



Constitution and Rules

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CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. TITLE

The name of the society shall be “The Irish Draught Horse Society (New Zealand)” IDHSNZ.

2. OBJECTS

The object of the society is to establish, preserve and improve the Irish Draught Horse in New Zealand and to promote and maintain high standards of breeding, conformation, quality and soundness. In furtherance of this object but not otherwise the Society has the following powers:

- (a) to set up a Register, including an appendix in respect of the breed.
- (b) to do all things as are necessary for the attainment of the objects.

3. STATUS

The Irish Draught Horse Society (New Zealand) is a self-financing autonomous body and is affiliated to the Irish Draught Horse Society (Great Britain).

4. MANAGEMENT

The Society shall be managed by a Council elected by the members. The council shall consist of the Officers of the Society and not more than eight ordinary members of the Society and any co-opted members under provision of sub-clause 7 (b) below.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There shall be an Annual General Meeting at which the Officers and Council members shall be elected.

6. OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

- (a) The following shall be the Officers of the Society:
 - Chairman - Vice Chairman - Honorary Secretary/
Treasurer or Honorary Treasurer - Honorary Registrar and Eight

council members but may co-opt up to four additional members as the need arises.

- (b) If a vacancy in the Council occurs, the remaining members of the Council may appoint another member to fill the vacancy but that member so appointed shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election. A President and Vice President may be elected at the Annual General Meeting if such are desired.
- (c) No Person other than an officer or other member of the Council retiring at the Annual General Meeting shall be re-elected at that meeting unless that not less than fourteen days before the date appointed for the meeting there shall have been delivered to the Honorary Secretary a notice in writing signed by a member of the Society qualified to attend and vote at the meeting nominating such person for election, and counter signed by that person. Should there not be sufficient postal nominations to fill vacancies on the Council, nominations may be accepted from the floor at the AGM.
- (d) Five members of the Council shall form a quorum. The Council shall meet from time to time as necessary up to FOUR times per calendar year but not less than TWO times per calendar year.

SIX members of the Council may, by signed written notice to the Honorary Secretary, request him to call a meeting of the Council and if such meeting is not called within THIRTY days of the dispatch of such notice the said SIX members may themselves call a meeting of the Council by FOURTEEN days notice in writing sent to all members thereof.

7. COUNCIL RULES

- (a) The Officers and two Council members shall retire each year but shall be eligible for re-election. The members of the

Council retiring shall be the longest serving two members each year.

(b) The Council may in addition to the Officers and members elected

at the Annual General Meeting co-opt not more than FOUR members, but such co-opted members shall without prejudice to their reappointment retire from office at the Annual General Meeting following their appointment.

The Council may regulate its own proceedings by the constitution as it may think fit.

No act or proceedings of the Council or any sub-committee thereof shall be invalidated by a vacancy.

(c) The Council shall have sole control and management of the income and property of the Society and also the entire management of all other of the affairs and concerns thereof and exclusive right of appointment and of prescribing the respective duties and remuneration of and removing officers as they may deem necessary for the purpose of the Society.

(d) If the Council shall in its discretion consider any officer or any other member of the Council has conducted them self in a manner gravely detrimental to the interests or reputation of the Society it may by resolution, for which at least three quarters of the members of the Council actually present and voting, remove them from office or membership of the Council provided that any such officer shall first have at least FOURTEEN days notice of the meeting of the Council with a concise statement of the grounds upon which his/her removal is sought and shall be entitled at the meeting to make a statement in explanation and defense of his/her conduct.

8. MEMBERSHIP

(a) The Society shall consist of subscribing members who shall pay an annual subscription, one fee for life membership or such other

sums as the Council shall determine. On payment of the Subscription, either annual or life, the member shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these RULES made hereunder. Each member shall be entitled to one copy of any bulletin or publication issued by the Society. Each member shall be entitled to ONE vote.

- (b) The Council may, by resolution, notify a member in writing and stating its reasons for such action, call upon such member to resign from the Society. If the member does not so resign within Forty- Eight days after being so called upon, the Council may by resolution terminate his membership.
- (c) Before coming to any decision the Council shall give the member affected proper meeting time to state their case either verbally or in writing as the council may think fit.
- (d) The Council may at any time and without stating reasons refuse to accept the renewal of the subscription of any member.
- (e) No member shall take any public action or make any public announcement in the name of the Society or otherwise do anything directly or indirectly to represent that any proposal, action or statement of fact or opinion has the approval of the Society. Only the Council or the Chairman may make announcements in the name of the Society.

9. BREED REGISTER

The Society shall keep a Breed Register under eight categories plus an appendix and all horses having confirmed no less than 1/8th Irish Draught Horse blood shall be eligible for registration.

The panel of Inspection shall consist of two or more inspectors of Irish Draught Horses appointed by the Council and a Council appointed representative as an inspection facilitator only. A

veterinary certificate must be supplied by the owner at inspection, passing the horse free of inherited conformation defects.

In the Case of a stallion a negative EVA certificate and a D.N.A Typing Report is required for the licensing of a Cat 1 (RID) Stallion.

The protocol for inspections shall be followed.

The system of registration of purebred (RID) and part-bred horses consists of eight categories and an appendix:

1. Both parents are Registered Irish Draught.
2. One parent is category 1 Irish Draught and the other parent is the progeny of a category 1 Irish Draught and a category 1 Irish Draught and Registered Stud Book Thoroughbred cross.
3. One parent is category 1 Irish Draught and the other parent is category 1 Irish Draught and Registered Stud Book Thoroughbred cross.
4. One parent is category 1 Irish Draught and the other parent is a Registered Stud Book Thoroughbred.
5. One parent is a Registered Stud Book Thoroughbred and the other parent is the progeny of a category 1 Irish Draught and Registered Stud Book Thoroughbred cross.
6. One parent is category 1 Irish Draught and the other parent is a horse of confirmable known breeding.
7. One parent is category 1 Irish Draught and the other parent is a horse of unknown breeding.
- 8/Q. One parent category 4 Irish Draught and the other parent is of any breeding.

Appendix: One parent is no less than 1/4 Irish blood. The progeny carries no less than 1/8th Irish blood. It may also include colored horses whose owners wish to register with the Society. Horses in the appendix will not be eligible for up grading or licensing but eligible for all other Society benefits.

The description of these categories will be condensed as follows

Category:

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| 1. ID x ID or 1 x 1 also 1 x 2 | 5. TB x (ID x TB) or TB x 4 |
| 2. ID x ID and (ID x TB) or 1 x 3 | 6. ID x OT or 1 x OT |
| 3. ID x (ID x TB) 1 x 4 | 7. ID x XX or 1 x XX |
| 4. ID x TB or 1 x TB | 8/Q (ID x TB) x XX or OT or |
| Appendix: No less than 1/8th Irish Blood | 4 x XX or 4 x OT |

Legend: ID = Category 1 Irish Draught; TB = Registered Stud Book Thoroughbred; OT = Confirmable known breeding; XX = Unknown breeding; 8./Q = no less than quarter Irish Draught; Appendix:= not less than 1/8th Irish blood

Foals may be registered at any time after birth but horses will be accepted at any age with proof of parentage.

IDENTIFICATION

Branding and/or micro-chipping along with veterinarian certified markings are the means by which Irish Horses are IDENTIFIED and REGISTERED in New Zealand.

(a) BRANDING

When foal registration applications are received (with payment of fees), and if they are found to be in order, a temporary certificate will be issued to the owner along with the Society brands. The horse will then be branded by a Registered Veterinarian with the Society's SHAMROCK over NZ on the near shoulder and branded on the off shoulder (using the veterinarians own numbers) with a designated society number over the last figure of the year of birth. These numbers are allocated by the Registrar on the Temporary Registration Certificate which is sent with the brands to the owner of the horse or to the veterinarian.

Branding is by the use of freeze brands only to comply with " Best Practice" identified in the Animal Welfare Act, Code of Welfare for Horses NZ. Jan 2016

(b) MICRO-CHIPPING

Micro-chipping is carried out by a Registered Veterinarian and appropriate records kept. The numbers are recorded in the society database and on the permanent registration certificate and by the veterinarian. The markings of the horse are also recorded by the veterinarian and the record signed and dated. Brands will be provided where owners wish to have their horses identified by both microchip and branding.

All veterinarian costs are the responsibility of the owner.

Following Branding/Micro chipping the veterinarian will complete the markings of the horse on the branding Microchip certificate and sign and date the record.

Brands must be returned promptly to ensure they can continue to circulate

Branding irons remain the property of the Irish Horse Society NZ.

(c) CERTIFICATION

Following receipt of the correct branding/micro-chipping Temporary Certificate a permanent registration certificate will be issued. This is an important document which should be retained. It is a permanent record of the horses' identity and should also be used to formally transfer all changes of ownership.

PROGENY UP-GRADING (Licensing)

Mares intended for progeny up-grading (Licensing) shall be submitted for inspection when two years old or over and if passed may be crossed with purebred Irish Draught for breeding progeny of a higher category. Mares must stand 15.2hh or above at maturity.

Colts shall be submitted for inspection when two years old or over and if approved to become licensed stallions shall be re-submitted if required for inspection every three years thereafter at the discretion of the Council. Colts may not be retained as stallions in the Society's

Register unless approved by inspection of a panel appointed by the Council. The Colt must be accompanied by a veterinarian certificate indicating no inherited unsoundness and a negative EVA test. A DNA certificate must also be provided.

Colts must stand 16hh or above to be eligible for licensing.

IMPORTED Registered Irish Draught

Imported RID may be included in the Register as Licensed without further inspection, subject to the provision of approved International documentation and a Health and DNA certificate.

The IDHSNZ will also accept the progeny of Overseas Licensed (RID) stallions/Mares into the NZ Register, but these horses will be required to undergo the formal inspection protocol required for Licensing in NZ should they wish to upgrade.

PROGENY OF OVERSEAS LICENCED/REGISTERED HORSES.

These horses will be required to undergo the full licensing inspection which includes DNA testing to be eligible for Licensing in the Society's Data base.

EMBRYO FOALS

In order to establish these foals pedigree. They are required to be DNA tested at the time of registration

Horses are submitted for inspection/registration entirely at the owner's risk and no liability is accepted by the Society, its members, servants, or agents in respect of any loss or damage suffered by any persons in respect of the registering or non-registration of any horse or of any other circumstances relating to the Society or its activities.

Any member who shall have in his ownership or control for the period of the breeding season a stallion registered in the Society's breed register shall at the end of every season submit on the appropriate form to the Hon. Registrar a record showing the name of the stallion and listing the names of all mares covered by him and

the owners thereof during the season completed.

TRANSFERS

When a registered horse is transferred to a new owner the vendor must complete the transfer section on the rear of the certificate and this must be signed by him/her and then be forwarded to the Registrar with a fee to be determined by Council. The transfer is then formally recorded

PREFIX

Stud owners may register a prefix paying the appropriate fee. This prefix may only be used on the progeny of the mares owned by the stud.

Applying to change the name of a newly purchased horse cannot apply to the change of the prefix.

10. FEES

Only subscription paid up members may apply for registration or enter the Society competitions. All fees are set by Council which reserves the right to revise fees on an annual basis.

As at September 2022 the fees are:

Life Subscription	\$400
Annual Subscription	\$40
3 Year Membership	\$100
Registration Fees	\$40
Prefix	\$150
Transfer Fee	\$10
Replacement Certificate	\$20
 Name Change	\$20
Stallion Return	no fee
Inspection Fees	
Colt/Stallions	\$300
Fillies/Mares	\$150

or fees as the council determines from time to time.

Any owner wishing to appeal against an inspection report shall be able to do so by depositing the sum of \$100.00 within one month with the Honorary Secretary together with the details of the appeal in writing. If the appeal is successful the deposit will be refunded. The Council reserves the right to revise all fees on an annual basis.

11. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

- (a)** The annual subscription shall be due on August 1st each year. Membership is continuous and unless a notice of resignation is received by the Honorary Secretary not later than July 31st in any year, the member shall be liable for his subscription for the following year.
- (b)** A subscription paid by a new member after April 30th in any year shall entitle him to membership without further payment until July 31st of the following year.
- (c)** The Council may for special reasons wholly or partly remit or waive payment of any subscription in any case and subject to any conditions as it may think fit.
- (d)** A member whose subscription is in arrears on November 30th next after it has become due shall not be entitled to any rights or privileges of membership. The names of all members whose subscriptions remains unpaid on April 30th next after it has become due shall be reported to the Council at it's next meeting and all members in arrears on the said April 30th shall be removed from membership unless the Council shall for special reasons otherwise determine.
- (e)** Any member who is not financial at any one time may not hold any office or vote at a meeting

12. HONORARY MEMBERS

The Council may elect any person as an Honorary Member of the Society and subject to such conditions as it may impose.

13. MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting of members of the Society shall be held once in every calendar year to transact the following business

- (a)** To receive and if approved to adopt the annual report and an audited statement of accounts to the end of the last preceding financial year.
- (b)** To elect officers and other members of the Council.
- (c)** To appoint an auditor who can be an independent accountant or suitably qualified person to audit the annual accounts.
- (d)** To deal with any special matters which the Council desires to bring before the members and to receive and consider suggestions from the members for consideration by the Council.
- (e)** To confirm any alteration to the constitution and rules presently or previously decided upon.
- (f)** A General Meeting of the Society may be called within forty two days of receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a requisition in writing stating the reason(s) for calling such a meeting and signed by not less than 5 members, where any matter(s) relating to the Society may be discussed and decided upon save only that alterations to the Constitution and Rules must be confirmed at and only at the next Annual General Meeting.
- (g)** In order to effect an alteration or addition of a Rule a majority of the members actually present shall vote in favour of the proposed change or in the case where a postal vote is approved a majority of the votes received shall be in favour of the

proposed change.

- (h) For all Meetings the Council will decide whether or not a postal vote will be initiated.
- (i) A notice convening any General Meeting shall (with the accounts and balance sheet in the case of the Annual General Meeting) be sent to all members not less than twenty-eight days prior to the date of the meeting together with the agenda for the meeting.
- (j) Each member whose subscription is fully paid up to the date of a meeting shall have one vote and no more except for the Chairman who shall have a second or casting vote in the case of an equality of votes, no person shall have a vote unless such person has been a member for a minimum of eight weeks prior to the meeting. Five members shall form a quorum at all General Meetings.

14. DECISIONS AND VOTING AT MEETINGS

Every question to be submitted at any meeting of the Society, the Council, or a sub-committee shall be put to the meeting by the Chairman thereof and his /her decision as to the wishes or sense of the meeting shall be conclusive unless on giving his/her decision it is challenged by any members properly present at the meeting and entitled to vote thereat. If any decision by the Chairman at any meeting shall be challenged a vote shall be taken. All voting with the exception of items for which a special majority is required by this Constitution shall be decided by a simple majority of members present and voting.

15. SUB-COMMITTEES

The Council may appoint sub-committees to consider and report on any matter and members of such sub-committees shall elect their own Chairman and have power to co-opt not more than three

members. Sub-committees may not spend money on behalf of the Society unless expressly authorised to do so by minutes of the Council. Sub-committees must report their acts and proceedings fully and promptly to the Council.

16. FINANCE

- (a)** The financial year shall end on July 31st each year. The income and property of the Society and all monies received by or on behalf of the Society shall be applied solely towards the furtherance, promotion and execution of the Society and no portion thereof shall be paid by way of dividend, bonus or profit to any member of the Society provided nothing herein expressed or contained shall prevent the payment in good faith to a servant of the Society of remuneration and expenses or both such a servant not being an officer or member of the Society.
- (b)** All monies payable to the Society shall be received by the Honorary Treasurer or such officer or such Bank as shall be appointed to receive it.
- (c)** All funds belonging to the Society unless invested shall be deposited in the bank account in the name of the Society and no sum shall be drawn from this account except by Internet established banking mandate and approved by two recorded council members, also when necessary by cheque signed by Honorary Treasurer together with a counter signature of one member of the Council duly authorised by the Council and Bank mandate so to do. Any monies not required for immediate use may be invested by the Council as herein authorised. The Council shall cause true accounts to be kept of receipts, expenditure, asset credits, and liabilities of the Society and shall place before the members of the Society at each Annual General Meeting a currently reviewed account and balance sheet made up to the end of the previous

financial year.

Reasonable office, travelling, and subsistence expenses incurred by officers and members of the Society or by any person duly authorised by the Society may be paid by the Society. Rates of allowances shall be fixed by the Council from time to time. All claims for expenses must be sent to the Honorary Treasurer and he may request such information in regards thereto as he may think fit.

17.REMOVAL of COUNCILLORS

Councilors may be removed from Office by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council by a vote of not less than a three-quarters majority of members of the Council present and voting at the meeting.

18. NOTICES

Accidental omission to give notice to, or the non-receipt of a notice by, a member shall not invalidate any proceedings or resolutions of any meeting of the Society, the Council, or any sub-committee thereof

19. RECORDS AND MINUTES

Records shall be made and minutes kept in such form as the Council may direct of the proceedings at all General Meetings, meetings of the Council, and meetings of the sub-committees and these minutes shall be confirmed and signed by the Chairman at the subsequent meeting.

20. DISSOLUTION

A motion to dissolve the Society may only be made at an Extraordinary General Meeting and to effect a dissolution at least three quarters of the members actually present and voting at the meeting shall vote in favour of the dissolution.

If on the winding up or dissolution of the Society there remain, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any assets whatsoever such assets shall not be paid to or allotted among members of the Society but shall be given or transferred to some other related or charitable institution having objects similar to the objects of the Irish Draught Horse Society NZ or another breed of horses.

21. INTERPRETATION

If there should be any ambiguity or difference of opinion concerning the purport or interpretation of any rule and to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules reference shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Society who will refer the matter to the Council.

The decision of the Council shall be binding on all parties.

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