

SCOTTISH SPORTS HORSE 2010 STALLION PACK

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[SSH Stallion Grading Introduction](#)

The Scottish Sport Horse Stallion Grading is held annually each spring. 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. Stallions are assessed for correctness of conformation, quality of movement, health and soundness, and jumping ability. Stallions undergo a full five stage vetting at the grading and can only be presented for the loose schooled phase of the assessment providing they pass the veterinary inspection. Stallion owners must be fully paid SSH members and stallions registered (over stamped) with the SSH.

[SSH Graded Stallion Status Explained](#)

The Scottish Sports Horse has three **initial** levels of grading at which a stallion can enter the studbook to commence his breeding career.

- All stallions that successfully pass the grading regardless of the scores awarded, that do not meet the three generation pedigree requirements, will be granted **L2** status.
- All stallions are re-assessed after four years from initial assessment and must be presented under saddle. A further two years may be granted at the discretion of the Stud Book manager.
- Pony Stallions must not exceed 1.53m

L1 STATUS

A stallion that has achieved an overall average score of 80 % or over with a minimum conformation score of 70%.

stallions can be promoted to Approved status providing that they compete successfully in Dressage (65% at Medium), Show jumping (1.30m Double Clear), Eventing (Intermediate) or Endurance (75mile Gold Series) **and** produce a minimum of 12 foals forward for grading achieving marks of no less than 68, seven of which must be 1st premium foals during his first four seasons at stud.

Must pass standard Fertility Test and provide written confirmation.

L2 STATUS:

A stallion that has achieved a minimum average score of 70 % on average with a minimum score of 70 % for conformation.

stallions can be promoted to L1 status providing that they compete successfully in Dressage (65% at Medium), Show jumping (1.30m Double Clear), Eventing (Intermediate) or Endurance (75mile Gold Series) **and** produce a minimum of 12 foals forward for grading achieving marks of no less than 68, five of which must be 1st premium foals during his first four seasons at stud.

Must pass standard Fertility Test and provide written confirmation.

APPROVED STATUS: Fully Approved Status is only granted to SSH stallions that have successfully met the pedigree, fertility, health, progeny and competition requirements as outlined in the above sections after a period of four years from initial assessment.

N.B. Official competition results by a recognized governing body must be produced for any stallion seeking promotion, e.g. BSJA, BD, BE, FEI etc

*****Stallions not reaching the minimum average score of 70 will not be granted breeding rights*****

[Stallion Grading Step By step](#)

ENTERING: 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 Rosssdales & 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 15th March.

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 Rosssdales & Partners.

[X- Ray Requirements](#)

- Total: Minimum 22 x-rays per horse plus clinically relevant lumps & bumps, e.g. Exostoses (splints) etc
- X-rays must be dated and labeled with the horses name, stud book passport number and Microchip number when available.
- Limbs Must be identified with Left or Right
- Digitally recorded x-rays submitted on CD Rom or e-mail must be identified on each image file
- Digital X-rays must not be taken prior to the **1st of November 2009**
- X-rays must be submitted to Rosssdales & Partners for reading strictly not later than the **28th August 2010** of the year of Grading.
- A fee of **£62.50 + VAT** per stallion will be charged directly to the stallion owner in advance by Rosssdale & Partners for the reading of the x-rays.
- Rosssdales & 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
- Palmarproximal-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 latero-medial 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

SECRETARY: Upon arrival at the venue please present yourself to the SSH secretary and present your stallions passport. You will be issued with Bridle numbers.

- Bridle numbers must be attached securely on either side of your stallions bridle.
- Stallions should remain in trailers/boxes or stables until shortly prior to your allocated time.

Grading Day

CONFORMATION & TROT UP: Each stallion will be allocated a time for examination and presented in catalogue order. A Steward will call you when it is your turn.

Stallions are to be presented parallel to the panel and will be assessed for conformation. The stallion should then be turned 180 degrees to face the opposite direction. The handler should then walk away from the judges over a distance of approximately 20 meters, turning clockwise the stallion should walk back to the inspectors. This same exercise will then be repeated in trot. An assistant is permitted to encourage the horse forwards aided with a whip but this should be used sparingly and should not obstruct the judges view. No other artificial aids should be used

N.B. Any stallion found not to be sound will not proceed further.

Stallions should then be returned to their stables unless otherwise directed.

- No leg wear allowed
- Stallions must be plaited
- No corrective shoeing allowed
- Stallions must be presented in a snaffle bit
- Stallions to be presented in black or brown bridle
- Handlers must be dressed in white, trousers shirt and trainers
- Hard hats are recommended

VETERINARY INSPECTION Stallion Handlers will be called by the SSH steward when the vet is ready to inspect. Stallions will be measured, and undergo a rigorous vetting, including inspection of eyes in a dark stable.

- Stallions must be free from parrot mouth, and umbilical hernia.
- Both testicles must be present and must be of equal shape and size.
- Stallions will be lunged freely on a 20m circle and examined for soundness of heart and wind.
- Stallions showing dangerous unruly behavior putting the vets safety at risk will be excluded from further examination and will not be allowed to continue further.
- Stallions should then be returned to their stables etc once the examination is completed

NB Any stallion that does not meet any of the criteria outlined above will not proceed forwards to the next stage.

LOOSE SCHOOLING: You will be called by the steward when it is time for your stallion to commence the loose schooling phase.

- Only the stallion handler is allowed in the cage. Experienced Whips will be provided.
- It is recommended that the stallion be walked around the cage once to familiarize himself with his environment.
- The stallion should then be turned loose away from the judges and other persons in the cage. Stallions will be awarded a separate score for walk, trot and canter.

LOOSE JUMPING: Stallions will then be loose jumped and assessed on take off, attitude, ability, technique and scope.

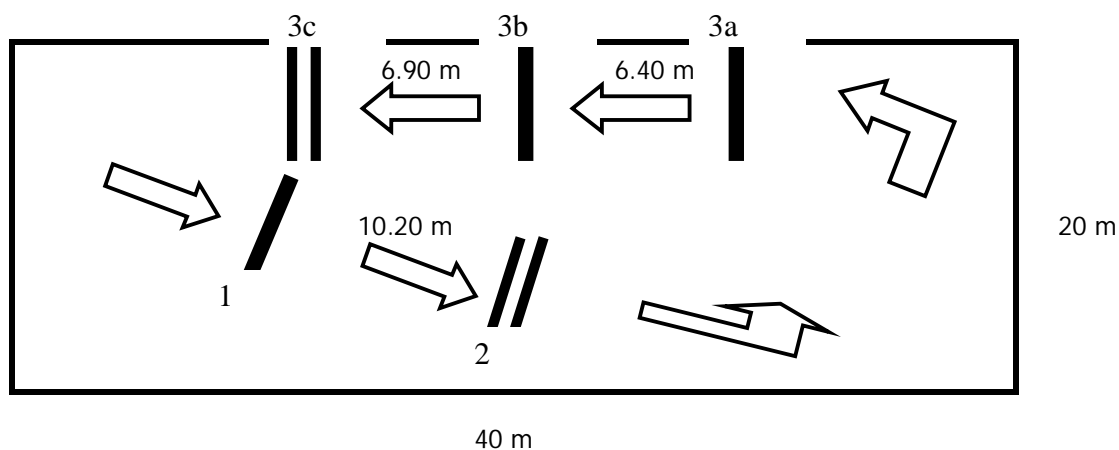
- Stallions must have been previously schooled and prepared for the loose jumping phase. Stallions not wishing to co-operate will not be allowed to continue and their final scores will be based on conformation and movement only.
- Front boots can be worn for this phase of the assessment.
- Maximum height jumped 1.25m
- Stallions should then return to their stables once the assessment is complete.

JUMPING UNDER SADDLE

4 years (optional)
5 years +

Minimum of 80cm/Maximum of 1.10m at the request of judge/rider
Minimum of 90cm/Maximum of 1.25m at the request of judge/rider

- ↪ 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:



STALLION PARADE: Successful stallion owners will be notified by the steward if their stallion has been successful. Stallions should then make their way to the main arena whereby the stallions scores and results will be read out. A Critique will also be given publicly highlighting the stallions strengths and weaknesses.

SCORING: The conformation and movement will be expressed in a score (scale of 40 to 100). Separate scores will be given for the walk, the trot and the canter. The average of these scores will be the score awarded for movement. In free jumping, the take-off, technique and scope will be evaluated (0-40) and a score will be awarded (40-100). The overall mark/grade will then consist of three parts (conformation, movement/ free movement and free jumping with the conformation mark and the higher of the two scores either movement or jumping being added together then divided to produce the overall score).

SECRETARY: All stallion owners should then make their way to the secretary to return bridle numbers and collect their passports.

CERTIFICATES AND COVERING CERTIFICATES: All stallions will receive a copy of their score sheets sent by post to them by the studbook manager in the weeks that follow the event. Successfully Graded Stallions will also receive their Grading Certificate and Covering certificates for the current year by post.

The SSH, the Event Director (Mr Andrew Henderson), the event organizers, nor any officer, servant or agent of these bodies, accept any liability whatsoever, (whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever), for any death, accident, damage, loss, injury or illness of any kind as a result of any cause or circumstance whatsoever to exhibitors, competitors or members, or their servants or agents or to anyone on the event venue or to any animal or article exhibited, or any property bought or brought onto the event venue, or for any loss, claim, matter, circumstance or event whatsoever in connection with, or arising out of, or attributable to, the SSH, the event organizers or any officers, servants or agents of these bodies or any other rules and regulations or special conditions prescribed by them. In the interests of mutual safety, all competitors /entrants/participants/exhibitors agree to comply with all and any directions or instructions given to them by the organisers, Scottish Sports Horse, or by anyone acting on their behalf in relation to the control of their animal(s). Should any person fail to comply immediately with any such direction or instruction, they will be required to leave the event venue forthwith. The event organizers reserve the right to cancel, add to, or amend any of the classes as they see fit. The judge's decision, in all matters, is final. Participation at this event will be deemed acceptance of the rules. Each and every competitor/entrant/participant/exhibitor entering or participating in the event is deemed to have read, understood and agreed to the foregoing.

NB Stallion Owners must be fully paid SSH members and Stallions Registered with the SSH.

For All Further inquiries please call
Jackie Halley

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The Scottish Sports Horse provides days such as this event, along with others in our annual calendar: to help encourage the breeders of horses and ponies, to work together with owners, trainers and also the riders, to develop a breeding programme of producing sport horses and ponies of the highest level, with an even temperament, athleticism and soundness to compete in any discipline.

Drug Testing:All horses may be subject to drug testing according to FEI Standards at the discretion of the Jury.
The test is for drugs that are not allowed according to the FEI rules.

**NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT
ALL PASSPORTS MUST BE PRESENTED ON THE DAY
Cheques payable to Scottish Sports Horse**