



IRISH NATIONAL STUD

DOCUMENTATION & VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS 2023 BREEDING SEASON

Irish National Stud reserves the right to amend these requirements in alignment with any changes to Department of Agriculture Guidelines.

1. **CONTRACT:**

All mares must have a fully executed nomination contract lodged with the office prior to presentation for covering.

2. **C.E.M.**

All mares require one negative clitoral swab, cultured at an approved **Irish, or U.K.** laboratory in the 2023 breeding season; certificate to be lodged prior to covering. Mares covered in USA in 2022 also require a CEM from the Cervix.

This swab also tests for other venereal pathogens such as Klebsiella and Pseudomonas.

3. **E.I.A.**

a) **Irish and U.K. Mares**

All mares require one negative test (Coggins or Eliza) for E.I.A. taken after January 1st 2023 and prior to arrival at the Irish National Stud.

b) **Mares and Foals from outside Ireland / U.K.**

Both require a negative test for E.I.A. taken within 14 days of departure to Ireland, which should accompany them. On arrival at the Irish National Stud, they will be placed in isolation until retested at 14 days. If arriving to an Irish boarding farm, they must be isolated and retested after 14 days post arrival.

4. **E.V.A.**

a) **Irish and U.K. Mares**

All mares require a blood sample taken after January 1st 2023. This sample must be analysed by an approved Irish or U.K. laboratory and show a negative result. In the event of a positive result, a repeat sample, showing a stable or declining titre taken 14 days after the initial sample, will also be required. U.K. based mares must be transported only with other U.K. animals of a similar disease and certification status, or they may be isolated on arrival and retested at 14 days. Results are required prior to arrival at the stud.

b) **Mares from outside Ireland / U.K.**

These mares require a sample taken within 14 days of departure to Ireland, showing a negative or stable titre, which should accompany the mare. On arrival at the Irish National Stud, they will be placed in isolation until retested at 14 days. If arriving to an Irish boarding farm, they must be isolated and retested after 14 days post arrival. i.e.; foreign mares will NOT be covered for at least 14 days after arrival in Ireland.

c) **Mares changing stallions**

All mares changing stallions during the season will require further negative tests for EVA and CEM taken at least 7 days after covering by the 1st stallion and within 28 days of covering by the 2nd stallion.

5. **ALL MARES ARRIVING FROM OUTSIDE IRELAND FOR BOARDING REQUIRE A NEGATIVE NASAL SWAB FOR STREP EQUI & EHV 1-4 TAKEN WITHIN 14-DAYS OF DEPARTURE. TO IRELAND.**

6. **INFLUENZA:**

It is recommended that all visiting & boarding mares should have their up to date vaccinations for Influenza & Tetanus recorded in their passports, prior to arrival at the stud.

7. **E.H.V. 1, 4 & Rota Virus Vaccinations:**

It is advised that mares coming to foal at the Irish National Stud should be vaccinated against EHV 1,4 “virus abortion” and Rota Virus. These vaccinations may be carried out by your own Veterinary Surgeon at 5, 7, and 9 months of gestation against “virus abortion” and at 8, 9 and 10 months of gestation against Rota Virus.

8. **DOURINE; Mares a from Italy**

These mares require a negative sample taken within 30 days of departure from Italy. On arrival at the Irish National Stud, they will be placed in isolation until retested at 14 days. If arriving to an Irish boarding farm, they must be isolated and retested after 14 days post arrival. i.e.; foreign mares will NOT be covered for at least 14 days after arrival in Ireland.

9. **OTHER VACCINATIONS / INFORMATION:**

If animals have been vaccinated against strangles please advise us in writing. All mares arriving from outside Ireland will be isolated and screened for Strep Equi 24-36 hours after their arrival.

10. **PASSPORT:**

Passports must accompany the mare to stud and be stamped out of the food chain prior to arrival.

11. **ARRIVALS:**

Notification of mares arriving to the Irish National Stud should be made in advance to the main office. **Mares requiring same day veterinary examination must be delivered to the Irish National Stud prior to 10:00 hrs on weekdays and by prior arrangement at weekends.**

12. **COVERINGS / WALK-INS:**

Mares residing at the Irish National Stud will be given priority. A minimum of 48 hours notice is required for potential walk-in coverings. Breeders may be asked to bring their mares to the stud early for re-examination to help obtain the best possible timing for all mares. **Please note that Ovulating drugs such as Chorulon or Ovuplant cannot be administered to mares walking in. Please arrange this with your own vet after your covering is confirmed. Hind shoes must be removed prior to covering.**

13. **SCANNING:**

It is the policy of the Irish National Stud to scan mares at the following stages of pregnancy 14-16 days, 30-days, 42-days and 60-days. No further scans will normally be carried out unless requested in writing.

14. **WORM DOSING & FARRIER:**

All mares will be wormed on arrival and on a regular basis thereafter, unless a recent previous worming date or negative faecal egg count is supplied in writing to the yard foreperson. All mares will have their feet dressed or shod as deemed necessary by the Stud’s farrier unless written instruction is supplied to the contrary. Foals will receive similar worming and farrier attention after one month of age.

Mares will not be accepted for covering until all the above documentation and a signed contract has been lodged with the office. It is therefore, advised that this should be done as early as possible, to prevent a delay at the time of covering.

The above are minimum requirements and the Irish National Stud reserves the right to request further testing in the event of a query about disease status.

If you have any queries on the above information, please do not hesitate to contact Helen Boyce or Stan Begley.

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