



IRISH NATIONAL STUD

DOCUMENTATION & VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS 2025 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 2025 breeding season; certificate to be lodged prior to covering. Mares covered in USA in 2024 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. from an approved **Irish, or U.K.** laboratory, taken after January 1st 2025 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 negative blood sample result from an approved **Irish, or U.K.** laboratory taken after 1st of January 2025 and dated within 30 days of their first cover. In the event of a positive result, a repeat sample, showing a stable or declining titre taken at least 14 days after the initial sample, will also be required. 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 after 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. A further blood test may be required to be taken within 30 days of their first cover.

5. **MARES CHANGING STALLIONS:**

All mares changing stallions during the season will require further negative tests for CEM, EVA& EIA taken at least 7 days after covering by the 1st stallion and within 30 days of covering by the 2nd stallion.

6. **ALL MARES ARRIVING FROM OUTSIDE IRELAND FOR BOARDING REQUIRE A NEGATIVE NASAL SWAB FOR STREP EQUI & EHV 1,4 TAKEN WITHIN 14-DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO IRELAND. THESE MARES WILL BE RETESTED POST TRANSPORT & ISOLATION AS REQUIRED.**

7. **INFLUENZA:**

It is recommended that all visiting & boarding mares should have a vaccinations for Influenza & Tetanus within 6 months of arrival to the stud and have it recorded in their passports.

8. **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.

9. **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.

10. **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.**

11. **PASSPORT:**

Passports must accompany the mare to stud and be stamped out of the food chain or they will be stamped out on arrival.

12. **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.**

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

Mares residing at the Irish National Stud will be given priority. 48 hours, notice is requested 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.**

14. **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 upon request at 60-days. No further scans will normally be carried out unless requested in writing.

15. **WORM DOSING & FARRIER:**

All mares will have a FEC taken on arrival and be wormed accordingly 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:

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