

Regulations Implementation Provisions Stallion Selection

These implementation provisions contain elaborations and regulations of the provisions in the Stallion Selection Regulations, for the purpose of proper implementation of those Regulations, and is adopted by the Board on an annual basis.

Article 1 First Viewing

1.1 Date and location

The First Viewing takes place at Manege (Riding school, *ed.*) Gaasterland in Harich in the last week of November. Closing date for entering is end October. The exact dates will be timely published on the website as well as in the Phryso .

1.2 Procedures

During the First Viewing the participating stallions are assessed on the street and following that in the cage. The assessment of the stallions is done in general terms in line with the inspection guidelines, comparable to the mare inspections.

Exceptions can be made for low-kinship stallions; a low-kinship stallion can be invited to continue the selection process.

1.2.1 Measuring

Before they go on to the street the stallions are measured. The measuring card is handed in to the Stallion Inspection Committee on arrival at the street.

1.2.2 Linear scoring

This is done by a Jury member and a member of the Stallion Inspection Committee before and at the start on the street.

1.2.3 Assessment on the street

in-hand, straight line of 30 metres.

Assessment on correctness, leg conformation and functional movement.

Line up at the halt, 1x up and down in walk, 1x up and down in trot, if so requested by the Stallion Inspection Committee one more time.

The presentation on the street has to be done in all calmness, so without use of whip and/or rattling tin.

Only those horses with satisfactory exterior and movement are sent on to the cage.

1.2.4 Result street

Through or not through to the cage. When rejected an explanation by the Stallion Inspection Committee follows.

1.2.5 Assessment cage

Free movement. In the cage the horses are scored on basic gaits.

The cage has another inner cage. The handler leads the stallion inside on a lead rope, walks one round and lines him up in front of the Stallion Inspection Committee. Next the stallion is set free and the helpers in the cage steer him through the inner part of the cage, around two marked-out diamond-shaped courses and after that in the enclosed outer part. On the direction of the Stallion Inspection Committee the stallion is caught and is presented for one in-hand round in trot, following which he exits the cage.

During the free presentation in the cage the horses are allowed to wear black (dark) tendon boots on the forelegs. Tendon boots on the hind legs are not allowed.

The presentation of the stallions in the cage should be as relaxed as possible. If this is insufficiently the case then the Stallion Inspection Committee has the authority to end the presentation. In that case the stallion can be allowed another chance in the cage when all the assessments of that part of the day are finished or alternatively, he can be referred to the After-inspection of the First Viewing.

Horses that are presented in an correct manner will not be assessed (any further). These horse scan be referred to the After-inspection.

To be eligible for the Star predicate the horse has to meet several minimum requirements for exterior, movement and height at withers. The requirement for young stallions (who turn or have already turned three) is at minimum 1.58 m height at withers; the requirement for stallions aged four and older is at minimum 1.60 m height at withers.

To be eligible for referral to the Second Viewing not only exterior, movement, height at withers are assessed, but also lineage and kinship to the population. This can be considered positively in case the stallion is not Star-worthy, but can also be reason not to refer a stallion who already has the Star predicate.

After all stallions from one group have been assessed they collectively come back in the cage. Next, the Head of the Stallion Inspection Committee announces the results.

1.2.6 Results cage

1. The stallion receives the Star predicate and is referred to the Second Viewing.
2. The stallion receives the Star predicate and is not referred to the Second Viewing.
3. The stallion does not receive the Star predicate and is referred to the Second Viewing.
4. The stallion does not receive the Star predicate and is not referred to the Second Viewing.

1.2.7 Reports

The linear score form is sent to the owner as soon as possible and represents the report from the Stallion Inspection Committee.

1.2.8 Rejection

Stallions that have not been referred to the Second Viewing are allowed to take part in a Second Chance (June/July). The first two seven-week ABFP Tests also qualify as a Second Chance.

1.2.9 After-inspection and Re-inspection First Viewing

Please consult Stallion Inspection Regulations and aforementioned procedures.

Article 2 Second Viewing

2.1 Date and location

The Second Viewing takes place during the Stallion Inspection in the WTC Expo in Leeuwarden in January. The exact dates will be published in good time on the website as well as in the Phryso.

2.2 Procedures

The Second Viewing consists of an in-hand presentation (in a triangular ring) and a veterinary clinical inspection. The Stallion Inspection Committee decides whether or not a stallion is referred to the Presentation Days on the basis of the assessments and criteria as stated in the Stallion Selection Regulations.

2.2.1 Prior to the Second Viewing

For participation in the Second Viewing the stallions have to meet the standards of the radiological examination. The results of the radiological examination are included in the report after the Central Examination has been completed.

2.2.2 Assessment Second Viewing

The assessment of the stallions is carried out on the basis of the selection criteria as laid down in the Stallion Selection Regulations.

2.2.2.1 Measuring

Before the start, those stallions that do not yet meet the requirements for minimum height at withers for registration in the Studbook register, are measured.

2.2.2.2 Inspection method Second Viewing

The in-hand inspection takes place in a triangular ring.

Stallions enter in walk and are lined up in front of the Stallion Inspection Committee.

Stallions walk one round in a small triangle.

Stallions trot two rounds, in the corners opposite the Stallion Inspection Committee back to walk. On the instruction of the Stallion Inspection Committee the stallion leaves the ring and then the next stallion can enter.

Excessive use of the whip is not allowed; stallions must be presented in a relaxed manner.

After all stallions from one group have been assessed they collectively come back to walk around the ring and receive the results.

2.2.3 Results Second Viewing

Referral to the Presentation Days is conditional to the veterinary clinical examination or rejection. When the stallion is rejected the Head of the Stallion Inspection Committee will give an explanation.

2.2.4 Clinical veterinary examination

Following the first part of the Second Viewing (in-hand assessment), a veterinary clinical inspection is carried out. They also check the horse's feet (soles) for unacceptable white markings. The veterinarians record their findings in a report.

In case of unacceptable clinical observations or unacceptable white markings, the referral to the exterior assessment lapses. The owner will be informed thereof (in writing).

At the stallion owner's request, the Stallion Inspection Committee can draw up a report for stallions who have dropped out of the Second Viewing. Such a request has to be submitted to the KFPS within three working days after the Second Viewing.

2.2.5 After-inspection and Re-inspection Second Viewing

Please consult the Stallion Selection Regulations and aforementioned procedures.

Article 3 Second Chance

3.1 Date and location

The Second Chance takes place at the WB Stables in Wergea, prior to the first or at the latest, second Presentation Day, in mid or end June. Closing date for entering is the end of May. The exact dates will be published in good time on the website as well as in the Phryso .

3.2 Procedures

The Second Chance is open to young stallions who have participated (at minimum) in the most recent First Viewing and to stallions from three to six years old with the Star predicate.

The Second Chance consists of an under-saddle or in-harness presentation, a clinical veterinary examination and an in-hand assessment of exterior. After each part the Stallion Inspection Committee decides whether or not the stallion is referred to the next part. On the

basis of the complete assessment of all parts the Stallion Inspection Committee can refer the stallion to the Presentation Days. For referral to the Second Chance the same criteria apply as stated in the Stallion Selection Regulations. To take part in the Second Chance, a stallion must have fulfilled the requirements for the radiological examination and semen analysis.

3.2.1 Under-saddle or in-harness presentation

In the under-saddle or in-harness presentation the Stallion Inspection Committee assesses the basic gaits; the stallion must be presented both on the left and on the right rein, as instructed by the Stallion Inspection Committee.

3.2.2 Results presentation

The Stallion Inspection Committee decides if the stallion is sent on to the exterior assessment, conditional to the veterinary clinical examination. When the stallion is rejected the Head of the Stallion Inspection Committee will give an explanation.

3.2.3 Veterinary clinical examination

After the under-saddle or in-harness presentation a veterinary clinical examination takes place; hereby the stallion is also checked for unacceptable white markings on the feet (soles). The veterinarians record their findings in a report. In case of unacceptable clinical observations or unacceptable white markings the referral to the exterior assessment lapses. The owner will be informed thereof (in writing).

3.2.4 Exterior assessment

During the exterior assessment the stallion is presented in-hand and is assessed on exterior. The stallion is also presented in-hand in walk and trot in order to assess the correctness of functional movement.

3.2.5 Results exterior assessment

After the exterior assessment the Stallion Inspection Committee decides about referral to or rejection for the Presentation Days. When the stallion is rejected the Head of the Stallion Inspection Committee will give an explanation. In case the first Presentation Day has already taken place, the stallion must take part in the second and third Presentation Day. When the stallion gets a referral he is also declared Star, that is, if said stallion has not already been declared Star before. There is no option for re-inspection after rejection of a stallion in the Second Chance. The Second Chance itself serves as a re-inspection opportunity.

3.2.6. Procedures Second Chance via ABFP Test

The stallion completes the normal process of a 7-week ABFP Test. After the final under-saddle test, the final in-harness test and the exterior assessment, the Stallion Inspection Committee decides whether or not the stallion gets a referral to the Presentation Days. This is conditional to the veterinary clinical examination which takes place on the first Presentation Day. This can also be conditional to a semen analysis with a positive outcome (absolute deadline before May 15th).

Article 4 Presentation Days

4.1 Date and location

The three Presentation Days take place in the three months before the start of the Central Examination.

4.2 Procedures

The aim is to give the stallions the best possible start in the Central Examination. The three Presentation Days serve as a selection moment for referral to the Central Examination.

4.2.1 Prior to the first Presentation Day

It is important that all stallions have met the requirements of the semen analysis. Before May 15th the KFPS office must have received a positive semen analysis of all selected stallions.

In case the owner believes that the timing of the Central Examination and the preceding preparations are too early for the stallion, this can be communicated to the KFPS in writing at the latest one week before the first Presentation Day. The Stallion Inspection Committee decides if this request will be granted. The owner receives an answer in writing.

This means however, that on the next Presentation Day (in the next year) the stallion will be assessed by the Stallion Inspection Committee both in-hand as well as under saddle, on the basis of which the Stallion Inspection Committee then takes a decision whether or not to uphold the referred status of the stallion in question.

4.2.2 During the Presentation Days

During the three Presentation Days the riders will be instructed by the Head of Training of the Central Examination or by the Performance Jury.

The stallions must be ridden in a light contact and must be responsive to the aids. In the training the focus is on riding transitions. These are transitions between the separate gaits and a few strides of extension within the same gait. Stretching the neck forwards and down is also required: the stallion follows the hand forwards and down; the horse's natural gait and capacity to carry himself are included in the assessment. The focus lies on riding forward and down, use of the body, soundness of the gaits and to be able to move with a carrying hind leg.

During the Presentation Days stallions of 3 to 6 years old can be presented. These age differences imply different presentations. This means that a 6-year-old is expected to demonstrate more capacity for transitions, carrying capacity and balance. This must be shown in riding multiple transitions in succession and more repeated transitions within the pace. It is obvious that the requirements for 3-year-olds are less advanced. For a sound assessment of a stallion's natural talent it is important to consider the age and the appropriate level of training and to adapt the presentation accordingly.

4.2.3 Results Presentation Days

During the third Presentation Day the Stallion Inspection Committee decides about referral of a stallion to the Central Examination and the Stallion Inspection Committee will inform the owners regarding follow-up procedures. This can mean the following:

1. the stallion is selected for the Central Examination.
2. the stallion is not selected for the Central Examination.
3. the Stallion Inspection Committee offers the option to re-enter the stallion in the following year; this decision can also be taken during the first- or second Presentation Day.
4. In consultation with the Stallion Inspection Committee and owner the decision can be taken for an additional in-harness presentation of the stallion and then the Stallion Inspection Committee includes this presentation in their decision whether or not to select the stallion for the Central Examination.

If option 1 applies then the next step is a veterinary clinical examination and testing for roaring.

If option 3 applies this means that on the next Presentation Day (in the next year) the stallion will be assessed by the Stallion Inspection Committee both in-hand as well as under saddle, on the basis of which the Stallion Inspection Committee then takes a decision whether or not to uphold the referred status of the stallion in question.

4.2.4 Additional examinations

After selection for the Central Examination the roaring test is carried out. Any deviations found on the basis of the roaring examination can be a reason that the selection for the Central Examination lapses. Please consult the Regulations Stallion Selection – Article 18. The owner will be informed in writing about the decision.

Article 5 Central Examination

5.1 Objective

The objective of the Central Examination is to establish, in an independent and unbiased way, a stallion's character and stable manners, his aptitude for riding horse and driving horse and his health condition. For a good comparison between stallions of one year collection, the environmental factors are made as uniform as possible. Only those stallions can participate in the Central Examination who have been selected by the Stallion Inspection Committee. On the basis of the results of the Central Examination the decision is taken whether or not a stallion will be registered in the Studbook register.

5.2 Location

The Central Examination takes place at Hippisch Centrum Exloo in Exloo.

5.3 Period

The Central Examination covers a period of ten weeks.

5.4 Delivery

5.4.1 Date of delivery

Delivery takes place in September. The exact date will be published in good time on the website as well as in the Phryso .

5.4.2 Presentation under saddle

The stallion must be presented and ridden under saddle by a rider to be appointed by the owner. The stallions are required to give a simple performance which consists of walk, trot and canter and some moments of relaxation by asking the horse to stretch his neck in trot on a large circle and to demonstrate a few transitions. The aim of this is to get a clear picture of the stallion's basic skills. The presentation will be supervised by the Stallion Inspection Committee.

5.4.3 Veterinary clinical examination

For the veterinary clinical examination the stallions are inspected in-hand on a straight line and on the circle. Any found defects, deviations and irregularities will be reported in writing. A stallion who is ill or lame on the day of delivery still has to be taken to the examination centre for delivery on this day, unless the stallion is affected by a contagious disease or cannot be transported as a result of the illness or lameness. In case the stallion cannot be delivered on the required date for any of the above reasons, then this must be communicated to the secretarial office of the KFPS before this date. If this is the case, the KFPS is entitled to have the stallion examined by a KFPS-appointed veterinarian and has the right to decide on the basis of that examination, that the stallion must be delivered to the examination centre on or before a specific date. If the stallion cannot be delivered before this date, the stallion is eligible for participation in the next Central Examination. In case the stallion cannot be delivered for the next Central Examination either, the referral will be declared invalid and the only option left is a renewed referral for the Central Examination via the standard stallion selection trajectory.

After delivery a blood sample is taken from the stallion which can be analysed for the purpose of the Central Examination.

Late delivery of the stallion, refusing to cooperate in a veterinarian examination or failing to comply with the above instructions can lead to the stallion's exclusion from participation in the Central Examination. All this is at the discretion of the Board of the KFPS to decide.

5.4.4. Assessment of exterior

After delivery, the Stallion Inspection Committee assesses the stallions on exterior. The stallions are given marks for the lower bar characteristics: breeding type, conformation and legwork. These marks will play a part in the decision-making for the final under-saddle assessment as well as for the final in-harness assessment. These scores will be communicated to the owners in writing at the latest one week after delivery of the stallion.

5.4.5. Acceptance

In case the veterinarian, the Stallion Inspection Committee or the Head of Training consider the stallion's health condition to be a risk for the wellbeing of the other residential horses at the centre, the Stallion Inspection Committee has the authority not to accept the stallion for participation in the Central Examination and hence to refuse access to the examination centre.

In case the Stallion Inspection Committee and/or Head of training consider the stallion to be insufficiently prepared for the Central Examination then the Stallion Inspection Committee will advise the owner to withdraw the stallion from the Central Examination in question. The Stallion Inspection Committee has the option to give the stallion a chance to re-join during the next Central Examination. In case the owner insists on the stallion's participation in the Central Examination then the owner has the right to let the stallion continue the Central Examination at their own costs.

5.5 Assessment stallion dams

The KFPS Inspection also inspects the dams and possibly other related horses of the stallions who have been referred to the Central Examination. These findings will be included in the decision-making process about whether or not to register a stallion in the Studbook register after the Central Examination has been completed.

5.6 Additional examinations

In the first week of the Central Examination two veterinary examinations are carried out:

- a. Worm egg counts (via examination of the droppings).
- b. A dental check.

Treatments as a result of dental checks and dropping analyses are at the expense of owners.

5.7 Stables

Stabling of the horses is arranged in order of the age of stallions. If at a later stage it turns out that for any specific reason a stallion should be moved to another stable the Head of Training has the right to do so.

Bedding in the boxes is straw. At the request of the owner it is possible to make an exception and a different bedding can be used instead of straw (sawdust); this will however come at extra costs. This can also be arranged if at any point during the Central Examination another type of bedding proves to be necessary. This change of bedding will be recorded in the examination report. The extra costs are at the expense of the owner.

To conduct the Central Examination under the best of conditions the stable block must be a place of tranquillity. For this reason the stable block is closed for the entire duration of the Central Examination.

5.8 Nutrition

During the Central Examination the stallion receives three daily rations of hard feed (cubes) and oats; In addition to this the stallions are fed two daily rations of hay and/or haylage. The amount of feeds vary per stallion and will be made up according to each stallion's needs.

5.9 Shoeing and hoof care

The owners are advised to bring the stallions shod squarely on all fours. The following shoeing criteria apply for stallions that are shod on delivery:

- Forelegs: normal irons 8 mm thick and 22 or 25 mm wide
- Hind legs: break-over irons 8 mm thick and 22 or 25 mm wide
- No wedges, soles or other specialised shoeing is allowed
- Only straight shoeing is allowed; corrective shoeing for leg and/or hoof shapes is not permitted

If on arrival the feet and/or shoeing of stallions turns out to be inadequate then this will be put right at the expense of the owner.

For the duration of the Central Examination shoeing and hoof care will be taken care of by a farrier from the examination centre. The associated costs will be invoiced to the owner of the stallion in question. Aforementioned criteria for shoeing also apply to the farrier of the examination centre. The farrier of the examination centre is held to keep a logbook in which all treatments of a stallion are recorded and – if deemed necessary – supplemented with photos of said treatment.

5.10 Equipment to bring along

On delivery of the stallion the following items have to be supplied:

- a well-fitting bridle with flash noseband and strap, well-fitting eggbutt snaffle (well-fitting plain/loose ring snaffle is also allowed) with satisfactory thickness of mouthpiece together with (jumping) grip reins and/or (plain) dressage reins;
- if appropriate a well-fitting saddle;
- a headcollar;
- a woolly fleece rug/cooler with elastic girth;
- a stable rug;
- a summer rug.

5.11 Other conditions for delivery

Adequate vaccinations against Influenza and Rhinopneumonitis as well as up-to-date deworming treatment are mandatory:

- **Influenza:** Please consult Regulations Stallion Selection Article - 4
- **Rhinopneumonitis:** Vaccinations have to be recorded in the equine passport. A vaccination certificate is only valid if it can be confirmed to belong to the stallion which takes part in the inspection and if it proves that the stallion in question has been vaccinated against Rhinopneumonitis as follows:
 - A. A basic vaccination which consists of two vaccinations, with the second vaccination having been administered at a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 weeks after the first vaccination.
 - B. From then on a booster vaccination every 6 months, which has to be administered no later than at maximum 6 months after the previous vaccination;
 - C. The last vaccination must have been administered at minimum 2 weeks prior to the Central Examination.

- **Passport:** On arrival the passport must be handed in to the veterinarian for the purpose of checking the aforementioned vaccinations. After this check the passport will be entrusted to the Head of Training until the stallion leaves the examination centre; at that moment the passport will be returned to the owner.
- **Deworming:** If required, the stallion must have received the correct deworming treatment.

5.12 Training, assessment and reports

During the Central Examination the stallion will be worked on the lunge, in front of the carriage and under saddle. The training will consist of dressage work as well as (show)driving work. The stallion's performances and behaviour during training as well as his stable manners will be written down in a report. The report will also state any veterinary problems that may have occurred. The report will be drawn up under the responsibility of the Stallion Inspection Committee and the supervising veterinarian.

5.12.1 Two phases

The Central Examination consists of two phases.

- During the first six weeks of the Central Examination the focus is mainly on training and assessment under saddle.
- During the last four weeks the focus is mainly on training and assessment of the in-harness disciplines driving and showdriving.

A final assessment will be given after completion of each of these two phases.

5.12.2 Description of performances and behaviour to be assessed

The Stallion Inspection Committee will assess the stallion's performances and behaviour in relation to the following aspects:

- Walk
- Trot
- Canter
- Posture & Balance
- Suppleness
- Transitions
- Impulsion
- Character and stable manners

5.12.3. Final assessments in scoring bars

The final assessments will be shown in the following scoring bars:

Riding horse aptitude:

Walk	Trot	Canter	Posture & Balance	Suppleness	Transitions	Impulsion	Total
2x	2x	2x	2x	1x	1x	1x	

Driving horse aptitude:

Walk	Trot	Posture & Balance	Suppleness	Transitions	Impulsion	Total
2x	2x	2x	2x	1x	2x	

Showdriving aptitude:

Walk	Trot			Posture & Balance	Front	Suppleness	Impulsion & mentality	Total
	Use foreleg	Use hind leg	Moment of suspension					
1x	2x	2x	1x	2x	1x	1x	1x	

5.12.4. Decision-making process

Decision-making concerning registration of a stallion in the Studbook register depends on the standards per discipline (aptitude for riding horse, -driving horse and -showdriving horse).

For each discipline a total score will be calculated in which the exterior assessment is included. This total is calculated from the end total in the relevant discipline with the addition of two times the sum of the scores for breeding type, conformation and legwork.

Stallions with a total score of at minimum 122 points for at least two disciplines will be registered in the Studbook register under the condition that no veterinary shortcomings have come to light. If any shortcomings have come to light the decision can be taken not to register the stallion in the Studbook register.

A stallion with 115 points or lower in three disciplines will not be registered in the Studbook register.

All other stallions are discussion cases, based on the selection criteria as mentioned in the Regulations Stallion Selection - Article 1.

5.13 Staff

The Central Examination takes place under the authority of a KFPS-appointed Head of Training. The riding- and driving teams are also appointed by the KFPS. Guest riders and -drivers will ride the stallions and their findings are included in the decision-making about whether or not to register a stallion.

5.14 Veterinary issues

Veterinary supervision of the Central Examination is carried out by KFPS-appointed veterinarians. These veterinarians are also responsible for conducting the lactate measurements and fitness tests. In order to prevent skin fungus, stallions will be treated with an antifungal agent after their arrival. If necessary, stallions will get deworming treatment. Other veterinary interventions will be limited to care on demand in case of illness or injuries. The costs for veterinary care on demand will be invoiced to owners. In case a stallion becomes ill or lame in the course of the Central Examination, the supervising veterinarian is authorised to seek advice from a colleague veterinarian or refer the stallion to a specialised equine clinic for further examinations. The costs will be invoiced to the owner of the stallion in question.

5.15 Costs

For participation in the Central Examination the following rates apply:

- a. For stallions taking party in the first phase of the Central Examination (6 weeks under saddle) the initial rate of € 4,878.18 applies.
- b. For stallions taking party in the second phase of the Central Examination (4 weeks driving disciplines) a rate of € 1,976.24 applies.

- c. In case a stallion leaves the Central Examination prematurely during the first phase then a reimbursement will follow. This reimbursement is calculated as follows: € 4,878.18 minus the final costs for participation: € 1,976.24 plus € 74.65 x the number of test days.
- d. In case a stallion leaves the Central Examination prematurely during the second phase then the reimbursement is as follows: € 1,976.24 minus € 74.65 x the number of test days.

Rates are based on the principle that the Examination has to be budget-neutral for the KFPS. The precise sum of the actual costs however, cannot be estimated in advance. In case the proceeds turn out to be higher than the total of costs then this will be settled with the entrants on the basis of an after-calculation based on the stallion's number of test days.

When the stallion is accepted for registration in the Studbook register an additional € 3,491.90 will be payable for Studbook registration.

All amounts mentioned are VAT excluded and will therefore be payable including the relevant VAT amount.

5.16 Responsibility

For the duration of the stallion's stay at the examination centre, Hippisch centrum Exloo is responsible for the stallion's management and the equipment provided by the owner.

Neither the KFPS nor Hippisch centrum Exloo or their officials and staff can be held accountable for any damage incurred which is directly or indirectly the result of participation in the Central Examination, unless in case of gross negligence or intent. The KFPS shall insure the stallions for damage due to fire, lightning strokes, storm and breaking out (only in cases where the KFPS is accountable) for the sum of € 10,000.- per stallion. This amount will be increased by € 50,000.- per stallion from the moment of the mid-term exam (which is the final assessment of the first phase of the Central Examination).

If deemed necessary, insurance for everything else (e.g. illness or accidents) is the stallion owner's own responsibility.

Neither the KFPS nor Hippisch centrum Exloo can be held accountable for the consequences of the examination results for the (owner of the) stallion.

Any owner who allows their stallion to take part in the Central Examination explicitly declares to accept the Examination conditions as laid down in the Regulations Stallion Selection and the Regulations Implementation Provisions Stallion Selection, and the owner explicitly declares that neither by themselves nor by their assignees (under universal or specific succession) the examination conditions will be disputed during or after the Central Examination; In the event that this, nevertheless, is done by the owner and/or one or more of aforementioned legal successors, the owner is held to indemnify the KFPS and Hippisch Centrum Exloo including all their officials and staff members.

5.17 Transparency and information

To conduct the Central Examination under the best of conditions the training area where stallions are trained must be a place of tranquillity. Attending training sessions is possible after making an appointment with the Head of Training. Straight after the final assessments owners will be informed both verbally as well as in writing about their stallion's performances. Results will not be communicated in the course of the Central Examination. Around the fourth week of the Central Examination there is an opportunity to be informed by the Stallion Inspection Committee about the progress in training. The owners will receive an invitation thereto from the Stallion Inspection Committee. In case of any illness or injury of the stallion, the stallion's owner will be informed.

5.18 Final assessment

The date of the final assessment under saddle will be published on the website and in the Phryso.

On the basis of the final under-saddle assessment the Stallion Inspection Committee decides if the stallion is allowed to continue the Examination. In this decision-making process a few already observed driving performances – carried out during the first phase of the Central Examination – will be included. The date of the final assessment in the driving disciplines will be published on the website and in the Phryso.

5.19 Termination of the Central Examination

Stallions who prematurely have to leave the Central Examination on instruction of the KFPS have to be removed from the examination centre within two days after the owner has been informed of this decision. After termination of the Central Examination owners have the option to enter their stallion for the Second Chance in the next year.

5.20 At own costs

In case the Stallion Inspection Committee decides to exclude a stallion from further participation in the Central Examination, the owner has the right to let the stallion continue the Central Examination at their own costs. For this, the amount of € 3,125.65 plus € 74.65 (VAT excluded) per test day will be invoiced and must be paid in full at the moment when the owner hands in the request.

5.21 Re-assessment

Costs for a re-assessment are € 1,482.35 (VAT excluded) and must be paid in full in advance. If, according to the Stallion Inspection Committee, the stallion's test results for the re-assessment are better than in the standard Central Examination, this amount will be reimbursed.

5.22 Prohibited substances

On arrival a stallion must be free from prohibited substances.

In the event that, in the two weeks preceding a final assessment, postponed assessment or re-assessment, a stallion's presence at the examination centre was interrupted, the stallion can be tested for the use of prohibited substances immediately after the relevant assessment. For this purpose a urine- or blood sample will be taken.

The KFPS Equine Doping Regulations apply to the above.

5.23 Complaints

Any complaints in relation to the Central Examination or management of stallions in the course of the Central Examination have to be put in writing to the attention of the KFPS Direction.

5.24 Options for appeal

No complaint, objection or appeal can be lodged against the final conclusion, as intended in the Regulations Stallion Selection – Article 12.12.4.

5.25 Miscellaneous

In cases that are not covered/decided/laid down in the Regulations Stallion Selection and/or Regulations Implementation Provisions Stallion Selection, the decision falls to the Board. In case the owner has sold or is planning to sell the stallion during the Central Examination, all the examination conditions described above shall continue to apply to the new owner. The owner is held to inform the new owner, prior to the sale of the stallion, of all binding conditions for participation in the Central Examination and demand that the new owner – as the successive owner – will accept and observe all these conditions.

Article 6 Short Test

The Short Test provides stallions with exceptional results in a sport discipline with the opportunity to become eligible for registration in the Studbook register, without participation of these stallions in the Central Examination.

6.1 Application

Owners can enter their stallion with the KFPS for an assessment to take part in the Short Test. The application must have been sent in to the KFPS before the 1st of August. Partly on the basis of the sport results, the Stallion Inspection Committee evaluates if a stallion is eligible for assessment to take part in the Short Test. The Stallion Inspection Committee is free to refuse eligibility for assessment to take part in the Short Test to stallions that meet the required sport criteria.

6.2 Assessment and procedures

6.2.1. Assessment referral

The assessment for a stallion's participation in the Short Test has the following stages:

- assessment of movement (under-saddle or in-harness presentation);
- assessment of exterior (in-hand presentation);
- clinical veterinary assessment.

After each stage the Stallion Inspection Committee decides whether or not the stallion is referred to the next stage. On the basis of the complete assessment of all stages the Stallion Inspection Committee can refer the stallions to the Short Test. When the stallion is rejected the Head of the Stallion Inspection Committee will give an explanation.

6.2.1.1 Assessment of movement

The Stallion Inspection Committee assesses the stallion at least once in the discipline in which the stallion is being competed and in which he has complied with the sport requirements. This assessment can take place during an official competition or at a location to be specified by the KFPS. The intention of such an assessment is to evaluate the stallion's (natural) basic movement.

6.2.1.2 Assessment of exterior

The Stallion Inspection Committee inspects the stallion's exterior on one occasion. This assessment is done on the basis of an in-hand presentation. This assessment takes place on the day of delivery at the Short Test.

6.2.1.3 Veterinary clinical assessment

The stallion's veterinary clinical examination is carried out by a KFPS-appointed veterinarian. This examination takes place after the exterior assessment or at another date/location to be specified by the KFPS; the horse's feet (soles) are also checked for unacceptable white markings. The veterinarian records the findings in a report. The veterinarian advises the Stallion Inspection Committee.

6.2.2 Decision-making referral

After the assessment the Stallion Inspection Committee decides about participation in the Short Test. If the results of the roaring examination and/or DNA Test have not yet come in, the referral may be conditional. These examinations may both take place after the referral but have to be completed before the Short Test. If the stallion has been referred to the Short Test this Short Test will have to take place during the first upcoming Central Examination.

6.3 Participation Short Test

The Short Test lasts two weeks. During this Test the stallion will be assessed on his character, both stable manners as well as behaviour in use. In the course of the Test the stallion is

trained daily by the owner or a trainer appointed by the owner. At some point in the Test the horse will be ridden by a guest rider/driver. The report of the Test will be drawn up under the responsibility of the Stallion (Re-) Inspection Committee. The findings of the veterinarian will be included in this report.

6.3.1 Location

The Short Test takes place during the last two weeks of the Central Examination at a location to be specified by the KFPS.

6.3.2 Veterinary clinical examination

Stallions undergo a veterinary clinical examination at the moments of arrival as well as when checking out.

6.3.3 Stables

Bedding in the boxes is straw. Only in very exceptional cases other stable bedding than straw can be provided. This is only done if at any point during the Short Test another type of bedding proves to be necessary. This change of bedding will be recorded in the examination report. The extra costs are at the expense of the owner.

To conduct the Short Test under the best of conditions the stable block must be a place of tranquillity. For this reason the stable block is closed for the entire duration of the Short Test.

6.3.4 Nutrition

During the Short Test the stallion receives three daily rations of hard feed (cubes) and oats; In addition to this the stallions are fed two daily rations of hay and/or haylage. The amount of feeds vary per stallion and will be made up according to each stallion's needs.

6.3.5 Vaccinations and deworming

Adequate vaccinations against Influenza and Rhinopneumonitis as well as up-to-date deworming treatment are mandatory. Here the same applies as laid down in Article 5.11.

6.4 Responsibility

For the duration of the stallion's stay at the examination centre, Hippisch centrum Exloo is responsible for the stallion's management and the equipment provided by the owner.

Neither the KFPS nor Hippisch centrum Exloo including their officials and staff can be held accountable for any damage incurred which is directly or indirectly the result of participation in the Short Test, unless in case of gross negligence or intent. The KFPS insures the stallions for damage due to fire, lightning strokes, theft and break-outs (only in cases where the KFPS is accountable) for the sum of € 50,000.- per stallion. If deemed necessary, insurance for everything else (e.g. illness or accidents) is the stallion owner's own responsibility. Neither the KFPS nor Hippisch centrum Exloo can be held accountable for the consequences of the examination results for the (owner of the) stallion. Any owner who allows their stallion to take part in the Short Test explicitly declares to accept the Examination conditions as laid down in the Regulations Stallion Selection and the Regulations Implementation Provisions Stallion Selection, and the owner explicitly declares that neither by themselves nor by their assignees (under universal or specific succession) the examination conditions will be disputed during or after the Short Test; In the event that this, nevertheless, is done by the owner and/or one or more of aforementioned legal successors, the owner is held to indemnify the KFPS and Hippisch Centrum Exloo including all their officials and staff members.

6.5 Costs assessment sport stallions

For the assessment for participation in the Short Test respectively participation in the Short Test the following rates apply (VAT excluded):

- a. Assessment for participation in the Short Test : € 320.00
- b. Participation in the Short Test : € 2,142.50

6.6 Costs registration in the Studbook register

When the stallion is accepted for registration in the Studbook register an additional € 3,491.90 (VAT excluded) will be payable for said Studbook registration.

Article 7 Assessment of stallions registered in the Studbook register

7.1 Location and date

Subject to the Statutes, the Stallion Inspection has to take place in the province of Friesland; this takes place in Leeuwarden in January.

Studbook-registered stallions (Studbook stallions) can take part in the Stallion Inspection if the Studbook stallion has a valid stud license for the calendar year in which the Stallion Inspection takes place. Stallions that have been put 'on hold' are excluded from taking part in the Stallion Inspection.

Studbook stallions up to and including fifteen years of age residing in Europe are required to take part in the Stallion Inspection. Studbook stallions up to and including fifteen years of age residing outside Europe are required to take part in the inspection held in the country in question. Owners of Studbook stallions that are sixteen or older have a choice between having their stallion inspected during the Stallion Inspection or at another inspection moment. Annual inspections of Studbook stallions of sixteen or older is not mandatory.

7.2 Assessment and procedures

The Studbook stallions are assessed on quality of exterior and movement within their category. The stallions are individually assessed according to catalogue order. When the group of stallions is walked round (after the individual assessment) only the persons who present the stallions are allowed in the ring. In this situation two chasers appointed by the KFPS will urge the stallions forward, (if necessary). For each category the Jury selects the Studbook stallions that are allowed to take part in the Champion Inspection. There is a Champion Inspection for younger stallions, one for older stallions and an overall Champion Inspection. The younger stallions are the stallions that have not yet been approved on offspring; the older stallions are the stallions that have been approved on offspring. During each Champion Inspection the Judges appoint a Champion and Reserve Champion. The Champion and Reserve Champion of the younger stallions as well as the older stallions take part in the Overall Championship.

Article 8 Progeny testing

8.1 Evaluation of foals

The assessment of foals is done on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Exterior/development
2. Movement
3. Markings
4. Hereditary defects

After the second stud season the Inspection records the findings in a foal report.

8.2 Evaluation of 3-year-old and older horses

8.2.1 General

3-year-old and older offspring of stallions are assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Exterior
2. Sport aptitude
3. Hereditary defects
4. Contribution to outcrossing

The Progeny Test consists of:

- a. Exterior assessment of at minimum 40 offspring
- b. Performance Test (ABFP) of at minimum 20 offspring

8.2.2 Exterior of offspring

In order to determine a stallion's hereditary profile for exterior at minimum 40 horses must be inspected. All the inspected 3-year-old and older offspring (stallions, geldings and mares) are included for the assessment of a stallion's hereditary profile for exterior. This includes those horses who have not officially taken part in any inspection but who have participated in performance testing and as such have been assessed by the Inspection (linear scoring). The hereditary profile for exterior is expressed by way of estimated breeding values for linear- and evaluative exterior characteristics. These breeding values are based on the linear score data as recorded at the exterior assessment. For the breeding value estimate the quality of the mares paired to the stallion in question is factored in. The assessment of a stallion's exterior hereditary profile also includes unadjusted inspection results from the offspring.

8.2.3 Sport aptitude of offspring

In order to estimate the sport aptitude of a stallion's offspring the following data are used: ABFP, IBOP and sport results based on KNHS-registered competitions. This estimate is also reflected in a breeding value for movement and a breeding value for sport aptitude.

8.2.4 Performance Test of offspring (ABFP)

The Performance Test consists of an ABFP Test of at minimum 20 offspring. The KFPS makes a random choice of 20 offspring, preferably 3-year-old offspring from the second crop/year collection of offspring, preferably offspring that have been entered for an exterior inspection. Random choice of offspring is preferably done from the pool of horses that reside in the Netherlands. Choosing the horses is done three weeks before the exterior inspection. The owner of a chosen horse can state in advance if the chosen horse will be made available for progeny testing. The owner is responsible for the vaccinations, shoeing and transport to the test centre. Preferably a maximum of 5 of the stallion's offspring take part per ABFP Test. The ABFP Test for horses completing progeny testing lasts seven weeks, including two weeks of preparation. More detailed information can be found in the Conditions ABFP.

8.3 Costs

The expenses for progeny testing partially fall to the stallion's owner and partially to the KFPS. The costs are listed in the KFPS price list. Expenses for vaccinations, shoeing and insurance for offspring in performance testing fall to the owner of the offspring. In addition to the above the owners of offspring have to pay a personal contribution; these costs are also listed in the KFPS price list.

Article 9 Prevalence

In the event that these Implementation Regulations are in any way contrary to the contents of the Regulations Stallion Selection, the Regulations Stallion Selection shall prevail. In such a case the relevant part of the Implementation Provision does not apply and the implementation has to be carried out conform the contents of the Regulations Stallion Selection.

Article 10 Dutch text

The Dutch text of the Implementation Provisions Stallion Selection Regulations shall be leading and decisive in all cases. In the event of (possible) differences between the Dutch text and translations thereof, the Dutch text shall prevail over the translation and (the relevant part of) the translation shall have no legal effect.

Article 11 Unforeseen situation(s)

In the event that this implementation provision does not apply to a specific situation, the decision falls irrevocably to the Board.