Implementing Provisions of the Stallion Selection Regulations

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Explanatory note: The Implementing Provisions of the Stallion Selection Regulations, version August 2026, are an updated version of the most recently published version dating from spring 2023. In the updated version, a number of provisions have been clarified textually. In addition, the fees have been updated in accordance with earlier decisions on fee increases. Article 5.15, Central Examination costs scheme, has also been amended. The adopted refund scheme is included in this version. The additional payment in the event of a budget overrun has also been discontinued.

N.B. For the 2026-2027 stallion selection process, revised Implementing Provisions will be adopted. This may result, among other things, from possible changes arising from the revised Breeding and Selection Plan, which is expected to be adopted and enter into force during the 2026-2027 stallion selection process.

Insofar as such changes become applicable during the ongoing stallion selection process, the Board will adopt a transitional decision and an accompanying scheme for this purpose.

Implementing Provisions of the Stallion Selection Regulations

These Implementing Provisions contain detailed rules and requirements for the provisions in the Stallion Selection Regulations, for the proper implementation of those Regulations, and are adopted annually by the Board.

Article 1 First Viewing

1.1 Dates and location

The First Viewing takes place in the last week of November at Manege Gaasterland in Harich. The closing date for entries will be announced in good time on the website and in Phryso.

1.2 Procedure

During the First Viewing, participating stallions are assessed on the hard surface and subsequently in the arena. In general, the assessment of the stallions is tested against the inspection guidelines, comparable to mare inspections.

Exceptions may be made for low-related stallions; a low-related stallion may be retained in the selection process.

1.2.1 Measuring

Before the assessment on the hard surface begins, the stallions are measured. The measurement card is handed to the Stallion Inspection Committee at the hard-surface assessment.

1.2.2 Linear scoring

This is carried out by a specially trained jury member before and at the start of the hard-surface assessment.

1.2.3 Assessment on the hard surface

In hand, on a straight 30-metre line.

Assessment of correctness, leg conformation and movement pattern.

Stand up; walk once out and back; trot once out and back; if requested by the Stallion Inspection Committee, this may be repeated.

Presentation on the hard surface must proceed calmly; use of a whip and/or rattling device is therefore not permitted.

Only stallions with sufficient conformation and movement are referred to the arena.

1.2.4 Result of the hard-surface assessment

The result of the hard-surface assessment is either referral to the arena or no referral. In the event of rejection, the Stallion Inspection Committee gives the handler a brief explanation.

1.2.5 Arena assessment

Free movement. In the arena, scores are awarded for the basic gaits.

The arena contains an inner ring. The handler leads the stallion into the arena in hand, walks one circuit and stands him up in front of the Stallion Inspection Committee. The stallion is then released and guided by the arena staff in the inner section of the arena, around two diamond-shaped markers, and subsequently in the partitioned outer section. At the indication of the Stallion Inspection Committee, the stallion is caught and presented in hand for one circuit at the trot, after which he leaves the arena.

During the free presentation in the arena, stallions may wear black (dark) tendon boots on the forelegs. Tendon boots are not permitted on the hind legs.

The intention is for stallions to present themselves in the arena as calmly as possible. If this is insufficiently the case and the stallion cannot be adequately assessed, the Stallion Inspection Committee may decide to terminate the presentation. The stallion may then be given another opportunity to present himself in the arena at the end of all assessments in that session, or may be referred to the supplementary inspection of the First Viewing.

Stallions presented in an incorrect manner will not be assessed, or will not be assessed further. Such stallions may be referred to the supplementary inspection.

To be eligible for the Star predicate, the stallion must meet minimum requirements for conformation, movement and height at the withers. For young stallions (which are or have become three years old), the minimum height is 1.58 m; for stallions aged four years and older, the minimum height is 1.60 m.

To be eligible for referral to the Second Viewing, pedigree and degree of relatedness to the population are considered in addition to conformation, movement and height at the withers. Pedigree and/or relatedness may be taken into account positively if the stallion does not meet the requirements for the Star predicate, but may also be a reason not to refer a stallion that has received the Star predicate.

After the stallions in a group have been assessed, they all return to the arena together at the walk. The chair of the Stallion Inspection Committee then announces the results.

1.2.6 Arena result

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 Reporting

The linear score form will be made available in My KFPS as soon as possible and will also be sent to the owner. It also serves as the report of the Stallion Inspection Committee.

1.2.8 Rejection

Stallions not selected for the Second Viewing may participate in a Reassessment (June/July). The first two seven-week ABFP tests also serve as Reassessment opportunities.

1.2.9 Supplementary inspection and re-inspection of the First Viewing

See the Stallion Selection Regulations and the procedure described above.

Article 2 Second Viewing

2.1 Dates and location

The Second Viewing takes place during the Stallion Show in January at WTC Expo in Leeuwarden. The exact dates will be announced in good time on the website and in Phryso.

2.2 Procedure

The Second Viewing consists of an assessment of an in-hand presentation (in a triangular arena) and, if selected, a veterinary clinical examination. The Stallion Inspection Committee determines whether a stallion is selected for the Pre-Riding Days, based on the assessment and the criteria set out in the Stallion Selection Regulations.

2.2.1 Prior to the Second Viewing

To participate in the Second Viewing, stallions must meet the standards set for radiographic examination. The results of the radiographic examination are included in the report after completion of the Central Examination. In addition, on the basis of radiographic (incidental) findings, the Stallion Inspection Committee may decide in advance that no further selection process will be possible for the stallion after the Second Viewing.

2.2.2 Assessment at the Second Viewing

The stallions are assessed on the basis of the selection criteria stated in the Stallion Selection Regulations.

2.2.2.1 Measuring

Before the assessment begins, stallions that do not yet meet the minimum height at the withers for entry in the studbook register are measured.

2.2.2.2 Method of inspection at the Second Viewing

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

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

Stallions walk one small triangle.

Stallions trot two circuits, returning to the walk in the corners opposite the Stallion Inspection Committee. At the indication of the Stallion Inspection Committee, the stallion leaves the arena and the next stallion may enter.

Excessive use of the whip is not permitted; stallions must be presented calmly at all times.

After the stallions in a group have been assessed, they all return together for the group walk-around and announcement of the results.

2.2.3 Result of the Second Viewing

The result of the Second Viewing may be selection for, or rejection from, the Pre-Riding Days. Selection for the Pre-Riding Days is subject to the veterinary clinical examination. In the event of rejection, the chair of the Stallion Inspection Committee gives an explanation.

2.2.4 Veterinary clinical examination

After the first part of the Second Viewing (assessment of an in-hand presentation), a veterinary clinical examination takes place; it is also checked whether the stallion has any impermissible white markings on the hooves (soles). The veterinarians prepare a report of this examination.

If an impermissible clinical finding or impermissible white markings are identified, the selection is withdrawn. The owner is informed of this in writing.

At the request of the owner of a stallion, the Stallion Inspection Committee may prepare a report for stallions eliminated during the Second Viewing. The request must be received by KFPS within three working days after the Second Viewing.

2.2.5 Supplementary inspection and re-inspection of the Second Viewing

See the Stallion Selection Regulations and the procedure described above.

Article 3 Reassessment

3.1 Dates and location

The Reassessment takes place at Manege Gaasterland in Harich, before the first or no later than the second Pre-Riding Day, in mid- or late June. The closing date for entries will be announced in good time on the website and in Phryso.

3.2 Procedure

The Reassessment is open to young stallions that have participated at least in the most recent First Viewing and to stallions aged three through six that hold the Star predicate.

The Reassessment consists of a presentation under saddle or in harness. On the basis of this presentation, the Stallion Inspection Committee decides whether the stallion is eligible for an in-hand conformation assessment followed by a veterinary clinical examination. Based on the full assessment of all individual components, stallions may be selected by the Stallion Inspection Committee for the Pre-Riding Days. For selection at the Reassessment, the selection criteria set out in the Stallion Selection Regulations are applied. To participate in the Reassessment, a stallion must have met the requirements for the radiographic examination and semen examination.

3.2.1 Presentation under saddle or in harness

During presentation of the stallion under saddle or in harness, the basic gaits are assessed by the Stallion Inspection Committee; the stallion must be presented on both the right and left rein, on the instructions of the Stallion Inspection Committee.

3.2.2 Result of the presentation

The Stallion Inspection Committee decides whether the stallion proceeds to the conformation inspection, subject to the veterinary clinical examination. In the event of rejection, the chair of the Stallion Inspection Committee gives an explanation.

3.2.3 Veterinary clinical examination

After the presentation under saddle or in harness, a veterinary clinical examination takes place; it is also checked whether the stallion has any impermissible white markings on the hooves (soles). The veterinarians prepare a report of this examination. If an impermissible clinical finding or impermissible white markings are identified, selection for the conformation inspection is withdrawn. The owner is informed of this in writing.

3.2.4 Conformation inspection

During the conformation assessment, the stallion is presented in hand and assessed for conformation. In addition, the stallion is shown in hand at the walk and trot to enable the correctness of the movement pattern to be assessed.

3.2.5 Result of the conformation inspection

After the conformation inspection, the Stallion Inspection Committee decides whether the stallion is selected for the Pre-Riding Days or rejected. In the event of rejection, the chair of the Stallion Inspection Committee gives an explanation. If the first Pre-Riding Day has already taken place, the stallion must participate in the second and third Pre-Riding Days. If selected, the stallion is also declared Star if he has not previously obtained the Star predicate. There is no possibility of re-

inspection following rejection of a stallion during the Reassessment. The Reassessment itself is already a re-inspection opportunity.

3.2.6 Reassessment procedure via an ABFP test

The stallion follows the normal route of a seven-week ABFP test. After the final examination under saddle, the final examination in harness and the conformation inspection, the Stallion Inspection Committee determines whether the stallion is referred to the Pre-Riding Days. This is subject to the veterinary clinical examination, which will take place during the first Pre-Riding Day. It may also be subject to a semen examination with a positive result (final submission date before 15 May).

Article 4 Pre-Riding Days

4.1 Dates and location

The three Pre-Riding Days take place during the three months preceding the start of the Central Examination.

4.2 Procedure

The objective is to enable the stallions to start the Central Examination as well prepared as possible. The three Pre-Riding Days serve as selection moments for entry to the Central Examination.

4.2.1 Prior to the first Pre-Riding Day

It is important that all stallions have met the semen examination requirements. By 15 May, a positive semen report for all selected stallions must be in the possession of the KFPS office. In the case of a referral from the previous year, this may be later; a report must be submitted within 10 days after selection for the Central Examination and the semen examination requirements must be met.

If the owner himself considers that the Central Examination and the preparation for it come too early for the stallion, this may be notified to KFPS in writing no later than one week before the first Pre-Riding Day. The Stallion Inspection Committee decides whether the request is granted. The owner receives a written response.

This does mean that at the next Pre-Riding Day (in the following year), the stallion will be assessed by the Stallion Inspection Committee both in hand and under saddle, on the basis of which the Stallion Inspection Committee decides whether the selected status of the stallion concerned is maintained.

4.2.2 During the Pre-Riding Days

During the three Pre-Riding Days, riders will be instructed by the training manager of the Central Examination or by the performance jury.

The stallions must be ridden with a light contact and must respond receptively to the aids. In training, the emphasis is on riding transitions. This concerns transitions between the different gaits and a few strides of lengthening within the relevant gait. Stretching the neck is also part of the exercise: the stallion follows the hand forward and downward; self-carriage and the natural gait of the horse are also taken into account. The emphasis is on riding forward and downward, use of the body, purity of the gaits and developing carrying power from the hind leg.

Stallions aged three through six may be presented during the Pre-Riding Days. This age difference entails a different form of presentation. This means that more adjustability, carrying power and balance may be expected from a six-year-old. This is reflected in riding several transitions in succession and making more successive adjustments within the same gait. Naturally, less is expected from a three-year-old. In order to assess a stallion’s natural talent properly, it is important to take account of age and the corresponding level of training and to adapt the presentation accordingly.

4.2.3 Result of the Pre-Riding Days

During the third Pre-Riding Day, the Stallion Inspection Committee decides whether a stallion is selected for the Central Examination and informs the owners about the next steps. This may comprise 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 gives the opportunity for the stallion to re-enter the process the following year; this decision may also be taken during the first or second Pre-Riding Day.
4. By agreement between the Stallion Inspection Committee and the owner, it may be decided to present the stallion additionally in harness, and partly on that basis the Stallion Inspection Committee decides whether the stallion is selected for the Central Examination.

In the case of option 1, a veterinary clinical examination and the roaring examination follow after completion.

In the case of option 3, this means that at the next Pre-Riding Day (in the following year), the stallion will be assessed by the Stallion Inspection Committee both in hand and under saddle, on the basis of which the Stallion Inspection Committee decides whether the selected status of the stallion concerned is maintained.

4.2.4 Additional examination

After selection for the Central Examination, the roaring examination takes place. Abnormalities identified as a result of the roaring examination may be grounds for withdrawal of selection for the Central Examination. See Article 18 of the Stallion Selection Regulations. The owner is informed of this in writing. The pedigree is also verified. If it does not correspond with the registration, selection for or participation in the Central Examination may be cancelled.

Article 5 Central Examination

5.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Central Examination is to determine, independently and objectively, the stallion's character and stable behaviour, his aptitude as a riding horse and as a driving horse, and his state of health. In order to make a sound comparison between stallions of the same cohort, environmental factors are standardised as far as possible. Only stallions selected for this purpose by the Stallion Inspection Committee may participate in the Central Examination. Partly on the basis of the results of the Central Examination, it is decided whether a stallion is entered in the studbook register.

5.2 Location

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

5.3 Period

The Central Examination extends over a period of 10 weeks.

5.4 Arrival

5.4.1 Arrival date

The arrival date is in September. The exact date will be announced in good time on the website and in Phryso.

5.4.2 Presentation under saddle

The stallions must be presented under saddle by a rider designated by the owner. The intention is for the stallions to show a simple performance consisting of walk, trot and canter, and several moments of relaxation by stretching the neck at the trot on a large circle, as well as showing a number of transitions. The purpose is to gain insight into 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 trotted in hand on a straight line and on a circle. Any defects, abnormalities and irregularities identified will be recorded in writing. A stallion that is ill or lame on the day of arrival must nevertheless be presented at the examination centre on that day, unless he is suffering from a contagious disease or may not be transported because of his illness or lameness.

If the stallion cannot be presented at the above time for one of the reasons stated above, this must be reported in advance to the KFPS secretariat. In such a case, KFPS has the right, if it so wishes, to have the stallion examined by a veterinarian designated by KFPS and, on the basis of that examination, to determine that the stallion must nevertheless be presented at the examination centre on or before a specified date. If the stallion cannot be delivered by that date, he becomes eligible to participate in the next Central Examination. If the stallion cannot be delivered for the next Central Examination either, the selection lapses and the stallion can only be selected for the Central Examination again through the regular stallion selection process.

On arrival, a blood sample is taken from the stallion which may be analysed for the purposes of the Central Examination.

Failure to present the stallion on time, refusal to cooperate with a veterinary examination, or failure to follow the instructions referred to above may result in exclusion of the stallion from participation in the Central Examination. The KFPS Board decides on this matter.

5.4.4 Conformation assessment

On arrival, the Stallion Inspection Committee assesses the stallions for conformation. The stallions receive scores for the lower-bar traits: breed type, build and legs. These scores form part of the decision-making during the final assessment under saddle and the final assessment in harness. Owners are informed of these scores in writing no later than one week after arrival.

5.4.5 Acceptance

If the Stallion Inspection Committee, the veterinarian or the training manager considers that the stallion is in such a state of health that he poses a risk to the welfare of other horses staying at the examination centre, the Stallion Inspection Committee may decide not to accept the stallion for participation in the Central Examination and consequently refuse him access to the examination centre. Incorrect shoeing is also grounds for refusal.

If the Stallion Inspection Committee and/or training manager considers that a stallion is insufficiently prepared for the Central Examination, the Stallion Inspection Committee will advise the owner to withdraw the stallion from that Central Examination.

The Stallion Inspection Committee has the option of allowing the stallion to enter the next Central Examination. If the owner nevertheless wishes the stallion to participate in the Central Examination, the owner has the right to allow the stallion to continue participating at his own expense.

5.5 Assessment of dams of stallions

The dams and any other relatives of stallions selected for the Central Examination are assessed by the KFPS inspection service. The findings are taken into account in the decision on whether or not to enter a stallion in the studbook register after completion of the Central Examination. The aim is for this inspection to take place between the saddle final examination and the final examination.

5.6 Additional examination

Two veterinary examinations take place in the first week of the Central Examination:

- Faecal examination.
- Dental check.

Treatments resulting from the dental check and faecal examination are at the owner's expense.

5.7 Stabling

The order of stabling is determined on the basis of the age of the stallions. If it later appears that a stallion would be better moved for specific reasons, the training manager may decide to do so.

The bedding in the box consists of straw. In exceptional cases, at the owner's request, the box may be bedded with a material other than straw (sawdust); this entails additional costs. This may also occur if, during the Central Examination, another type of bedding proves necessary. The change will be noted in the examination report. The additional costs are borne by the owner.

For the proper conduct of the Central Examination, it is necessary for the stables to remain quiet. The stables are therefore closed throughout the entire Central Examination.

5.8 Feeding

During the Central Examination, the stallion will be given a quantity of concentrate feed (pellets) and oats three times a day; in addition, a quantity of hay and/or silage will be provided twice a day. The quantity of feed varies per stallion and will be composed according to need.

5.9 Shoeing and hoof care

Owners are advised to deliver the stallions shod. For stallions delivered shod, the following shoeing conditions apply:

- Front: standard shoes 8 mm thick and 22 or 25 mm wide.
- Hind: sliding shoes 8 mm thick and 22 or 25 mm wide.
- No wedges, pads/soles or other devices may be fitted to the shoes.
- Shoeing must be correct; this means that masking unacceptable leg and/or hoof conformation is not permitted.

If, on arrival, the stallion's feet and/or shoeing are found to be insufficiently cared for, this will be corrected at the owner's expense.

During the Central Examination, the stallions' shoeing and hoof care will be carried out by a farrier from the examination centre. The resulting costs will be charged to the owner of the stallion. The above shoeing conditions also apply to the farrier of the examination centre. The examination-centre farrier will keep a logbook in which the treatments for each stallion are recorded and, where considered necessary, photographs of the treatments will also be included.

5.10 Items to be supplied

When the stallion is delivered, the following items must be supplied:

- a well-fitting bridle with combined noseband and flash strap, a well-fitting eggbutt snaffle (a well-fitting loose-ring snaffle is also permitted) with a sufficiently thick mouthpiece, with a jumping rein and/or a dressage rein;
- if desired, a well-fitting saddle may be supplied;
- a halter;
- a wool sweat rug with an elastic surcingle;
- a stable rug;
- a summer rug.

5.11 Other conditions for presentation

The stallion must be sufficiently vaccinated against influenza and equine rhinopneumonitis and must have been properly dewormed:

- Influenza: See Article 4 of the Stallion Selection Regulations.
- Equine rhinopneumonitis: The vaccinations must be recorded in the horse passport. A vaccination certificate is valid only if it can be established that it belongs to the stallion participating in the inspection and shows that the stallion has been vaccinated against equine rhinopneumonitis as follows: A. a primary vaccination consisting of two vaccinations, with the second vaccination administered no less than 4 and no more than 6 weeks after the first vaccination; B. thereafter, a booster vaccination every 6 months, administered no later than 6 months after the previous vaccination; C. the last vaccination must have taken place at least 2 weeks before the start of the Central Examination.
- Passport: For verification of the above vaccinations, the passport must be handed to the veterinarian on arrival. After this check, the passport will be retained by the training manager until the stallion leaves the examination centre; it will then be returned to the owner.
- Deworming: If necessary, the stallion must have been treated with the appropriate anthelmintic.

5.12 Training, assessment and reporting

During the Central Examination, the stallion will be worked on the lunge, under saddle and in harness. Training will consist of dressage-oriented and show-driving-oriented work. The stallion's performance and behaviour during training and his behaviour in the stable will be reported. The report will also mention any veterinary problems that have occurred. The report will be drawn up under the responsibility of the Stallion Inspection Committee and the supervising veterinarian.

5.12.1 Two components

The Central Examination consists of two components:

- During the first 6 weeks of the Central Examination, training and assessment will focus primarily on work under saddle.
- During the final 4 weeks, training and assessment will focus primarily on the driving disciplines of driving and show driving.

At the end of each of these two components, a final assessment will be made.

5.12.2 Descriptions of performances and behaviours to be assessed

The Stallion Inspection Committee will assess the stallions' performances and behaviours in relation to the following descriptions:

- Walk.
- Trot.
- Canter.
- Body carriage & balance.
- Suppleness.
- Adjustability.
- Impulsion.
- Character and stable behaviour.

5.12.3 Final assessments in score bars

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

Aptitude as a riding horse:

Walk	Trot	Canter	Body carriage & balance	Suppleness	Adjustability	Impulsion	Total
2x	2x	2x	2x	1x	1x	1x	

Aptitude as a driving horse:

Walk	Trot	Body carriage & balance	Suppleness	Adjustability	Impulsion	Total
2x	2x	2x	2x	1x	2x	

Aptitude as a show-driving horse:

Walk	Trot - foreleg use	Trot - hindleg use	Trot - suspension	Body carriage &	Front	Suppleness	Impulsion & attitude	Total

				balance				
1x	2x	2x	1x	2x	1x	1x	1x	

5.12.4 Decision-making

The decision on entering a stallion in the studbook register depends on the standard for each discipline (suitability as a riding horse, driving horse and show-driving horse).

A total score is calculated for each discipline, in which the conformation assessment is included. This total is calculated from the final total in the relevant discipline, plus twice the sum of the scores for breed type, build and legs.

Stallions that have a total score of at least 122 points in at least two disciplines may be entered in the studbook register, provided that no veterinary deficiencies have been identified. In the event of such deficiencies, it may be decided not to enter the stallion in the studbook register.

A stallion scoring 115 points or lower in all three disciplines cannot be entered in the studbook register.

All other stallions are cases for discussion, based on the selection criteria stated in Article 1 of the Stallion Selection Regulations.

5.13 Staff

The Central Examination is under the direction of a training manager appointed by KFPS. The driving and riding team is also appointed by KFPS. Guest riders and guest drivers will ride/drive the stallions and their findings form part of the decision-making on whether or not to enter a stallion in the studbook register.

5.14 Veterinary matters

The Central Examination is supervised from a veterinary perspective by veterinarians appointed by KFPS. Lactate measurements and fitness tests are also carried out under the direction of these veterinarians. To prevent skin fungus, the stallion will receive an antifungal treatment on arrival. If necessary, a deworming treatment will be given. Other veterinary involvement will be limited to assistance on request in the event of illness or injury. The costs of such on-call veterinary assistance will be charged to the owner. If the stallion becomes ill or lame during the Central Examination, the supervising veterinarian may request a professional second opinion or refer the stallion to a specialised equine clinic for further examination. The costs will be charged to the owner of the stallion concerned.

5.15 Costs

The following fees apply for participation in the Central Examination:

- For stallions participating in the first part of the Central Examination (6 weeks under saddle), an initial fee of EUR 6,425.62 applies.
- For stallions participating in the second part of the Central Examination (4 weeks in the driving disciplines), a fee of EUR 4,334.71 applies.
- If a stallion leaves the Central Examination prematurely during the first part, a refund is paid. This refund is calculated as follows: the total amount is divided by 6 weeks and multiplied by the number of complete weeks during which the stallion participated in the examination. The number of weeks is rounded to whole weeks; 4.4 weeks is rounded to 4 weeks and 4.5 weeks to 5 weeks.

If the stallion can be entered in the studbook register, an additional amount of EUR 3,863.64 must be paid for entry in the studbook register.

All amounts stated are exclusive of VAT and must therefore be paid plus the applicable VAT.

5.16 Responsibility

Hippisch Centrum Exloo is responsible for the management of the stallion and the items supplied during the stay at the examination centre.

KFPS and Hippisch Centrum Exloo, including all their officials and staff, cannot be held liable for damage suffered directly or indirectly as a result of participation in the Central Examination, unless there is gross negligence or intent. KFPS will insure the stallions for damage due to fire, lightning strike, storm and escape (only matters for which KFPS is liable) for EUR 10,000 per stallion. From the interim examination (i.e. the final assessment of the first part of the Central Examination), this amount will be increased to EUR 50,000 per stallion.

If the owner considers this necessary, the owner must insure the stallion for all other risks (e.g. illness or accidents).

KFPS and Hippisch Centrum Exloo are not responsible for the consequences that the examination result has for the stallion or its owner.

By allowing the stallion to participate in the Central Examination, the owner expressly declares agreement with the examination conditions as laid down in the Stallion Selection Regulations and the Implementing Provisions of the Stallion Selection Regulations, and the owner also expressly undertakes that neither the owner nor any successors in title (under universal or singular title) will challenge the examination conditions during or after the Central Examination. If the owner and/or one or more of the aforementioned successors in title nevertheless does so, the owner is obliged to indemnify KFPS and Hippisch Centrum Exloo, including all their officials and staff, against the consequences thereof.

5.17 Openness and information

For the proper conduct of the Central Examination, it is necessary that the stallions can be trained in a quiet environment. Training sessions may be attended by appointment with the training manager. Immediately after the final assessments, the owner will be informed both verbally and in writing about the stallion's performance. Results will not be provided during the Central Examination. Around the fourth week of the Central Examination, there is an opportunity to be informed by the Stallion Inspection Committee about progress in training. Owners will be invited for this purpose by the Stallion Inspection Committee. In the event of illness or injury of the stallion, the owner will be informed.

5.18 Final assessment

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

Based on the final assessment under saddle, the Stallion Inspection Committee decides whether the stallion continues the examination. In this decision-making, the limited harness performances already observed during the first part of the Central Examination are also taken into account.

The date of the final assessment in the driving disciplines is published on the website and in Phryso.

5.19 Termination of the Central Examination

Stallions that are required by KFPS to terminate participation in the Central Examination prematurely must be collected from the examination centre within two days after the decision has been communicated. After termination of the Central Examination, it is possible to enter the stallion for the Reassessment in the following year.

5.20 At the owner's own expense/initiative

If the Stallion Inspection Committee decides to exclude a stallion from further participation in the Central Examination, the owner has the right to allow the stallion to continue participating in the Central Examination at the owner's own expense. For this purpose, an amount of EUR 3,250.67 plus EUR 77.64 (exclusive of VAT) per test day will be charged and must be paid immediately upon application.

5.21 Reassessment

The costs of a reassessment are EUR 1,541.64 (exclusive of VAT), payable in advance. If, in the opinion of the Stallion Inspection Committee, the stallion's examination result during the reassessment is better than during the normal Central Examination, the amount will be refunded.

5.22 Prohibited substances

A stallion must be free of prohibited substances on arrival. If a stallion has not remained continuously at the examination centre during the two weeks immediately preceding a final assessment, postponed final assessment or reassessment, the stallion may be tested for the use of prohibited substances immediately after the relevant assessment. A urine or blood sample will be taken for this purpose. The KFPS Equine Doping Regulations apply to the foregoing.

5.23 Complaints

Complaints about the Central Examination or about the management of the stallions during the Central Examination must be submitted in writing to the management of KFPS.

5.24 Right of appeal

No complaint, objection or appeal is possible against the final conclusion referred to in Article 12.2.4 of the Stallion Selection Regulations.

5.25 Miscellaneous

In matters not regulated/determined/laid down in the Stallion Selection Regulations and/or the Implementing Provisions of the Stallion Selection Regulations, the KFPS Board decides. If the owner has sold or intends to sell the stallion during the Central Examination, all examination conditions remain fully applicable to the new owner. Before selling the stallion, the owner is obliged to inform the new owner of all conditions applicable to participation in the Central Examination and to stipulate that the new owner, as successor owner, also agrees to all such conditions and will comply with them.

Article 6 Shortened Examination

The Shortened Examination provides the opportunity for stallions with exceptional results in a sport discipline to qualify for entry in the studbook register without participating in the full Central Examination.

6.1 Application

For assessment for participation in the Shortened Examination, the owner may enter the stallion with KFPS. The application must be submitted to KFPS before 1 August. The Stallion Inspection Committee assesses, among other things on the basis of available information (including sport results), whether a stallion is eligible for assessment. On this basis, the stallion is or is not invited for an assessment for selection to participate in the Shortened Examination. The Stallion Inspection Committee is free not to consider stallions that have met the specified sport requirements for an assessment for participation in the Shortened Examination. No appeal is possible against this decision.

6.2 Assessment and procedure

6.2.1 Assessment for selection

The assessment for selecting a stallion for participation in the Shortened Examination comprises the following stages:

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

After each component, the Stallion Inspection Committee determines whether the stallion is referred to the next component. Based on the full assessment of all components, stallions may be selected by the Stallion Inspection Committee for the Shortened Examination. In the event of rejection, the chair of the Stallion Inspection Committee gives 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 competes and with which the sport requirement is met. This assessment may take place during an official competition or at a location designated by KFPS. The purpose of such an assessment is to estimate the stallion’s (natural) basic movement.

6.2.1.2 Assessment of conformation

The Stallion Inspection Committee assesses the stallion’s conformation once. This assessment is based on an in-hand presentation and takes place on the arrival day of the Shortened Examination.

6.2.1.3 Veterinary clinical assessment

The veterinary clinical assessment of the stallion is carried out by a veterinarian designated by KFPS. This assessment takes place after the conformation assessment or at another time/location determined by KFPS; it is also checked whether the stallion has any impermissible white markings on the hooves (soles). The veterinarian prepares a report and advises the Stallion Inspection Committee.

6.2.2 Decision on selection

After the assessments referred to above, the Stallion Inspection Committee decides on participation in the Shortened Examination. Selection may be conditional if the results of the roaring examination and/or DNA examination are not yet known. Both examinations may take place after selection and must be completed before the Shortened Examination.

After the stallion has been selected for the Shortened Examination, the Shortened Examination must take place during the next Central Examination.

6.3 Participation in the Shortened Examination

The Shortened Examination is a two-week examination. During this examination, the stallion is assessed for character, both stable behaviour and behaviour during use. Throughout the examination, the stallion is trained daily by the owner or a trainer designated by the owner. Once during the examination, the horse will be ridden/driven by a guest rider/driver. The examination report is prepared under the responsibility of the Stallion (Re-)Inspection Committee. The report includes, among other things, the veterinarian’s findings.

6.3.1 Location

The Shortened Examination takes place during the final two weeks of the Central Examination at a location determined by KFPS.

6.3.2 Veterinary clinical examination

The stallion is examined clinically by a veterinarian both on arrival and on check-out.

6.3.3 Stabling

The bedding in the box consists of straw. In very exceptional cases, the box may be bedded with a material other than straw. This will occur only if another type of bedding proves necessary during the Shortened Examination. The change will be noted in the examination report. The additional costs are borne by the owner.

For the proper conduct of the Shortened Examination, it is necessary for the stables to remain quiet. The stables are therefore closed throughout the entire examination.

6.3.4 Feeding

During the Shortened Examination, the stallion will be given a quantity of concentrate feed (pellets) and oats three times a day; in addition, a quantity of hay and/or silage will be provided twice a day. The quantity of feed varies per stallion and will be composed according to need.

6.3.5 Vaccinations and deworming

The stallion must be sufficiently vaccinated against influenza and equine rhinopneumonitis and must have been properly dewormed. The same requirements as those laid down in Article 5.11 apply.

6.4 Responsibility

Hippisch Centrum Exloo is responsible for the management of the stallion and the items supplied during the stay at the examination centre.

KFPS and Hippisch Centrum Exloo, including all their officials and staff, cannot be held liable for damage suffered directly or indirectly as a result of participation in the Shortened Examination, unless there is gross negligence or intent. KFPS will insure the stallions for damage due to fire, lightning strike, storm and escape (only matters for which KFPS is liable) for EUR 50,000 per stallion. If the owner considers this necessary, the owner must insure the stallion for all other risks (e.g. illness or accidents). KFPS and Hippisch Centrum Exloo are not responsible for the consequences that the examination result has for the stallion or its owner. By allowing the stallion to participate in the Shortened Examination, the owner expressly declares agreement with the examination conditions as laid down in the Stallion Selection Regulations and the Implementing Provisions of the Stallion Selection Regulations, and the owner also expressly undertakes that neither the owner nor any successors in title (under universal or singular title) will challenge the examination conditions during or after the Shortened Examination. If the owner and/or one or more of the aforementioned successors in title nevertheless does so, the owner is obliged to indemnify KFPS and Hippisch Centrum Exloo, including all their officials and staff, against the consequences thereof.

6.5 Costs for assessment of sport stallions

The following fees (exclusive of VAT) apply to the assessment for participation in the Shortened Examination and to participation in the Shortened Examination respectively:

- Assessment for participation in the Shortened Examination: EUR 332.80
- Participation in the Shortened Examination: EUR 2,228.20

6.6 Costs of entry in the studbook register

If the stallion can be entered in the studbook register, an additional amount of EUR 3,863.64 (exclusive of VAT) must be paid for entry in the studbook register.

Article 7 Assessment of stallions entered in the studbook register

7.1 Location and date

Under the statutes, the Stallion Show must take place in the province of Fryslân; it is held in January in Leeuwarden.

Stallions entered in the studbook register (studbook stallions) may participate in the Stallion Show if the studbook stallion holds a breeding licence for the calendar year in which the Stallion Show takes place. Studbook stallions that have been placed on hold may not participate in the Stallion Show.

Studbook stallions up to and including 15 years of age that are resident in Europe are required to participate in the Stallion Show. Studbook stallions up to and including 15 years of age that are resident outside Europe are required to participate in the inspection held in the relevant country. Studbook stallions aged 16 years or older may, at the owner’s discretion, be inspected during the Stallion Show or at another inspection occasion. Annual assessment of studbook stallions aged 16 years and older is not mandatory.

7.2 Assessment and procedure

Studbook stallions are assessed in their class for the quality of conformation and movement. Stallions are assessed individually in catalogue order. During the group walk-around (after the individual assessment), only the person presenting the stallion is permitted in the arena. In this case, KFPS provides two assistants who will encourage the stallions to move where necessary. In each class, the jury selects the studbook stallions that may participate in the championship inspection. There is a championship inspection for younger stallions, for older stallions and an overall championship inspection. Younger stallions are stallions that have not yet been approved on the basis of offspring; older stallions are stallions that have been approved on the basis of offspring. During the championship inspections, a champion and reserve champion are selected. The champion and reserve champion of both the younger and the older stallions take part in the overall championship.

Article 8 Progeny testing

8.1 Evaluation of foals

Foals are assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

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

After the second breeding season, the inspection service sets out the findings in a foal report.

8.2 Evaluation of three-year-old and older horses

8.2.1 General

Three-year-old and older offspring of a stallion are assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Conformation.
2. Sport aptitude.
3. Hereditary defects.
4. Contribution to genetic diversity.

The progeny test consists of:

- conformation assessment of at least 40 offspring;
- performance test (ABFP) of at least 20 offspring.

8.2.2 Conformation of the offspring

To determine a stallion's inheritance of conformation, at least 40 horses must have been inspected. All inspected three-year-old and older offspring (stallions, geldings and mares) are included in the assessment of a stallion's conformation inheritance. This also applies to horses that have not officially participated in an inspection but have taken part in the performance test and, as such, have been assessed by the inspection service (linear scoring). Conformation inheritance is expressed in the form of estimated breeding values for linear and appraisal conformation traits. These breeding values are based on the linear score data recorded during the conformation inspection. In estimating breeding values, account is taken of the quality of the mares covered by the stallion. The assessment of a stallion's conformation inheritance also takes account of uncorrected inspection results of the offspring.

8.2.3 Sport aptitude of the offspring

The following data are used to estimate the sport aptitude of a stallion's offspring: ABFP, IBOP and sport results based on competitions registered with KNHS. This estimate is expressed, among other things, in a breeding value for movement and a breeding value for sport aptitude.

8.2.4 Performance test of the offspring (ABFP)

The performance test consists of an ABFP test of at least 20 offspring. KFPS selects 20 offspring, preferably three-year-old offspring from the second crop, preferably entered for a conformation inspection. The offspring will preferably be selected from horses located in the Netherlands. Selection of the horses takes place three weeks before the conformation inspection. The owner of a selected horse may indicate in advance whether the horse will be made available for the progeny test. The owner is responsible for vaccinations, shoeing and transport to the test centre. Preferably, no more than 5 offspring of one stallion participate in each ABFP test. For horses in the progeny test, the ABFP test lasts 7 weeks, including 2 weeks of preparation. More detailed information is set out in the ABFP Conditions.

8.3 Costs

The costs of the progeny test are borne partly by the owner of the stallion and partly by KFPS. The costs are set out in the KFPS fee schedule. The costs of vaccinations, shoeing and insurance for offspring participating in the performance test are borne by the owner of the offspring. Owners of the offspring also make their own contribution; these costs are likewise set out in the KFPS fee schedule.

Article 9 Order of precedence

If these Implementing Provisions should in any way conflict with the content of the Stallion Selection Regulations, the Stallion Selection Regulations prevail; in such a case, the relevant part of the Implementing Provisions does not apply and implementation must take place in accordance with the content of the Stallion Selection Regulations.

Article 10 Dutch text

In all cases, the Dutch text of the Implementing Provisions of the Stallion Selection Regulations is leading and decisive. In the event of (possible) differences between the Dutch text and translations thereof, the Dutch text prevails over the translation and the relevant part of the translation has no legal force.

Article 11 Unforeseen situation(s)

If these Implementing Provisions do not provide for a particular situation, the Board decides conclusively.