



# The SBS INTERNATIONAL SELECTION SHOW

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## 2023 REGULATIONS

## STALLION APPROVAL FOR BREEDING

### Before the Selection Show...

#### GENERAL RULES

The official stallion approval of the SBS Studbook will take place on Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th February 2023 during the International Selection Show at the Provincial Breeding and Riding School at BE-5430 GESVES, rue du Haras 16.

Two sections are available: Sport Horses with height higher or equal to 1.58m and Sport Ponies with height less or equal to 1.48m.

All presented stallion candidates must have an equine passport delivered by a recognized studbook member of the WBFSH (World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses) or any breeding association recognized by the Royal Society "the Belgian Sport Horse", or thoroughbred. This document shall allow the identification of the stallion and mention his pedigree including minimum three generations for Sport Horses and minimum two generations for Sport Ponies.

The subscription form is available on the SBS Studbook website at the following link: [www.sbsnet.be](http://www.sbsnet.be) (tab: "Selection Show 2023").

The subscriptions' closing date for the 2023 official SBS stallion approval (= return of the completed file) is Monday 23rd January 2023.

The 3-year-old stallion candidate must be on site no later than February 24th, 2023, between 10 AM and 1 PM to undergo veterinary control, height measurement, entries confirmation and the allocation of the stalls for the duration of the stallion approval.

#### CONDITIONS TO PARTICIPATE AT THE SELECTION SHOW

All stallion candidates must obtain, before the Selection Show:

=> a favorable opinion from one of the two Belgian Faculties of Veterinary Medicine of whom contact details are below, according to the protocol detailed on the website [www.sbsnet.be](http://www.sbsnet.be) (Tab "Veterinary expertise")

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#### PROTOCOL

The veterinary exam will focus on:

- 1) The identification of the stallion. Which must be of absolute reliability: textual and graphic description must appear on the exam protocol. The horse UELN and/or microchip number must be printed on the x-rays and other technical protocols (respiratory endoscopy, ...).
- 2) The general exam, including a heart, vision, dental and reproductive system exam.
- 3) An endoscopic exam of the upper airways with video recording.
- 4) The clinical examination of the locomotor system which includes an inspection at standstill and in movement on hard ground, on a straight line and on a circle, a systematic palpation and flexion tests of the different anatomical structures.
- 5) Radiological examination of both forefeet, without horseshoes, of the fore and hind pastern joints, of the hocks, stifles, and any other part of the body that seems suspect.
- 6) Complementary examinations. During the presentation at the official stallion approval and during four weeks before and one week after the official approval, as well as during any sport event, SBS Studbook has the right to ask for an examination at the home station of the stallion, or during the Selection Show itself, to track the use of practices and products which are forbidden by FEI.

Fees for veterinary examinations of the stallion candidates are and remain the responsibility of the stallions' owner and are not included in the Selection Show entry fee.

The same applies to the cost of additional examinations performed at the initiative of the Interfaculty Veterinary Commission (IVC), even if they are performed by a person designated by the IVC itself. These fees must be paid before the IVC states its final decision on the concerned stallion.

For all exams done in universities abroad, mentioned below, the X-rays as well as the endoscopic exam of the upper airways shall be sent for analysis to one of the Belgian above-mentioned universities. They can be sent in digital format (preferably DICOM, but JPEG format is tolerated) by email or mailed (CD, DVD, USB stick,...).

**France** : Cirale – Lyon – Nantes – Toulouse

**The Netherlands** : Utrecht

**Germany** : Berlin – Munich – Leipzig – Giessen – Hannover

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=> a favorable opinion from the Approval Commission concerning the evaluation of the registration file: analysis of the pedigree, performances of the ascendants and collaterals, ... according to the following conditions:

For the 5-year-old stallion candidate, the sport performances obtained at age 4 shall be communicated if they exist.

At the age of 6- or 7-year-old, the stallion candidate shall have participated at least to one competition year meeting the sport criteria described in the table below (sport evaluation)

At the age of 8-year-old or older, the stallion candidate shall **justify remarkable offspring in Belgium or abroad, or shall testify of sport performances of a very good level** in Belgium or abroad, as follows:

- in "Jumping" option: placings in national and international events of 1.40 m and higher;
- in "Dressage" option: at least one score of 74% in a Prix Saint-Georges;
- in "Eventing" option: at least two placings in M level (1.10m).

### VACCINATION

To improve the health status of the stallion candidates and to reduce the risk of disease transmission as much as possible, the SBS Studbook reinforces the vaccination obligations of the stallion candidates.

#### General conditions:

- All vaccinations must be provided by a veterinarian.
- The passport's vaccination section must be completed, dated, and signed by the veterinarian.
- The SBS Studbook makes vaccinations against equine influenza **and** rhino-pneumonia (EHV 1-4) mandatory for the Selection Show's stallion candidates.
- In case of non-compliance with the vaccination requirements, the SBS Studbook may take an appropriate decision regarding the participation of the stallion candidate to the Selection Show.
- If the stallion candidate shows symptoms of illness in the 40 days preceding the Selection Show (temperature, coughing, discharge, diarrhea, swelling of the lymph nodes, etc.), he must notify the SBS Studbook. A report from the veterinarian may be requested.

### 1° Vaccination against the equine flu (influenza)

#### a) recommended protocol:

- A primary vaccination consisting of 2 injections spaced 21 to 92 days apart.
- A first booster within the 7 months after the second injection of the primary vaccination and a booster every 6 months.

#### b) conditions of admission to the Selection Show:

- All stallion candidates attending the Selection Show must be vaccinated against equine influenza.
- The candidate must have received at least the first vaccination (2 injections).
- In case of primary vaccination, the second injection must have been administered at least 7 days before the Selection show.
- In case of a semi-annual booster, the injection must have been given between 21 days and 6 months before the Selection Show.

### 2° Vaccination against equine herpesvirus 1-4 (rhino-pneumonia)

#### a) recommended protocol:

- A primary vaccination consisting of 2 injections spaced 28 to 42 days apart.
- A booster every 6 months.

#### b) conditions of admission to the Selection Show:

- All stallion candidates attending the Selection Show must be vaccinated against rhino-pneumonia.
- The stallion candidate must have received at least the first vaccination (2 injections).
- In case of primary vaccination, the second injection must have been administered at least 21 days before the Selection show.
- In case of a semi-annual booster, the injection must have been given between 21 days and 6 months before the Selection Show.





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### During the Selection Show...

#### PRESENTATION OF THE STALLION CANDIDATE

	JUMPING	DRESSAGE
<b>3-year-old stallion candidate</b>	Model and gait + loose jumping	Model and gait + loose presentation
<b>4-year-old stallion candidate</b>	Model and gait + jumping under the saddle OR model and gait + loose jumping (idem 3-year-old)	Model and gait + presentation under the saddle
<b>5-year-old stallion candidate and older</b>	Model and gait + jumping under the saddle	Model and gait + presentation under the saddle

During in-hand presentation (model and gait conformation), leg protections are not allowed.

Horseshoes are allowed, including for the 3-year-old stallion candidates.

Only snaffle bits are admitted for the 3-, 4- and 5-year-old stallions. For stallions of 6-year-old and above, double bridle bits are allowed.

In the "Jumping" option, only the forelegs may be protected for loose jumping and jumping under the saddle.

In the "Dressage" option, all the stallion candidates are presented in hand and/or loose presentation without leg protection, whatever their age. For the presentation under the

saddle of the 4-year-old and older stallion candidates, white bandages are allowed.

For the wellness of the stallion candidate or in order to affirm its judgment, the jury has the right to take decisions they consider being useful: reduce the height or the width of the jump, interrupt or postpone the presentation, request additional jumps, ...

#### EVALUATION

Model/gaits' evaluation : 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 stars



Sport aptitude's evaluation (jumping or dressage): 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 stars



The stallion candidate shall obtain at least three stars in each evaluation to be granted its first approval.

#### CONTROLLED MEDICATION SUBSTANCES

At the end of the Selection Show, a few stallions will be randomly selected for an anti-doping control.

These stallions will immediately be escorted to a dedicated stall. A biological sample (urine and blood) will be carried out by a veterinarian appointed by the SBS Studbook. A delay period of thirty minutes will be respected for the collection of urine. The stallion owner cannot refuse to submit his stallion for this sample collection.

The samples will be analyzed in a recognized laboratory for control of the use of prohibited substances.

The list of prohibited substances and evaluation norms determined in the FEI regulations is applied.

The presence of prohibited substances will lead to a cancellation of the stallion approval.





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#### SPORT EVALUATION

The assessment of the stallions' sport performance for the maintain of their approval is as follows:

**3-year-old:** no performances are required from the approved stallions.

**4-year-old:** Regardless of the option chosen at the time of the inspection (free jumping or under the saddle), effective participation in a minimum of 5 official events for young horses in 2023 is mandatory.

**5- & 6-year-old:** the sport performances required are described in the table below:

	SPORT HORSES	SPORT PONIES
<b>JUMPING</b> 	<p><b>At 5- and 6-year-old:</b> it is compulsory to realize 5 clear rounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In official competitions exclusively organized for young horses: the national classic cycle for young horses, the winter competition for stallions, the "Young Horses" CSI, the National and World Championships for young horses.</li> <li>In official events that are not reserved exclusively for young horses, only official events of a level equivalent to that of events reserved for young horses are eligible, with minimum heights of 1.15 m for 5-year-old, 1.25 m for 6-year-old and, if necessary, 1.35 m for 7-year-old.</li> </ul>	<p><b>At 5- and 6-year-old:</b> it is compulsory to realize 5 clear rounds in official national or regional competitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 years (1 m)</li> <li>- 6 years (1.10 m)</li> </ul>
<b>DRESSAGE</b> 	<p><b>At 5- and 6-year-old:</b> it is compulsory to participate at minimum 4 competitions in official national competitions for "Young Horses" and obtain at least a 74% score twice.</p>	<p><b>At 5-year-old:</b> it is compulsory to participate at minimum 4 competitions in L level 2</p> <p><b>At 6-year-old :</b> it is compulsory to participate at minimum 4 competitions, specific for ponies MP3/ MP4 level 3 and obtain a minimum score of 68%.</p>
<b>EVENTING</b> 	<p><b>6-year-old:</b> it is compulsory to obtain two placings in national competitions for "Young Horses" (M level: 1.10m)</p>	<p><b>6-year-old:</b> it is compulsory to obtain two placings in national competition for "Young Horses"</p>

#### Remarks:

results obtained in Belgium and/or abroad must be transmitted to the SBS Studbook before October 10th of the concerned season. The performances which will not have been communicated to the SBS Studbook at the established date will not be taken into account for the evaluation of the stallion.

The sport performances can be realized indifferently in Belgium or abroad provided that they are of an equivalent level. If a stallion has realized performances abroad, the owner will have to provide

a document from a competent equestrian authority attesting to the results obtained.

The sport performances required at the latest at the end of the year the stallion candidates turn 6 can be obtained at the end of the year they turn 7 for duly attested veterinary reasons.

#### Deliberation:

The Commission for Approval of Stallions is sovereign to the interpretation and application of the current regulations. ■