

SHB(GB) STALLION GRADING

IAN STARK EQUESTRIAN , SELKIRK – 8TH APRIL 2018
WEST WILTS EQ. CENTRE, WILTS – 11TH APRIL 2018

STALLION GRADING PROCEDURE

To assess the horse's suitability as a breeding stallion.

1. There will be a panel of three Inspectors who will assess conformation, loose, loose jumping and ridden sections of the grading.
2. In the Ridden assessment you will be required to give an individual show and the Inspectors will be looking at the horse's submission, attention to the aids, balance and impulsion, rhythm and movement, temperament and overall rideability.
You may then jump your horse under saddle if you so wish.

Please note that horses must be jumped under saddle if they are to be registered with the British Showjumping.

3. The stallion will be shown loose in an indoor school so that the Inspectors can assess the freedom & elasticity of the stallion's paces.
4. The stallion will then loose jump.

Distances and layout

The jumping lane will be enclosed using wings and poles. The intention is that stallions will be led to the start of the lane and will be caught at the end of the lane then led back to jump again. The number of runs is at the discretion of the judges and the final height at the discretion of the owner and judges.

The lane will consist of a cross pole, a vertical and an oxer. The distance from the start to the first fence (cross pole) will be no less than 6m.

From the cross pole to the second fence (vertical) will be 6.6m. From the vertical to the third fence (oxer) will be 7.10m for ponies and 7.65m for horses. These dimensions are the same as used by the BEF at the Futurity Evaluations.

These distances are appropriate provided the horse tackles the lane calmly in trot or a steady canter. Within reason the judges will give your horse every opportunity to present itself to the best of its ability. The judges will confirm when they have seen enough. Please practice catching and re-presenting your stallion down the jumping lane before bringing him forward for grading.

5. The stallion will be stood up in front of the conformation Inspectors and they will award marks for different parts of the body. (Please see enclosed mark sheet)
6. The stallion will then walk away from the Inspectors in a straight line and walk back towards them in a straight line. The stallion will then trot straight away and back to enable the Inspectors to give the mark for correctness of movement.

7. A mark will be awarded if the stallion has any performance and/ or if any of his progeny have competed successfully. This mark will be determined from the performance chart enclosed. Printouts must be enclosed with the entry form from the relevant disciplines to verify any performance.
8. The average mark will be calculated. Including the performance mark, the horse is awarded eleven separate marks but in order to determine the stallion's final average mark the total is only divided by ten. This rewards those horses with a good performance record by boosting their average mark but does not penalise those horses that have not competed.

To be awarded PREMIUM status stallions must achieve an average mark of 7.5 or above.
To be awarded GRADED status stallions must achieve an average mark of 7.0 for the conformation assessment and receive an overall average mark of 6.5 or above.
Should a stallion receive a mark of 5 or below at any point in the assessment (except the performance mark) it will automatically fail.

ALL THE MARKS OF THE SUCCESSFULLY GRADED STALLIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED.

SPORT HORSE BREEDING OF GREAT BRITAIN

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STALLION INSPECTION FORM

NAME OF HORSE _____

AGE _____ BREED _____

SIRE _____ BREED _____

DAM _____ BREED _____

Full details of the horse will be on the attached form.

Each group is given a score between 0-10.

FRONT, SHOULDERS AND WITHERS:

HEAD



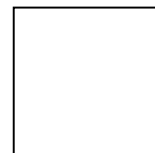
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NECK

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SHOULDER & WITHERS

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DEPTH / WIDTH
RIB CAGE / CHEST

TOP- LINE AND QUARTERS

TOP LINE & BACK



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QUARTERS

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THIGH

FORE LEGS

BONE



ALIGNMENT

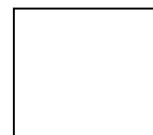
JOINTS

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HOOVES

HIND LEGS

ALIGNMENT



JOINT / HOCKS

PASTERNS

HOOVES

CORRECTNESS OF MOVEMENT

CORRECTNESS IN FRONT:



WALK

TROT

CORRECTNESS BEHIND:

WALK

TROT

FLATWORK UNDER SADDLE

ATTENTION TO RIDER'S AIDS & SUBMISSION



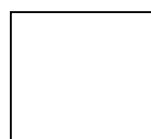
BALANCE & IMPULSION

RHYTHM & MOVEMENT

OVERALL RIDEABILITY

JUMPING UNDER SADDLE

APPROACH TO FENCE



STYLE OVER FENCE

NATURAL TECHNIQUE

BALANCE

SCOPE

ATTITUDE

LOOSE - CARRIAGE & ELASTICITY

WALK



TROT

CANTER

POWER & FLEXION OF HOCKS

FREEDOM OF ELBOW

LOOSE JUMPING

APPROACH TO FENCE

STYLE OVER FENCE

TECHNIQUE

BALANCE

ATTITUDE

PERFORMANCE/PROGENY PERFORMANCE

GENERAL IMPRESSION:

SUBSTANCE

PRESENCE

SCOPE

QUALITY

COMMENTS

OVERALL MARK

Judges Signature

Judges Signature

Judges Signature

Date

THE SCALE OF MARKS USED IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 10 Excellent
- 9 Very good
- 8 Good
- 7 Fairly good
- 6 Above average
- 5 Average
- 4 Insufficient
- 3 Fairly bad
- 2 Bad
- 1 Very bad
- 0 Not performed

SPORT HORSE BREEDING OF GREAT BRITAIN - PERFORMANCE MARKS.

MARK	RACING	EVENTING	DRESSAGE	SHOW JUMPING	SHOWING	POLO
10	Group race winner	International 4* Placed CCI/CIC	International Placed CDIO	International Placed CSIO		Awarded "best playing pony" in Cartier International
9	Group race placed Listed Winner	International 3* Placed CCI/CIC	International Grand Prix Placed CDI	International Placed		Awarded "best playing pony" in high goal final. *
8	Listed race placed	Winner CCI/CIC**	National Grand Prix Placed CDI	Grade A Placed		Played in Cartier International
7	Stakes Winner	Advanced Placed CCI/CIC **Placed	National Prix St George	Grade A		Played regularly in high goal tournaments *
6	Handicap Winner Stakes placed	Grade 1	Advanced Medium Placed	Grade B Placed		Awarded "best playing pony" in HPA medium goal tournaments
5	Handicap placed	Intermediate Placed	Medium Winner	Grade B Placed		Played regularly in HPA medium goal tournaments
4	Pt to Pt Open winner Winner under rules	CCI/CIC * Placed Grade 2	Medium Placed	Placed Foxhunter classes	Major Show Champion Ridden Major Show Working Hunter Winner	Awarded "best playing pony" in HPA low goal tournaments
3	Pt to Pt winner Placed under Rules	Grade 3 Winner and Placed 6yr old Young Horse Class	Elementary Winner and Placed Placed 6yr old Young Horse Class	British Newcomers Placed Placed 6yr old Young Horse Class	Major Show Winner Ridden Major Show Working Hunter Placed	Played regularly in HPA low goal tournaments
2	Pt to Pt placed	BE 90 and BE 100 Placed Winner and Placed 5yr old Young Horse Class	Novice Winner and Placed Winner and Placed 5yr old Young Horse Class	British Discovery placed Placed 5yr old Young Horse Class	Major Show Placed Ridden (2 nd or 3 rd) Major Show Winner In Hand	Nominated by major club as outstanding.
1		BE 80 Placed Winner and Placed 4yr old Young Horse Class	Novice Prelim Placed or Young Horse Placed Placed 4yr old Young Horse Class	British Novice placed Placed 4yr old Young Horse Class	Major Show Placed In Hand (2 nd or 3 rd)	Nominated by minor club as outstanding

Polo * High goal applies to Prince of Wales, Queens or Cowdray Gold Cup.

Other disciplines – marks awarded at the Judges' discretion.

Stallion Grading Rules

BENEFITS OF STALLION GRADING

- 1) Stallions recognised by mare owners as being of a high standard.
- 2) Recognition with The World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses.
- 3) Graded Stallions currently registered for the year of covering are eligible to accept Service Vouchers valued at £500, £200 and £100 awarded by this Society to Brood Mares.
- 4) Promotion of all Graded Stallions via membership, National & International advertising, website and Society's Trade Stand which attends major shows and events around the country.
- 5) Accurate covering, foaling and fertility records maintained.
- 6) Eligible to compete as an entire under BS Rules.
- 7) Stock eligible for SHB(GB) Stud Book papers.

GENERAL RULES APPLYING TO ALL STALLIONS

ALL STALLIONS MUST:

- 1) Be 148cm (14.2 hh) or above.
- 2) Be 3 years old or over.
- 3) Stallions applying for Grading must have a minimum of 3 generations of proven pedigree.
- 4) Sign a declaration stating that they agree to abide by the Levy Board codes of practice for the prevention of venereal diseases, forward copies of C.E.M swab certificate and provide a negative blood test result for E.V.A. or a copy of an Artervac vaccination record.
- 5) Submit a sample for a DNA test for which the owner is liable for the cost when passing the initial Grading or supply details of where DNA profile is held.
- 6) Be owned by a current member of SHB(GB).

MARKS

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Graded stallions may be upgraded to Premium on the performance of their progeny or by coming forward for re-assessment.

All stallions that themselves or their progeny, achieve a successful competition record at Intermediate Eventing, Grade B Showjumping or Medium Level Dressage will become either Premium * or Graded *.

ELITE STALLIONS

Premium* and Graded* stallions will be granted the title ELITE if either they or their progeny fulfill the following criteria:

DRESSAGE - Placed at a CDI*** competition at Intermediare I/II or Grand Prix

EVENTING - Completed a CCI**** or placed in top twelve of a CCI*** event

SHOW JUMPING - Placed in Grand Prix at SI or CSIO Competition and/or competed on a Nations Cup Team

Stallions which have themselves reached the level to be ELITE and also have progeny at the required level for ELITE status will be granted the title ELITE*.

VETERINARY INSPECTION

Please refer to the SHB(GB) 5 Stage Clinical Examination Pre Stallion Grading document available to download from www.sporhorsegb.co.uk. No entry will be accepted without the report of a 5 Stage Clinical Examination as detailed in the above document. Please ensure that this document is brought to the attention of your Veterinary Surgeon **BEFORE the examination.** No other veterinary certificate will be accepted.

The Society reserves the right to refer stallions for further veterinary assessment.

Blood samples may be taken at the grading for the analysis of non-normal nutrients.

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

All stallions will be assessed on conformation, movement in hand and loose and loose jumping and be shown under saddle at walk, trot and canter. They may be jumped under saddle at the option of the owner. Horses wishing to register with BS must be jumped under saddle.

Thoroughbred stallions with a minimum timeform rating of 80 on the flat or a National Hunt BHB Official Handicap rating of 120 or above may apply for grading via an alternative system. For full details please contact the office.
Thoroughbred stallions that have raced with lower than the aforementioned timeform rating will be required to come forward for assessment on their conformation, movement in hand and loose. They will not be required to be seen under saddle. Their racing performance will be taken into account. To achieve Premium status they will also be required to loose jump (to a maximum height of 90cm).
Unraced TB stallions will need to be assessed in the same way as other stallions.

Stallions coming forward for assessment aged 10 years or over will be required to provide proof of:

- A) Successful competition record at Intermediate Eventing, Grade B Showjumping or Medium Level Dressage **OR**
- B) A B.H.B. Official Handicap Rating on the Flat of 80 or higher, or a National Hunt B.H.B. Official Handicap Rating of 100 or higher **OR**
- C) Have run 15 or more times on the racecourse **OR**
- D) Have sired stock competing at the same level

Pure bred stallions graded or registered with a recognised indigenous breed society (e.g. Irish Draught, Cleveland Bays, etc.) can only apply to come forward for assessment with the written consent of their Breed Society

STALLIONS ELIGIBLE TO TRANSFER INTO THE SHB(GB) STUD BOOK

Stallions that are fully graded with any foreign society that is a full member of the WBFSH AND that have a performance test result of 100 or higher, can apply to be accepted as SHB(GB) Graded Stallions. Proof of graded status, must be submitted with a completed application form & the relevant fee. Please contact the office for an application form.

These rules also include stallions graded with daughter societies in the UK.

N.B. Progeny foaled in the UK out of an SHB(GB) Graded Mare sired by a stallion standing abroad that fulfills the SHB(GB) criteria for a Foreign Graded Stallion will be eligible for registration in the SHB(GB) Full Stud Book, so long as a DNA profile is available for the sire to allow for parentage verification of the offspring.

Stallions that have attained the highest level of Approval/Grading in the UK with another Society that is a full member of the WBFSH **and** have attained points or money at a minimum of Intermediate Eventing, Grade B Showjumping or Medium Dressage, or have progeny that have achieved the same level, can apply to be accepted as SHB(GB) Graded Stallions. Proof of graded status must be submitted with a completed application form & the relevant fee. Please contact the office for an application form.

Stallions Approved/Graded at lower levels or that do not have the required level of performance or that are approved with societies which are not full members of the WBFSH will have to come forward for SHB(GB) Grading.

The Stallion Committee reserves the right to alter or amend these rules and regulations from time to time as they see fit. The Stallion Committee also reserves the right to assess individual cases on their merit and in exceptional circumstances certain dispensations may be granted.

SHB(GB) 5 STAGE CLINICAL EXAMINATION
PRE STALLION GRADING

Purpose of examination :

‘To assess suitability for presentation to SHB(GB) for Stallion Grading’

Veterinary Surgeon :

The Veterinary Surgeon carrying out the examination must be in full time equine clinical work and have been qualified at least 5 years.

Examination :

To be performed within 6 weeks of the closing date of entries for the Stallion Grading.

To be carried out and documented on VDS Certificate of Veterinary Examination of a Horse prior to presentation for Breed Society Grading.

To be reported on Veterinary Defence Society report form , electronically and to be submitted to SHB(GB) marian@sporthorsegb.co.uk before the closing date of entries for the Stallion Grading and copy to be retained by the examining veterinarian.

NO PRE PURCHASE EXAMINATION FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The following to be noted on the report form :

All asymmetries , including feet.

Any stereotypies , allergies or vices.

Inspiratory noise :

If an inspiratory noise is audible , the stallion then to have standing endoscopy directly after exercise.

Laryngeal hemiplegia grade 1 suitable for grading

Laryngeal Hemiplegia grade 4 not suitable for grading

Laryngeal hemiplegia grades 2 & 3 overground endoscopy to be performed in the strongly exercised horse. Video recordings to be submitted to SHB(GB) for independent specialist opinion , the specialist being nominated by SHB(GB).

No blood samples for non normal nutrients required.

No X rays required.

At the Stallion Grading :

A SHB(GB) Official Veterinarian will be present to advise the Stallion Grading Judges in the event of any veterinary issues.

Standing endoscopy may be performed after exercise and overground endoscopy requested.

Blood sampling for non normal nutrients may be required.

All veterinary fees at Stallion Grading to be met by the Stallion Owner.

STALLION GRADING

GUIDELINES FOR DRESS AND TURNOUT

- 1) HORSES MAY WEAR **FRONT** BOOTS IN THE LOOSE, LOOSE JUMPING AND RIDDEN PHASES OF THE ASSESSMENT. NO HIND BOOTS OR HIND BANDAGES ARE PERMITTED.
- 2) NO BOOTS MAY BE WORN FOR THE CONFORMATION ASSESSMENT OR THE TROT UP.
- 3) ALL HANDLERS AND RIDERS MUST BE TURNED OUT VERY SMARTLY IN A SIMILAR FASHION EXPECTED FOR A COUNTY SHOW OR EQUIVALENT AFFILIATED COMPETITION.
- 4) A SKULL CAP OR HAT AND SAFETY HARNESS ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT APPROVED BSI OR EUROPEAN STANDARD MUST BE WORN **AT ALL TIMES** WHEN HANDLING OR RIDING STALLIONS. THIS INCLUDES ANY PEOPLE ASSISTING WITH THE LOOSE JUMPING. **NO-ONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE JUMPING PEN WITHOUT A HARD HAT.**

