

UNSUITABLE CONDITIONS FOR HSI STALLIONS AND PREMIER MARES

The conditions considered potentially unsuitable were dealt with in correspondence from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in 1995, and more recently in 2011.

Stallions with evidence of disease, injury or physical abnormality likely to affect the animal's usefulness as a stallion are not eligible for approval.

The list below provides guidelines for those conditions that would generally be considered unsuitable by the Veterinary Panel. The list is not exhaustive. Stallions with any condition likely to affect its usefulness as a stallion will be individually assessed. The appointed Veterinary Surgeons would be expected to make the final decision as a reasoned judgement based on their experience of examining stallions and their knowledge of the requirements of the Irish Horse Register at that point in time.

The list includes:

Defective Genital organs including cryptorchidism.

Respiratory conditions including recurrent laryngeal neuropathy, subepiglottic cyst, rostral displacement of the palatopharyngeal arch, and abnormal epiglottic cartilage, and recurrent airway obstruction.

Pharyngeal conditions including cleft palate and dorsal displacement of the soft palate.

Parrot mouth and other dental conditions considered undesirable.

Musculoskeletal conditions including:

Osteochondrosis and other defects of endochondral ossification

Subchondral bone cysts

Osteoarthritis or Periarticular newbone of the phalangeal joints (ringbone)

Ossification of the collateral cartilages (sidebone).

Osteoarthritis of the tarsus (bone spavin).

Distension of the tarsus (bog spavin).

Distension of the tarsal sheath (thoroughpin).

Unequal sized feet (will require radiographic examination).

Defects of the navicular bone and associated structures

Multiple splints.

Bony enlargements (will require further evaluation with radiographs prior to acceptance. e.g. enlarged fetlock).

Curb

Neurological conditions including cervical stenotic myelopathy, hyperflexion of the hindlimb (stringhalt), shivering and polyneuritis equi

Skin conditions including gross and multiple sarcoids, dermal allergy (sweet itch) and hernia

Ocular conditions including blindness, anterior iuveitis and cataract. Wall eye will require further specialist examination in the UCD School of Veterinary Medicine.

Respiratory conditions including recurrent airway obstruction

Pathological cardiac murmurs (if mild may require further evaluation).

Deafness.

Horses can also be excluded if they exhibit temperament deemed unsuitable in a stallion and showing evidence of vices.

This is not a definitive list. Other conditions may be deemed to be undesirable and the final judgement rests with the HSI appointed Veterinary Surgeons. In those cases where there is disagreement with the panel, stallions may be referred to the School of Veterinary Medicine, University College Dublin, Belfield who will report to the Veterinary Surgeons appointed by the Irish Horse Board. The Judgement of the combined panel is final.