

# Connemara Pony Breeders' Society



## 7. FILLY AND MARE INSPECTION AND CLASSIFICATION 2020

**Please read the following notes and *Procedures and Conditions* before completing the application:**

7.1. The approved application form *Filly and Mare Inspection and Classification* may be completed online, downloaded from the website [www.cpbs.ie](http://www.cpbs.ie) or is available in hard copy from the office.

7.2. The form should be fully completed in BLOCK CAPITALS, signed and returned together with the relevant correct fee as applicable. Please see Appendix 5 of the CPBS Breeding Programme or the website for *Scale of Fees*. Sterling cash or sterling cheques are not accepted.

7.3. This form must be completed fully and signed by the registered owner of the pony in question. Incomplete applications or those with incorrect fees will be returned.

7.4. The Lifetime Identification Document/Passport must be registered in the name of the applicant, otherwise the pony will not be inspected. Please check the Lifetime Document/Passport, as incorrect or incomplete applications will be returned.

7.5. Where a pony has not been tested for HWSD previously a DNA sample may be taken for testing on the day by the attendant veterinarian if the owner wishes. The fee for HWSD testing will be incurred by the owner and must be paid with application for classification fee to the CPBS. Applications accompanied by the incorrect fee will be returned.

7.6. Please read the attached Procedures and Conditions for Filly and Mare Inspections below.

7.7. A pony presented for inspection must be adequately trained, fit and clean to take part in all aspects of the inspection as specified in the Procedures and Conditions rules (7.14, 7.15, 7.23 and 7.24).

7.8. Inspection venues and dates will be posted on the website [www.cpbs.ie](http://www.cpbs.ie) and printed on the application form.

7.9. A closing date for receipt of applications will be posted on the website and printed on the application form.

## Procedures and Conditions

### General

An Inspection Committee is appointed by the Society annually. This committee is responsible for the implementation of the Breed Standard. The purpose of inspections is to evaluate the performance of ponies in accordance with the breed standard and thereby for classification in the Studbook. Inspection results for individual ponies are maintained by the CPBS Office and recorded on the Society database. Inspection statistics for the current year are reported to CPBS members at the AGM and displayed on the website. Twice yearly inspections, in Spring and Autumn, take place at centres throughout the country.

### Rules for Inspections

7.10. A breeder/owner does not have to be a member of the CPBS to have a pony inspected by the Society; however a different scale of fees will apply: *CPBS Breeding Programme Appendix 5 Scale of Fees* at [www.cpbs.ie](http://www.cpbs.ie)

7.11. The Society will inspect fillies of two years and over.

7.12. Owners/breeders must report to the inspection office with the Lifetime Identification Document/Passport on arrival at the inspection venue.

7.13. The inspection of each pony shall take into account the individual merits of the pony on the day of inspection.

**7.14. Ponies must be presented for inspection in the natural state, ie. not clipped and with manes and tails not plaited. Ponies must be healthy, groomed, with hooves trimmed by a farrier, in a bridle with bit and on a secure lead with a quick release clip.**

**7.15. Markings must not be obscured or altered in any way.**

7.16. Should testing for HWSD be required a hair sample may be taken on the day of inspection by the attendant veterinarian. The owner will be liable for the fee which will be payable to the CPBS. The results of the HWSD test will be stamped on the passport and published with the linear profile results on the CPBS online database.

7.17. In 2019 the inspection method known as linear profiling was introduced; see *CPBS Breeding Programme Appendix 2 Linear Profiling*, Appendix 4 LP sheet for fillies and Section 8 at [www.cpbs.ie](http://www.cpbs.ie).

7.18. Three inspectors and an educational advisor, all trained and experienced in the method of linear profiling will participate at the inspections. The purpose of the educational advisor is to explain the outcome of the inspection via the score sheet to the breeder/owner if required. A veterinary practitioner will also be in attendance.

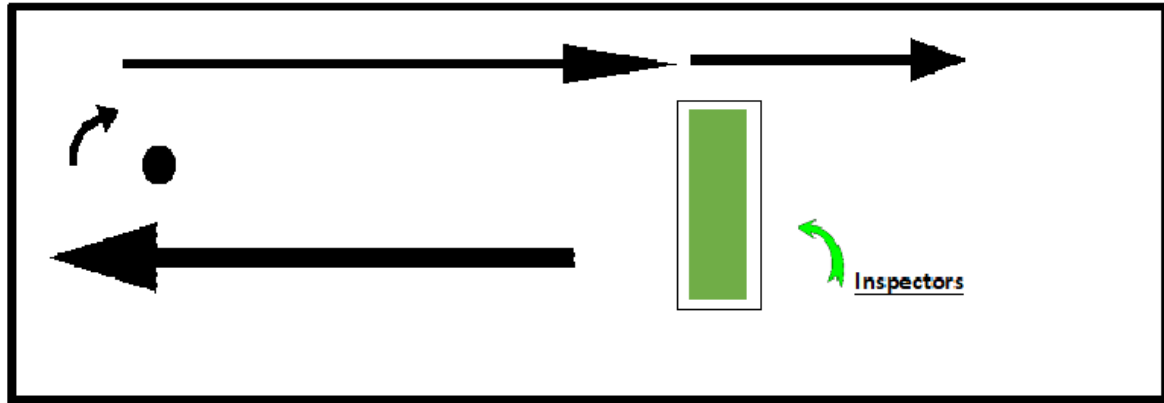
**7.19. Handlers should ensure they wear suitable attire with a view to safety. The CPBS accepts no responsibility for any accidents arising from the inspection.**

#### **7.20. Conformation Assessment/In Hand Gait Assessment on a Hard Surface**

The pony will be required to stand for a visual inspection on a hard surface. The pony must be stood up with the off (right) side facing the inspectors. The handler should always lead from the near (left) side of the pony. The pony must be trained to show correctly. Upon request, the handler will walk the pony away from the inspection panel, around the marker

(as shown in Diagram A) and return to the panel. The handler will then repeat the process in trot, however in trot the pony should continue to trot past the inspection pane

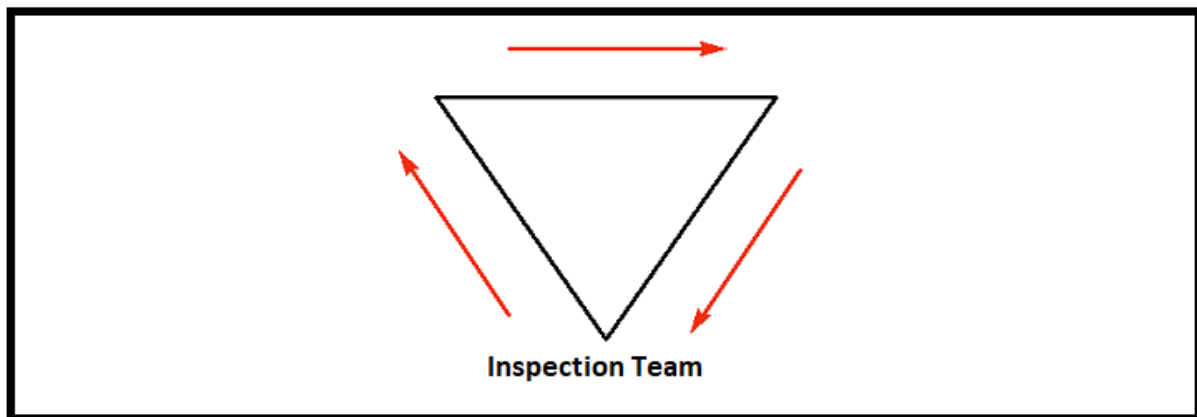
**Diagram A**



**7.21. Conformation Assessment/In Hand Gait Assessment on the Triangle**

Ponies will be required to stand for a visual inspection. When requested the handler will lead the pony in walk along the perimeter of the triangle and then in trot (as shown in Diagram B).

**Diagram B**



7.22. Ponies will have their transponder code (microchip) verified on the day of the inspection. If any discrepancy arises or if a code cannot be located, a sample for DNA testing to verify parentage will be taken by the attendant veterinary practitioner. Owners/breeders will be liable for this cost.

7.23. Ponies must be adequately trained and fit to take part in all aspects of the inspection including walking and trotting in hand on a triangle 18m x 18m x 18m. The triangle allows inspectors to assess the natural paces of the pony from behind, side and in front and allows them to easily assess freedom of shoulder, use of back, engagement of the hock, tracking up and straightness in both phases.

7.24. **Ponies must be mannerly and fit to be handled** by the veterinary practitioner appointed by the CPBS.

7.25. All ponies will be measured for height. All ponies may have their bone measured.

7.26. An owner may appeal a height measurement (see *Appeal's Procedure* under *Grievances and Complaints* or [www.cpbs.ie](http://www.cpbs.ie)).

7.27. Fillies eligible for either Class 1 or 2 after the visual inspection will undergo a full veterinary examination.

7.28. All ponies may be photographed at the inspection and these photographs can be used in Society publications, on the Society website and Society social media.