

Studbook rules

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The Danish Connemara Pony Breeders Society

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§ 1

Acceptance into the main studbook

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The studbook is a closed studbook, consisting solely of a main section. Purebred ponies, whose parents belong to the main section of an EU/CPBS approved studbook, are accepted into the main section. To be accepted into the main section the pony must at all times live up to the criteria in the “Principles of the Connemara Pony Breeders Society”. SEGES, Horses manages registration into the studbook.

The main section of the studbook is divided into the following classes:

Class 1:

The class is divided into two sections:

1. Ponies approved into class 1 through the inspection system of the Danish Connemara Pony Breeders Society
2. Ponies approved into class 1 through an EU/CPBS approved Connemara pony studbook.

Class 2:

The class is divided into three sections:

1. Ponies approved into class 2 through the inspection system of the Danish Connemara Pony Breeders Society
2. Inspected ponies below 128 cm or above 148 cm (RRC-registry) through the inspection system of the Danish Connemara Pony Breeders Society
3. Ponies accepted into class 2 through an EU/CPBS approved Connemara pony studbook.

Class 3:

The class is divided into four sections:

1. All parentage tested foals
2. Imported ponies with class 3-status in an EU/CPBS approved Connemara pony studbook
3. Ponies who are failed at inspection (including veterinary inspection) remain in class 3
4. Offspring of animals from the main section where the sire is in class 3 as well as offspring where one of the parents belong in class 3, subs. 4 (X-register).

Ponies from class 3 subs. 4 cannot, and neither can their offspring, be accepted into other classes, nor can they be presented for inspection, shows or similar activities.

All ponies in class 3 subs. 4 receives a black passport with a neutral logo, when a parentage test through DNA-analysis is conducted. All other ponies receive a red passport.

§ 2

Foal registration

- 2.1 At registration of foals SEGES, Horses issues a certificate of registration in accordance with applicable rules, cf. § 2.2.
- 2.2 For foals applies that a certificate of registration can be issued if the parents of the foal are purebred Connemara ponies from an EU/CPBS approved Connemara pony studbook. Furthermore, as of 1 January 1999 a horse passport must be issued for the foal, cf. consolidated act no. 566 of 5 July 1999. The breeder must provide guarantee of the foal's identity, although DNA/parentage verification is always conducted.
- 2.3 A foal must be applied for registration with SEGES, Horses, no later than 40 days after birth. Later applications will be subject to additional fees.
- 2.4 Charges for applications, registration, microchipping etc. are determined in co-operation with SEGES, Horses, who manages those activities.
- 2.5 Foals born after 1 January 2016 must be tested for HWSD, unless both parents are tested N/N. The result must be sent to SEGES and the board before the passport can be issued.

§ 3

Foal assessment

- 3.1 To participate in the Danish Connemara Pony Breeders Society's foal assessment the conditions for foal registration must be met.
- 3.2 Foals presented for assessment can be divided into colts and fillies. See more hereof in the invitation for show.
- 3.3 The foals are assessed as follows:

An assessment and a ranking are performed.

A written description is given for each foal.

Foals are awarded 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize. At Anniversaries Gold, Silver, and Bronze are awarded.

§ 4

Inspection and breed approval of stallions

- 4.1 To participate in the stallion inspection arranged by the Danish Connemara Pony Breeders Society the conditions for foal registration and registration must be met.
- 4.2 Only stallions registered in the Danish Connemara Pony Breeders Society, or an EU/CPBS approved Connemara pony society can be presented for inspection
- 4.3 A colt or stallion can be presented as a 3-year-old or older, and be placed in class 1, 2, or 3.
- 4.4 A 10-point system is used for grading.
- 4.5 Stallions inspected with at least 8 for type, 8 for over-all impression, and no grades below 6 are in Class 1. Stallions with at least 8 for type, 7 for over-all impression, and no grades below 6 are placed in Class 2. Additional stallions remain in Class 3.
- 4.6 For stallions inspected in 2014 or later, 4-years or older stallions can participate in a 1-day, or 30-day performance test approved by SEGES, Horses, same year as inspection, or later.

If the performance test is passed with at least 700 points the stallion has the right to have an inspection status of “Kåret+R”. The result of the performance test does not change the classification of the stallion.

4.7 Stallions can be presented in the following classes:

- 3-year-old stallions
- 4-year-old stallions
- 5-year and older stallions.

4.8 If the judging committee and the board consider the stallion to be of genetic value to the breeding programme, the stallion can be placed in Class 2, regardless of his grades.

4.9 Stallions presented for inspection must be evaluated by a veterinary surgeon who signs a certificate of veterinary evaluation of a Connemara pony stallion, which documents that the stallion at the present time does not show sign of hereditary diseases. The veterinary certificate must be no more than one week old.

4.10 Breeding approved stallions are included on the stallion list. The list is maintained by SEGES.

4.11 Imported stallions born later than 1 January 1994 must be identified by paternity verification (blood type/DNA)

4.12 From 2016, stallions who attain Class 1 or 2 status must be tested for HWSD a month after the inspection, at the latest. The results must be sent to SEGES and the board.

4.13 Stallions presented for inspection may be required to loose jump. Loose jumping as a mandatory element, or as a voluntary offer, follows the rules in force in Ireland, the mother society, at the time in question.

§ 5

Inspection and breed approval of fillies

5.1 To participate in the filly inspection arranged by the Danish Connemara Pony Breeders Society the conditions for foal registration and registration must be met.

5.2 Fillies can be presented for inspection when both parents are inspected or approved into an EU/CPBS approved Connemara pony studbook.

5.3 Fillies presented for inspection must be three years or older.

5.4 The following classes are used: I. kl. with medal, I. kl., II. kl.A, II. kl.B, RRC or rejected.

The following grades determine the filly's classification:

Class 1:

I. kl. with medal	Type and overall: min. 9	movement: min. 8	No grades below 6
I. kl.	Type and overall: min. 8		No grades below 6
II. kl.A	Type and overall: min. 6		No grades below 6

Class 2:

II. kl.B	Type and overall: min. 5		No grades below 4
RRC	Ponies measured in at below 128 cm or above 148 cm.		

Class 3:

Rejected	Type and overall: 4 and less
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5.5 A 10-point system is used for grading.

Fillies that measures less than 128 cm or more than 148 cm are inspected into RRC/Class 2. Exceptions are fillies who have already been inspected, but who, when re-inspected, measure more than 148 cm. They retain their C-number and placement in studbook, but the new measurement is applied to the certificate of inspection.

5.7 Fillies can be presented in the following classes:

3-year-old fillies

4-year-old fillies

5-year and older fillies.

§ 6

Evaluation of geldings

6.1 To participate in the gelding evaluation arranged by the Danish Connemara Pony Breeders Society the conditions for foal registration and registration must be met.

6.2 Geldings presented for evaluation must be 3 years or older.

6.3 A 10-point system is used for grading. The following grades determine the classification of the gelding:

Class 1:

I.V Type and overall: min. 8

No grades below 6

II.V Type and overall: min. 6

No grades below 6

Class 2:

III.V Type and overall: min. 5

No grades below 4

Class 3: Geldings who do not meet the above-mentioned criteria remain in Class 3

6.4 Geldings are measured, and the measurements are added to their papers.

6.5 Geldings can be presented in two classes:

3-4-year-old geldings

5-year and older geldings

§ 7

Logo

7.1 Logo in passport is given when:

- The sire is inspected into Class 1 or Class 2 in an EU/CPBS approved Connemara pony society
- The dam is inspected into Class 1 or Class 2 in an EU/CPBS approved Connemara pony society

§ 8

Microchip implantation

8.1 Microchip implantation is mandatory for all foals born in Denmark since 1 January 2010, and microchip implantation of registered Connemara ponies born prior to said date. The foal must be implanted cf. SEGES, Horses' rules hereof.

§ 9

Artificial insemination

- 9.1 It is permitted to conduct artificial insemination in Denmark cf. SEGES, Horses' rules hereof. Insemination takes place through fresh, chilled or frozen semen.
- 9.2 Foals born after use of frozen semen must be subjected to parental control through blood sampling/DNA cf. SEGES, Horses' rules hereof.
- 9.3 No later than 14 days after covering the stallion owner must report the covering to SEGES, Horses. See the National Board for Horses' general ruleset for studbook registration.

§ 10

Parentage control

- 10.1 All foals must be subject to DNA/parentage control. Passports are only issued after analysis has been conducted.
- 10.2 Paternity control of all ponies is mandatory prior to presentation for inspection.
- 10.3 Ponies from a non-EU/CPBS approved Connemara pony society must be parentage controlled before acceptance into the Danish studbook.

§ 11

Naming of foals and UN-ponies (unnamed)

- 11.1 Naming of ponies in Denmark must comply with the principles of CPBS.
- 11.2 Name and stud prefix or -suffix of a Connemara pony can never be changed or erased unless a written permission from the breeder is available. Unnamed ponies can be named according to the owner's wishes.

§ 12

Amnesty

The Connemara Pony Breeders' Society has introduced a limited amnesty for the registered offspring of Class 3 parents so that they can be produced for judging from 1 March 2024 to 31 October 2025 inclusive. All Class 3 offspring are eligible for this Amnesty.