK.

AWARDS OF PREDICATES – STALLIONS

Predicates are available to Approved, L1 and L2 Stallions in consultation with the SSH Committee.

KEUR - Awarded to a stallion with excellent performance and breeding results, if his oldest offspring are at least six years old. Minimum criteria is as follows:

- Own Performance - Grade A Show jumper, Prix St George Dressage Horse, Advanced Eventer or Gold Series 100 mile Endurance.
- Breeding Performance - Proven to have strongly influenced breeding within the SSH, produced a minimum of three Ster horses (a licensed/approved stallion may be counted towards the stallions tally)
- Progeny Performance – Proven ability of progeny at affiliated level. Evidence of which must be provided.

**** Note: This can be granted to a stallion posthumously should they show progeny of exceptional ability ****

PREFERENT - Awarded no sooner than two years after becoming KEUR, if his offspring have excellent performance and breeding results. Minimum criteria is as follows:

- **PERFORMANCE** - Minimum of six progeny at advanced level (Grade A Show jumper, Prix St George Dressage Horse, Advanced Eventer or Gold Series 100 mile Endurance).
- **PROGENY BREEDING** - His stallion sons (L1/L2) **MUST HAVE** proven ability to produce 1st Premium stock.

ELITE - Awarded to L2 stallions that do not full fill the pedigree requirements of Approved status but have shown exceptional performance results and produced a high standard of progeny that have proved themselves successful in sport as follows.

- Own Performance - Grade A Show jumper, Prix St George Dressage Horse, Advanced Eventer or Gold Series 100 mile Endurance
- Breeding Performance – Consistently sired 1st and 2nd premium progeny
- Progeny Performance – Proven ability of progeny at affiliated level. Evidence of which must be provided.

DECEASED OR INJURED STALLIONS

Unfortunately stallions may die or be injured and provisions have been put in place for their progression through the studbook, as they may show EXCEPTIONAL offspring who are proving themselves at gradings and in competition.

For stallions to be promoted up a level their foals, 3 year old and 7 year old+ offspring would all be assessed through gradings, breeding mares/stallions and sport. If they achieve the minimum requirements as set out below then the stallions would then have proved themselves through their progeny, and thus be allowed to move up a level posthumously.

1) Stallions Moving From L1 to APPROVED:*

- ↪ Must present minimum of 12 progeny at Gradings and progeny must achieve an average score of 68 or over.
- ↪ Of the 12 a minimum of 7 must attain the 1st Premium Status.
- ↪ Must present a minimum of three Ster Mares or progeny having attained the score for Ster but awarded a first premium based on the lack of pedigree.
- ↪ An L1/L2 graded SSH stallion may be included in the stallions tally.
- ↪ Must have a minimum of three offspring who have achieved the following levels in sport:
Dressage (Medium at 65%), Show jumping (1.30m Double Clear), Eventing (Intermediate) or endurance (75mile Gold Series)

2) Stallions Moving From L2 to L1:

- ↪ Must present minimum of 12 progeny at Gradings and progeny must achieve an average score of 68 or over.
- ↪ Of the 12 a minimum of 5 must attain the 1st Premium Status.
- ↪ Must present two Ster Mares or progeny having attained the score for Ster but awarded a first premium based on the lack of pedigree.
- ↪ Must have a minimum of two offspring who have achieved the following levels in sport:
Dressage (Medium at 65%), Show jumping (1.30m Double Clear), Eventing (Intermediate) or Endurance (75mile Gold Series)
- ↪ An L1/L2 graded SSH stallion may be included in the stallions tally.

APPENDIX 1

A HISTORY OF SDWA & SSH HORSE REGISTRATIONS

- ☞ **1990 TO 1997** – All horses were registered in the SDWA basic register. These horses all received an A4 sealed Studbook Certificate.
- ☞ **1998** – All horses that had been registered between 1990 and 1997 that were eligible for the Main Studbook (including its foal section) or the Auxiliary Studbook (including its foal section) had their records transferred to separate files. The Main Studbook is ORANGE and the Auxiliary Studbook is RED. A separate stallion directory was started.
- ☞ **1998** – The Scottish Sports Horse came into existence and developed a Foundation Studbook which is GREEN. It has a foal section. A Passport Register was also started in response to the 1997 Horse Passports Order, therefore all newly registered horses received a passport.
- ☞ **1999** – In response to the 1998 Horse Passports Order the SSH developed a basic passport for the registration and identification of any horse/pony that could not be registered with a breed society.
- ☞ **2001** – A number of Studbooks were simplified and the mechanism for entering the Main Studbook rationalised. There is now a Main Studbook and a General Studbook which both have a foal section. Animals under 153cm at maturity are recorded in the pony section of these Studbooks.
- ☞ **2002** – Passports are accepted by the British Equestrian Federation (BEF) as an FEI acceptable standard. Introduction of soft blue covers for all SSH Passports.
- ☞ **2003** – Return to the 3 Studbook System, as the oversimplification of the two book system produced a category of horses which did not fit into either Studbooks. Introduction of different binding strips for ease of identification of passport type. All passports still bearing the soft blue outer covers; Studbook Passports have black binding strips and the Basic Passport bearing white binding strips.

2003 also saw changes to the IBOP test, to accept the three phases that they introduced (dressage, jumping under saddle and loose jumping). This test also introduced a slightly different marking system, and the awarding of either a PASS or FAIL – as opposed to the AA, A, BB, B, C Scoring System of the past.
- ☞ **2007** – Marks for stallions attaining L3 licensed status (Previously Listed) was raised from an overall average score of 60 to 65. X-rays were introduced for all newly graded stallions and the introduction of DNA testing for all foals registered, along with mares. Deceased and injured stallions can now progress through the Studbooks if their progeny prove successful in competition.
- ☞ **2007** The Re-naming of the “Main Studbook” to “Head Studbook” was done in compliance with EU legislation commission decision 96/78 so as not to cause confusion.
- ☞ **2008** The status of stallions was renamed as follows: Listed to L3, Registered to L2, Licensed to L1 in order to clarify that all stallions Graded with the SSH are awarded full breeding rights without restriction.
- ☞ **2008** Stallions falling out of the system caused by non payment of fees are allowed to have their status re-instated on the provision that all fees not paid in previous years is settled in full.
- ☞ **2008** The Predicate of “Elite” was introduced for L3 stallions that do not full fill the pedigree requirements of Approved status in recognition of their outstanding achievements in sport and as a sire.
- ☞ **2009** Mare Predicate Cash Vouchers can now be redeemed against **ANY** SSH/WBFSH/EU Recognised Stallion within two years upon the registration and presentation of her progeny at an SSH Grading on the provision that the foal obtains a first or second premium.
- ☞ **2009** Stallion Scores amended to a minimum of 70% or above to be granted a breeding license (L1) effective from 2010
- ☞ **2010** All stallions previously presented were divided into three categories. Approved, L1 and L2

APPENDIX 2

MARE RIDDEN PERFORMANCE TEST (IBOP)

INTRODUCTION

The aim of the Ridden Performance Test is to provide owners and breeders with a performance benchmark to assist in the breeding and selection process of the sports horse. On completion of the test a numerical score will be calculated for each horse (certificates issued to verify the result by the SSH Studbook Manager, at a later date). Scoring may take account of age and be biased toward potential.

The test is voluntary and initially open to all mares, with gelding and stallions to follow at a later date. The test will be judged throughout and will include the following sections:

In hand: Assessment of the horse for type, conformation, movement and temperament.

Dressage: to be scored on evaluation of gaits, athleticism, talent and attitude as a dressage horse.

Jumping: Under saddle and loose, judged on take-off, technique, scope and talent as a jumping horse.

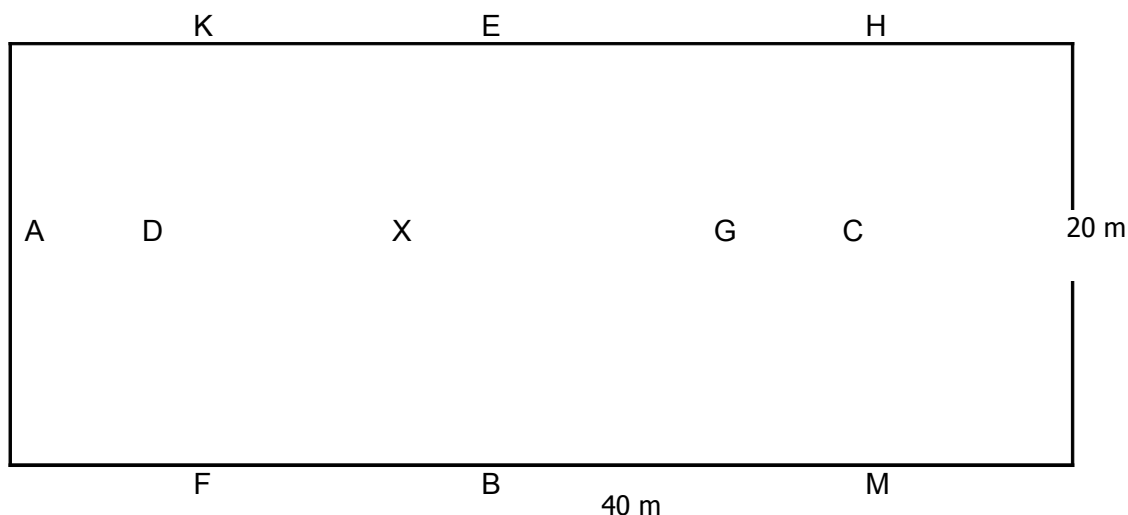
REQUIREMENTS

- ↪ Open to SSH registered mares aged 4 years old and over.
- ↪ Mares should be free from hereditary defect and disease on entry.
- ↪ Mares must be presented plaited and properly turned out.
- ↪ Any dangerous behaviour and/or vices displayed by any mare at the grading will be reported to the judges.
- ↪ Once issued the IBOP Test Certificate the result will remain with that horse for life. The score will be linked to the stallion/dam breeding data.
- ↪ The judges decision will always be final and it is deemed a condition of entry that no liability whatsoever for damages, accident or injury whether real or implied to persons, vehicles, equipment, businesses or horses will be accepted in any way by the Scottish Sports Horse, its officials or judges, in connection with the event and that the owners/riders and their representatives agree to abide by the regulations in force throughout.
- ↪ Snaffle bridle (single, simple, smooth-mouthed) with no more than 2 joints, thick metal or rubber is to be used. No twisted or wire mouthed pieces are allowed. A plain Cavesson nose band must be used (no flash, figure-eight or drop nose bands allowed).
- ↪ Martingales, draw reins or any other artificial aids are not permitted in any phase.
- ↪ Bandages, tendon boots and over-reach boots are not permitted in the dressage.
- ↪ Open fronted tendon boots only are permitted in the jumping under saddle and loose jumping.
- ↪ Rider: Spurs are allowed provided they are blunt and well rounded.
- ↪ Whips: Maximum of 75cm.
- ↪ Hats: Riders must wear protective headgear and be up to British Safety Standards.
- ↪ Breed papers and passport may be checked by Judges or SSH officials.

DRESSAGE TEST FOR THE IBOP IS AS FOLLOWS:

At A	Enter at Working Trot
Between D & X	Working Walk
Between X & G	Halt, Salute and Proceed at Working Trot
At C	Track Right
At A	Serpentine three loops finishing at C
At C	Track Right
M to K	Change Rein at Medium Trot
At K	Working Trot
Between A & F	Walk
F to H	Change Rein at Free Walk
At H	Medium Walk
At C	Working Trot
At B	Medium Canter, Circle Right 20m Diameter
B – F – A – K	Working Canter
K to H	Medium Canter
H	Working Canter
Between C & M	Working Trot
M – B – F – A – K	Working Trot
K to M	Change The Rein at Medium Trot
M	Working Trot
M – C – H – E	Working Trot
E	Working Trot, Circle Left 20m Diameter (allowing horse to stretch neck)
E – K – A	Working Trot
A	Medium Walk
B	Working Trot
Between M & C	Working Canter, Left
H to K	Medium Canter
K to A	Working Canter
Between A & F	Working Trot
Between M & C	Walk
Between H & F	Change the rein in free walk
A	Down Centre Line
Between D & X	Halt, Salute then leave arena

The dressage will take place in a 20m x 40m arena as below:



PHASE THREE – JUMPING UNDER SADDLE AND LOOSE

3 years – 4 years Minimum of 80cm/Maximum of 1.15m at the request of judge/rider
5 years + Minimum of 90cm/Maximum of 1.25m at the request of judge/rider

MARKS are given as follows:

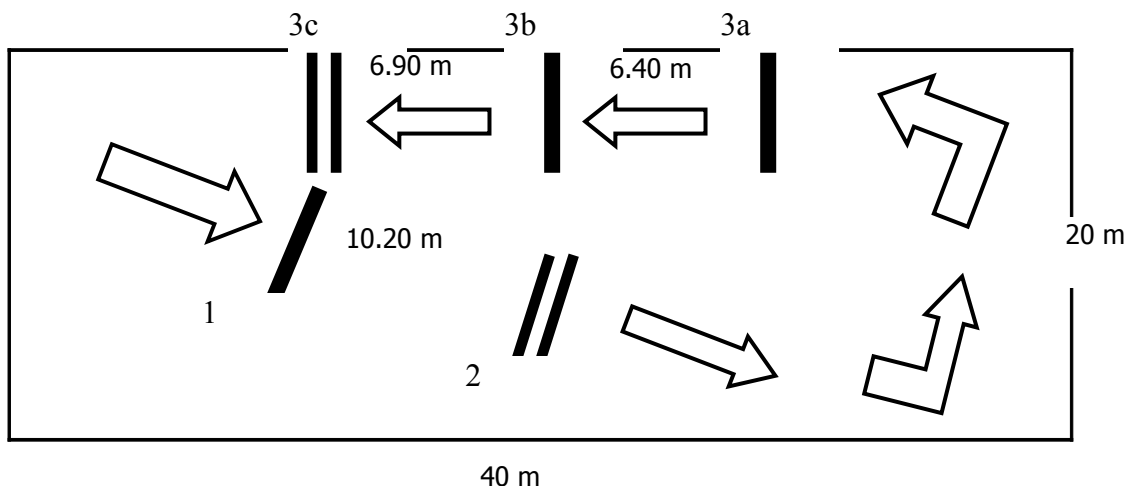
Take Off	0 – 10
Technique	0 – 10
Scope	0 – 10
Talent as a Jumping Horse	0 – 10 (x 2)

The points will be awarded for the jumping after both the ridden and loose jumping phases have been done. The score is given in decimals.

JUMPING UNDER SADDLE

- ↪ The whole course MUST be completed and unsound horses will be disqualified.
- ↪ After three refusals the horse is automatically disqualified, but will be encouraged to jump by adjusting (lowering) a fence. This is at the discretion of the judges.
- ↪ The jury will stand in the ring and may request the horse to jump a second round.
- ↪ In the ridden section the fences will consist of the following:
 - ↪ Fence 1 – A vertical which will be 10.20m from Fence 2
 - ↪ Fence 2 – An oxer
 - ↪ Fence 3 – Will consist of a combination of three elements:
 - A vertical that will be 6.40m from,
 - A second vertical that will be 6.90m from,
 - An oxer

Horses will be required to jump all the above fences twice, shown in the diagram below.
 NO CIRCLES may be ridden between jumps.



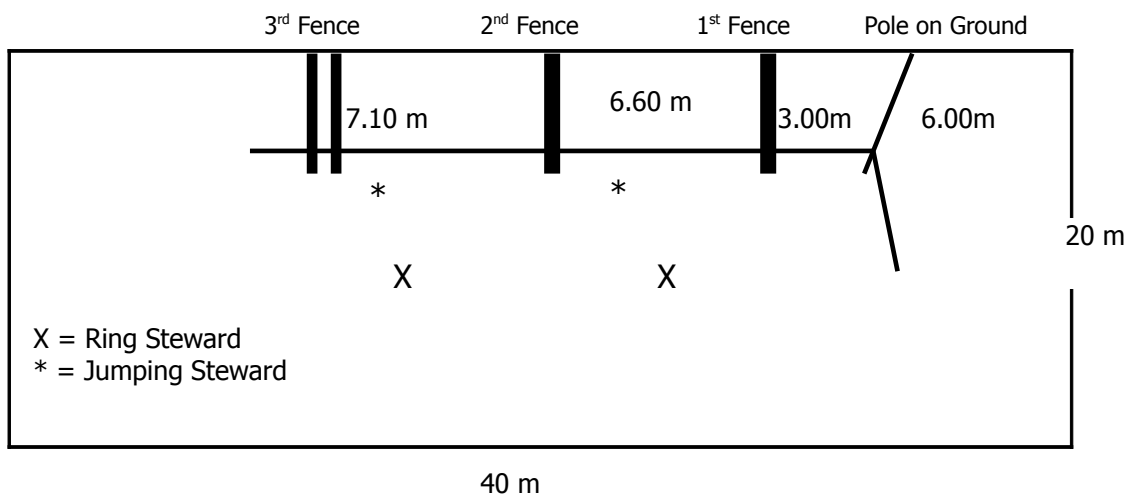
LOOSE JUMPING

Horses will be required to enter the loose jumping arena and proceed through a small grid/combination, which will gradually increase in height to finish with the measurements and distances similar to the grid/combination jumped under saddle.

Maximum Height 1.25m

MARKS are given as follows:

Attitude	0 – 10
Technique	0 – 10
Scope	0 – 10



PHASE FOUR – SCORING

The scoring system is on a zero to ten scale as mentioned before. The IBOP Test will be scored as described as before mentioned, bearing a possible total of 100 points.

Horses MUST score one of the following:

- Dressage 50 points or more with basic gaits no less than 6
- Jumping 50 points or more
- Combination 70 points in Jumping and Dressage Combined

**APPENDIX 3
MARE CASH AWARD CERTIFICATES**

Any Horse or Pony Can Be Registered with the SSH

Verified 3 generation pedigree by WBFSH / SSH Approved or L1 Stallion out of an SSH / WBFSH 1st or 2nd Premium Graded Mare

All Others

Enters Head Foal Book

Enters Foundation Foal Book

When graded is REQUIRED to obtain 1st or 2nd Premium Aged 3 yrs+ (3rd Premiums)

When graded needs verified 3 generation pedigree + 1st Premium aged 3 yrs+

Graded without verified 3 generation pedigree 2nd or 3rd Premium aged 3 yrs+

ENTERS HEAD STUD BOOK

ENTERS FOUNDATION STUD BOOK

1st Premium Mares are Awarded **£100 Cash Certificate**

Ster Mares are Awarded £200 Cash Certificate

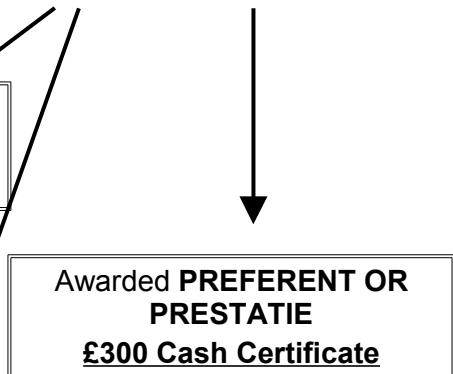
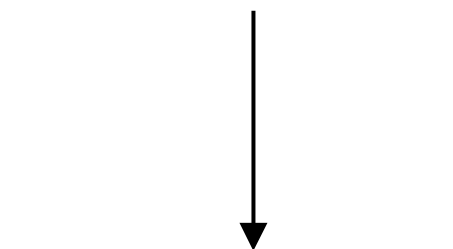
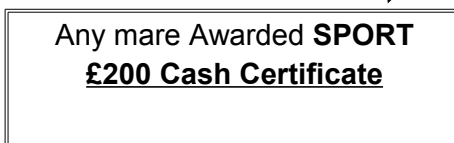
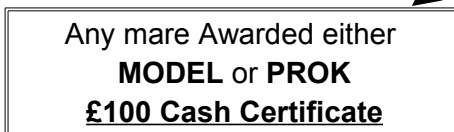
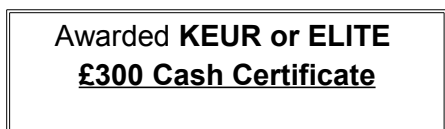
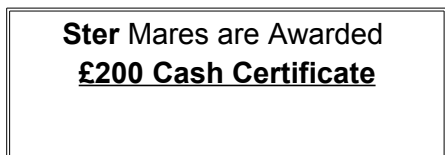
Awarded **KEUR or ELITE £300 Cash Certificate**

Any mare Awarded either **MODEL or PROK £100 Cash Certificate**

Any mare Awarded **SPORT £200 Cash Certificate**

Broodmares from both books, providing they fulfil the requirements can be Awarded

Awarded **PREFERENT OR PRESTATIE £300 Cash Certificate**



RULES FOR ALL CASH AWARD CERTIFICATES

- ↪ The award is in the form of a **CASH AWARD CERTIFICATE**, which is valid for **TWO COVERING SEASONS ONLY**. e.g for mares graded in 2008 they are pertinent to coverings in 2009 and 2010
- ↪ **CASH AWARD CERTIFICATES** are not transferable to another mare. If she is sold or loaned it goes with her. If she dies the certificate is no longer valid. If she is not covered, does not become pregnant or the foal dies there will be no payment.
- ↪ Irrespective of the total number of different predicates gained by any one mare, the **MAXIMUM** lifetime payout pertinent to any one mare is £300 with an additional £100 for the PROK to encourage and promote the x-raying of mares
- ↪ “Exchanged for Cash,” means a cheque from the Treasurer, when all conditions are fulfilled.

RULES FOR MARES WHO RECEIVE CASH AWARD CERTIFICATES

- ↪ Before the mare is covered/inseminated, it is advisable to contact Studbook administrator to verify that the chosen stallion fulfils the criteria for cash payment in order to avoid disappointment.
- ↪ Accepted stallions: All SSH licensed/Approved WBFSH or EU Member State recognised Studbooks including SSH L2 stallions.
- ↪ The Cash Award Certificate will be exchanged for cash **only when** the resultant foal obtains its SSH Passport and is awarded a first or 2nd Premium at an SSH Grading. (thus ensuring that it is registered within the SSH System)

SSH RECOGNISED STUD BOOKS

All EU Member State & WBFSH Recognised Studbooks other studbooks will be considered at the discretion of the committee.

Note for these Guidelines – Scottish Law governs these rules and the Scottish Courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction.