



7. MARE INSPECTION AND CLASSIFICATION 2025

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING NOTES AND PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION:

- 7.1. The approved application form Mare Inspection and Classification may be completed online, via the website via the website www.cpbs.ie.
- 7.2. Please see Appendix 5 of the CPBS Breeding Programme or the website for Scale of Fees.
- 7.3. This form must be completed fully by the registered owner of the pony in question.
- 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 will 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 Procedures and Conditions for Pony 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.
- 7.8. Inspection venues and dates will be posted on the website www.cpbs.ie
- 7.9. The closing date for receipt of applications will be posted on the website and printed on the application form.

PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS

General

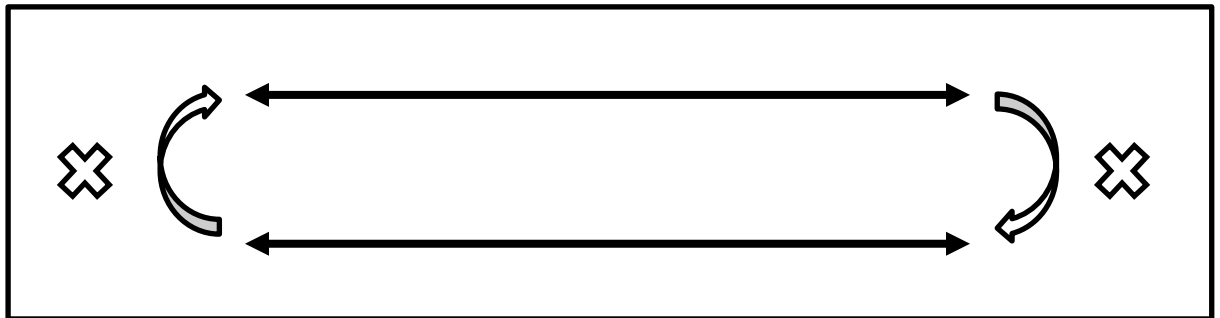
An Inspection Committee is appointed by the Society annually. This committee is responsible for the implementation of the Breed Standard. The purpose of inspections is to evaluate the performance of ponies in accordance with the breed standard and thereby for classification in the Studbook. Inspection 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

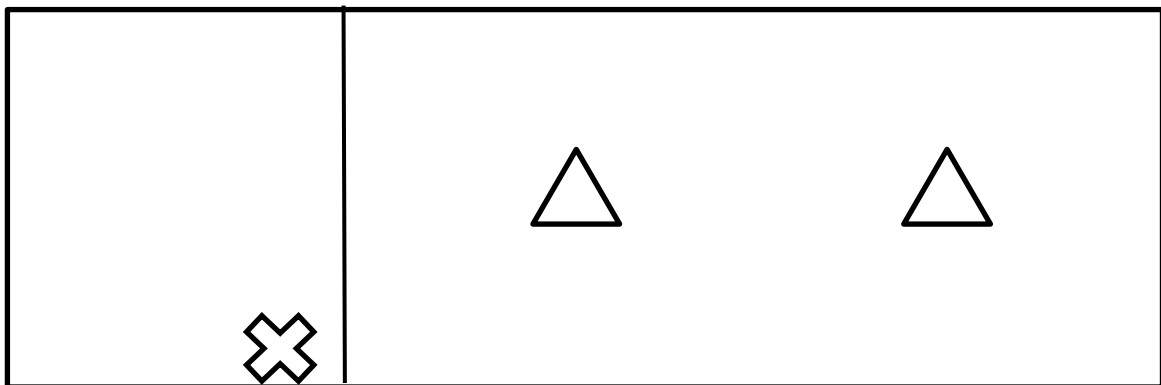
- 7.10. A breeder/owner does not have to be a member of the CPBS to have a pony inspected by the Society; however, a different scale of fees will apply: [CPBS Breeding Programme](#) Appendix 5 Scale of Fees at www.cpbs.ie
- 7.11. The Society will inspect Filly's /Mares from two years and over.
- 7.12. 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, i.e. No manes and tails not plaited. Ponies must be healthy, groomed, with hooves trimmed by a farrier. Ponies may be presented in a bridle with a bit or a head collar. If they have a foal at foot, the foal must be on a lead and lead by an adult.**
- 7.15. **Markings shall 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: Linear Profile Sheet and Section 8 at www.cpbs.ie.
- 7.18. Two inspectors all trained and experienced in the method of linear profiling and scoring will participate at the inspections. A veterinary practitioner will also be in attendance and assess the pony for heart, eyes, skin and soundness.
- 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 first inspector and towards the second inspector, then present the pony for the second inspector. (as shown in Diagram A). The handler will then walk up and down between inspectors then repeat the process in trot.

Diagram A



- 7.21. 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.
- 7.22. Ponies must be adequately trained and fit to take part in all aspects of the inspection including walking and trotting in hand, showing walk, trot and canter in loose area.
- 7.23. Ponies will be let loose in an enclosed arena to show free movement, **ponies must be able to be caught easily after this section.**
- 7.24. Ponies will be directed by two arena party trained staff, the inspectors will watch the pony trot and canter on both reins. The owner will remain outside the enclosed area during this time for safety at mark X. Inspectors will be in triangles. See diagram below



- 7.25. **Ponies must be mannerly and fit to be handled by the veterinary practitioner appointed by the CPBS.**
- 7.26. Mares/Fillies eligible for either Class 1, 2 and Over Hegt. After the visual inspection will undergo a veterinary examination. If the owner chooses not to have the pony inspected by the vet the pony will remain in Class 3. All ponies will be measured for height. All ponies will have their bone measured. They will also be checked for heart, eye, wind and soundness but not limited to just this, the vet can fail a filly/mare on this.
- 7.27. An owner may appeal a height measurement (see [Appeals Procedure](#) under Grievances and Complaints or www.cpbs.ie).
- 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.
- 4.0 Classification, linear profile confirmed inspection results, HWSD status and height measurement

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- 4.1 The decision of the inspection team and the marking sheet of the pony will be given to the owner on the day of the inspection. It is not permissible for any owner/breeder to enter into discussion or approach a member of the inspection team. The sub inspector or Chair of inspections can talk too any owner that has questions.
- 4.2 Ponies may be presented for possible reclassification at a later date. Reapplication for inspection is required.
- 4.3 **The CPBS Safety Officer** reserves the right to terminate an individual inspection for safety reasons.
- 4.4 **The Vet reserves the right to terminate any individual ponies inspection due to animal welfare.**