



## **ENTRY FORM & INSTRUCTIONS**

2019 Holsteiner Breeding Stock Approvals

STALLIONS

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**Young Stallions** must meet the following criteria to be presented for inspection for studbook entry

1. The sire and the dam's sire must be registered stallions within their own breeding population (Stallion Book I). The other male ancestors in the maternal line (third to fifth generation) must be licensed stallions.
2. Dams of stallions born up to 1994: must be registered in the Main Mare Book, the second dam and third dam on the dam's side must at least be registered in the Verband's Mare Book. The other ancestors in the maternal line (up to the fifth generation) must likewise be mares registered with the Verband.  
  
Dams of stallions born from 1995: must be registered in the Verband's stud book I for Mares, with an overall grade total of at least 42 points, whereby the type grade must be at least a 6 according to the grading scale (Section 26 sub-section 2) and no partial characteristic may receive a grade 4 or less according to the grading scale (Section 26 sub-section 2). They must be at least 160cm at the withers. The second dam and third dam on the dam's side must at least be registered in the Mare Book or in stud book I for Mares having fulfilled the above requirements (of a dam of stallions born from 1995). The other ancestors in the maternal line (up to the fifth generation) must be mares registered in the Verband's stud book I.
3. Be at least three years of age.
4. Stand at least 16 hands
5. The requirements of Section 26 of these articles of association or FN (ZVO Section 200 f) must be fulfilled in the stallion performance test. No stallion may be used for breeding which has not passed at least the aptitude test according to Section 26 sub-section 4.2.1.

**Outcross stallions** (according to Section 23, sub-section 2.1.2 and 2.2) which are to be allowed to be used in the Verband's breeding programme (breeding trial) must also fulfil the following requirements.

1. Only suitable stallions whose breeding value is regarded as way above average and whose descendants are expected to have a positive influence on the Holsteiner population should be used for breeding.
2. The following principles should be considered before use in breeding:
  - The stallion must have completed a HLP (at least a aptitude test according to Section 26, sub-section 4.2a.1) at the German standard (ZVO) with an above-average result.
  - French bloodlines should be considered particularly strongly in the stallion's pedigree,
  - The stallion owner must address an application for admission, along with the relevant documents, to the board of directors.

**Tips & Preparation** All stallion candidates should be presented in excellent body condition and at the height of fitness. They should be braided and groomed very well. Remember to address hooves (trims and resets) in the weeks leading up to the inspections. As with mares, excellence in presentation will go far in enhancing the scores a stallion receives.

Prior, at-home preparation for the testing is highly recommended. Stallions should exhibit a commanding and alert presence, but should at the same time be safely managed by the handler. The owner should devise a program for preparation best suited to the individual horse. It is recommended that any fitness program be commenced at least ninety days prior to the scheduled inspection date.

All stallions are presented in bridles with easily detachable reins (see Tips on mare presentation above). Bridles should enhance the stallion's head, not detract from it. Tack and other equipment needed for the Stallion Testing should be clean and in good repair.

**Veterinary Inspection** All stallions will undergo a mandatory veterinary inspection at the approval site prior to being officially seen by the judges. This examination will include testing for lameness and wind, drawing blood to test for prohibited substances, and a general external exam of health, conformation and breeding soundness. The veterinary inspections are to be conducted by the official site veterinarian only and will be arranged by the site host.

**Withdrawal of Stallions** If it is determined by the veterinarian that the stallion is not fit to be presented (either ill or lame), the horse may be immediately withdrawn at the discretion of the owner or agent, and all entry fees may be carried over to the following inspection year. Stallions that are presented on the triangle for judging are considered to have commenced the approval process and fees will not be carried over.

**Presentation Requirements of All Stallions** As with marebook candidates, all stallions must be presented to the judges for measurement prior to the commencement of the approval process. Owners should remember that this is their first opportunity to show the stallion to the judges and that first impressions are important. It is advised then to bring your stallion to the measuring area in a proper fitting bridle and well-groomed. Owners must also bring with them the verified copy of the stallion's papers, which are provided to them by the Holsteiner Verband representative at site check-in.

Following measuring, all stallions will be shown on hard ground before the judges. Handlers will walk and then trot the stallion both away and towards the judging panel and the official site veterinarian. At this point, the official veterinarian will offer a simple gait soundness evaluation.

In turn, stallions will commence their presentation on the triangle. Just as with mares, stallions are presented in a three-phase evaluation process on the triangle, starting with a conformation evaluation at the apex, followed by an in-hand demonstration of both the walk and trot on the triangle pattern, and a demonstration of at-liberty gaits. For more detailed presentation instructions, please refer to the section on mare presentation which appears earlier in this catalog.

Stallions will be required to participate in the free jumping evaluation. For guidelines on the chute layout, refer to the portion of this handbook titled "Content of the Performance Testing." Stallions may be asked to return again to the triangle for a second in-hand presentation. Remember that it is important to show the horse's gaits to the maximum ability during all portions of the approval. Once all the stallions have completed the testing, they will return as a group with their handlers to the arena for the announcement of results.

Afterwards, stallions will participate in a remedial riding test which exhibits the stallion's gaits under saddle and acceptance of the rider. For guidelines and content of the riding test, please refer to the portion of this handbook titled "Content of the Performance Testing." Once all stallions have completed the testing program, they will return with their handlers to the arena for the announcement of results.

**Scoring of Stallions** The stallion licensing decision shall be "licensed" if the stallion receives an overall grade of at least 7.5 upon inspection of the following traits (a-h):

I. Conformation

- a) Type (breed and gender expression)
- b) topline (head, throat, withers, back, croup, tail)
- c) forehand (correctness of forelimbs)
- d) hindquarters (correctness of hind limbs)

II. Movement

- e) walk (correctness, rhythm and ground coverage)
- f) trot (correctness, thrust and impulsion)
- g) canter (correctness, ground coverage)

III. Jumping/dressage

h) Free jumping or jumping under the rider (technique and ability), when evaluating the jumping on two-and-a-half-year-old colts, the jumping result on presentation for the health examination should be incorporated into the licensing decision, alternatively dressage for older stallions (movement and rideability) according to Section 26 sub-section 2.1.1.

The overall grade is the average of the grades from the three areas (I. conformation, II. movement and III. jumping/dressage). The grades for these areas are averages of the individual traits assigned to the area (a-h). Type (a) in Area I. Conformation must have received a grade of at least 7.0 according to the grading scale (Section 26 sub-section 2). Mature stallions (from fifteen years of age) must have an overall grade for areas I., II. and III. of at least 7.0. Type (a) in area I. conformation must have received a grade of at least 6.5 according to the grading scale (Section 26 sub-section 2).

The stallion's licensing shall be carried out on the condition that the stallion fulfils or will fulfil the performance requirements of Section 26 sub-section 4.2 of these articles of association for registration in the Verband's Stallion Book I according to Section 31 sub-section 1.