

KFPS INSPECTION REGULATIONS 2010



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Members of the KFPS can have their horses and foals inspected according to the conditions stated below at local judging events, additional inspections organized by the breeding association, studbook inspections and foal inspections. The inspection of stallions for inclusion in the studbook register must be carried out according to the conditions stated in the Stallion Selection Regulations.

Article 1 General Conditions

These regulations have been set down in accordance with the stipulations in the charter, the standing orders, the KFPS breeding objectives, and the registration regulations of the Koninklijke Vereniging "Het Friesch Paarden Stamboek".

Article 2 – KFPS members and the name in which the registration certificate is registered

Only KFPS members can register horses for an inspection. In doing so, the ownership information stated on the application form must agree with that of the owner who is registered with the KFPS. Should the information on the application form not agree with that of the registered owner as shown on the registration certificate, the ownership of the horse must be transferred to the current owner previous to the inspection. Not until the registration certificate has been transferred can an application for an inspection be submitted.

Article 3 – Inspection Categories

The KFPS authorizes the following inspections:

1. ***Studbook Inspections***
Studbook inspections are organized by the KFPS and are open to:
 1. Foals
 2. Foalbook mares and foalbook geldings three years old or older: for inclusion in the studbook and the possibility of being granted the star title
 3. Foalbook mares and foalbook geldings four years old or older: for the possibility of being granted the star title
2. ***Local Judging Events***
Local judging events are organized by the breeding associations and can include all classes except for stallions and the awarding of the provisional or definite model designation. Only those horses entered for a certain class will be inspected in that class.

3. **Foal inspections**

Foal inspections can be organized by members of the KFPS. Foal inspections are limited to the inspection of foals. These inspections take place starting on 1 September and require the application of at least 30 foals. The inspection takes place at the risk and expense of the member who requested the inspection. This person is also responsible for the entire organization of the inspection. The assistance of the KFPS is limited to making available the jury members, passport consultants, application forms and any catalogues. A request to hold a foal inspection must be received by the KFPS before May 1. The KFPS retains its right to refuse such a request. If a request is honored, an inspection date will first be discussed and then confirmed.

4. **Foalbook stallion inspections**

Foalbook stallion inspections are organized by the KFPS and are open to foalbook stallions three years old or older. In exceptional cases, this inspection category can be included in a class at a studbook inspection.

5. **Central Inspection**

Any horse that has received a first premium during the current calendar year, except for foals and foalbook stallions, can be entered in the Central Inspection. Model mares need not have received a first premium. The Central Inspection is the only occasion (for Dutch mares) at which a star or crown mare can be declared provisional model.

Article 4 – Inspection classes

- A. Inspections for inclusion in the **Studbook**. Eligible for these inspections are mares three years old or older that are registered in the foalbook. The minimum height at the withers is 1.54 meters. If judged to be of sufficient quality in exterior and movement, mares with a minimum height at the withers of 1.56 meters can also receive the star title.
- B. Inspections for inclusion in the **Gelding book**. To be eligible for inclusion in the Gelding book, geldings must be three years old or older and registered in the foalbook. For registration in the Gelding book, a gelding must have a minimum height at the withers of 1.56 meters. If judged to be of sufficient quality in exterior and movement, geldings with a minimum height at the withers of 1.58 meters can also receive the star title.
- C. Inspection for the **Star** title (an increase in grade). To be eligible for this title, mares and geldings must already be registered in the Studbook and have a height at the withers of at least 1.56 meters for mares and 1.58 meters for geldings.
- D. Premium inspection for yearling mares¹
- E. Premium inspection for two-year-old mares¹
- F. Premium inspection for star mares four years old or older¹
- G. Premium inspection for star geldings¹
- H. Premium inspection for Crown mares¹
- I. Premium inspection for Model mares¹
- J. Inspection of foals (both colts and fillies)
- K. Inspection of stallions three years old or older for the **Star** title. To be eligible for this title, stallions must have a height at the withers of at least 1.58 meters. Stallions can be presented for the "foalbook stallion inspections".
- L. Inspection of mares for the **Crown** title
In the Netherlands, a star mare can be promoted to **(Provisional) Crown** only at the Central Inspection (in other countries, the Provisional Crown and Crown titles can also be awarded during local judging events). To be eligible for the Provisional Crown title, a star mare must be three years or older and have a height at the withers of at least 1.58 meters. For the definite Crown title, a mare must have completed an IBOP test or an ABFP test. At least 77 points have to be scored for the IBOP or the ABFP test. An average score of 7 with a minimum score of 6 has to be earned for the walk and trot. Another way to earn the definite Crown title is to earn the Sport title.

¹ These classes are organized only at local judging events.

- M. Inspection of mares for the **Model** title
In the Netherlands, a star or crown mare can be promoted to **(Provisional) Model** only at the Central Inspection (in other countries, the Provisional Model and Model titles can also be awarded during local judging events). To be eligible for the Provisional Model title, a star or crown mare must be seven years old or older and have a height at the withers of at least 1.60 meters. To be eligible for the Provisional Model or Model title, the mare must have suckled a foal at least once. For the definite Model title, a mare must have completed an IBOP test or an ABFP test. At least 77 points have to be scored for the IBOP or the ABFP test. An average score of 7 with a minimum score of 6 has to be earned for the walk and trot. Another way to earn the definite Model title is to earn the Sport title.

Article 5 – Foals: inspection, identification and registration

1. *Inspection of foals*

The basis assumption is that all foals will be inspected during a local judging event or a studbook inspection before September 30 of any one calendar year. This does not apply, however, to foals born after August 16 of that calendar year; these foals can be presented at the studbook inspection in October.

A foal should be inspected no sooner than the age of six weeks. If a foal younger than six weeks is presented for inspection, this is done entirely at the owner's own risk.

The premium received by a foal is recorded on the proof of registration. If the foal did not receive a premium or was not inspected, neither of these facts is recorded on the proof of registration.

2. *Identification of foals*

Legally, a foal must be identified (implanted with a microchip) within 6 months of its birth. Should the owner fail to do this, a horse older than 6 months can only be issued a passport with limitation (the horse is excluded from slaughter for human consumption).

The foal must be identified (implanted with a microchip) by a certified horse passport officer. The KFPS makes a qualified team of horse passport officers available at every inspection. If the foal is not implanted with a microchip at one of the inspections, the passport application must be submitted with an application form that has been completed by a horse passport officer or a qualified veterinarian and signed by the applicant.

The request form must be submitted to a passport-issuing agency no later than 7 days after the horse has been implanted with a microchip. Once the form has been received by the horse passport officer, this obligation has been discharged.

3. *Registration of foals*

The KFPS conducts the studbook registration of Friesian horses only for the members of the association. Included in studbook registration is the registration of the horse's pedigree. To arrive at a correct registration of the pedigree, the following rules must be complied with:

- A foal must accompany its dam at the time identification (implanting a microchip) occurs. Should this not be the case, registration of the pedigree can take place only after DNA verification. The costs for this DNA testing shall be incurred by the owner. If the pedigree cannot be proven by means of DNA verification, only an identification document (passport) without pedigree information can be issued.

In the event that the foal's dam dies during the suckling period, the veterinarian will have to implant the foal with a microchip within one week. In such a case, the application must be accompanied with a veterinarian's statement that confirms the death of the dam. If the one-week deadline is not met, the pedigree must first be verified by DNA testing, the costs of which shall be incurred by the owner.

- A foal should be implanted with a microchip within 6 months of its birth. If the foal is implanted with a microchip after 6 months of its birth, its pedigree must be verified first by means of DNA testing, the costs of which shall be incurred by the owner.

4. Although having a foal inspected is not required, having a foal microchipped is! When a foal is presented at an inspection, it should be implanted with a microchip at the same inspection. Foals already microchipped by a veterinarian can be presented at an inspection. It is possible to have a foal implanted with a microchip at a local judging event or a studbook inspection even though it is not being inspected at these events. To do so, you need not apply in writing. Report between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to the microchipping team that attends every inspection and submit the original document (for foals, this is the blue birth confirmation; for horses, these are the studbook papers).
An authorization for the transfer of costs will have to be signed on site.
5. **Passport**
A foal should be legally implanted with a microchip at an age between 6 weeks and 6 months. When a foal younger than 6 weeks is presented for microchipping, this is done entirely at the owner's risk and will not be covered by insurance. Since 2004, every horse has had to have a microchip implanted in agreement with EU regulations. Each horse that is microchipped then receives a passport. Since 2004, the transport of horses and foals older than six months and their presentation for inspection have not been permitted without a passport. A passport is an identification document that should always accompany a horse.
6. **Insurance**
By now, thousands of foals and adult horses have been microchipped. This is a fairly simple procedure involving no problems. Should anything possibly go wrong as the result of implanting a microchip, any harm resulting from implanting it should be reported to the Studbook Office in Drachten.

Article 6 – Inspection conditions

1. **Inspection limited to once in any calendar year**
Horses and foals may be inspected only once in any calendar year. Should an animal be presented for inspection more often than this, only the first results shall apply. The costs for inspection, however, will be charged. Exceptions to this rule are the Central Inspection and the Stallion Inspection.
2. **Presenting a lame horse for inspection is done at the owner's risk**
If a horse appears lame before the inspection takes place, the owner can withdraw the horse and present it at the next inspection. If the horse is presented for inspection anyway, doing so is at the owner's risk and the assessment for the horse will be considered valid.
3. **Shoeing**
The horses must be shod all round with standard shoes when presented in every round of judging. Standard shoes are to be no thicker than 8 mm and no wider than 25 mm and may not be equipped with any wedges, soles or other provisions. Improper shoeing can be cause for the jury to bar the horse from participation in the inspection or to declare the results of an inspection as invalid. Yearlings are inspected without shoes whether presented during a local judging event or at the Central Inspection.
4. **Application for studbook inspections, foalbook stallion inspections, foal inspections and the Central Inspection**
The application for a studbook inspection, foalbook stallion inspection, foal inspection and the Central Inspection is done by using the application intended for this purpose. The form must be completed in full. It is also possible to apply for a horse's/foal's participation in a studbook inspection at the KFPS website (www.kfps.nl). Along with the application, the single direct debit mandate that is included as a standard part of the application form has to be completed and signed. It is the responsibility of the sender to check and make sure that the application has been processed. In the event that an application has not been processed, this must be reported to the KFPS by telephone within two workdays. Applications received after the deadline will not be processed! Adding horses after the deadline will not be done.
A maximum number of foals and mares can be inspected at each inspection. The date on which application forms are received is the determining factor in case this limit is reached. Once the limit has been reached, the remaining foals and horses are automatically put on the list for the next inspection.

5. ***Division into classes***

The horses/foals to be inspected are divided up into groups of 15 animals. The foals will be divided into groups of fillies and colts and then into groups according to age. The inspection ring will be made available to each group for a certain length of time. The schedule listing the times for these classes will be included in the catalogue. Should a horse/foal fail to appear on time at the ring, the ring will be closed so that any animal appearing late will not be inspected. The ringmaster will determine the order in which the horses will be inspected.

6. ***Vaccinations***

Vaccinations must be recorded in the passport. A vaccination certificate shall be considered valid only when it can be confirmed that it applies to the horse participating in the inspection and when it shows that that horse has received the following influenza vaccinations:

A. A primary vaccination consisting of 2 vaccinations in which the second was given at least 3 and no more than 13 weeks after the first.

B. This to have been followed by an annual vaccination that was administered no later than 12 months after the previous vaccination.

C. The most recent vaccination must have been administered at least 1 week previous to the inspection.

Confirmation of vaccinations must be supplied in the form of a certificate signed/initialed and stamped by the veterinarian who administered the vaccination. Having foals vaccinated when they reach the age of 4 months is recommended (but not earlier in conjunction with the immunity provided by the dam's colostrum).

The proof of vaccination (passport) must be presented to the KFPS secretariat previous to the inspection for verification. Horses that have not had the required vaccinations will not be admitted to the inspection site and not inspected.

7. ***Head numbers***

Horses should be provided with head numbers that were issued by the organizer of the inspection. After the inspection, these head number should be returned to the KFPS secretariat. Horses and foals with head numbers not issued by the KFPS will not be inspected.

8. ***Submission of registration certificate***

The registration certificate for a mare or gelding being presented for inspection must be submitted to the ringmaster before the inspection of that horse begins. If this document is not submitted to the ringmaster in advance, the horse cannot be inspected at the inspection for which it was entered.

9. ***Canceling an appearance***

When a horse/foal does not appear at a studbook inspection, a statement from a veterinarian will have to be submitted to the KFPS secretariat. If this statement cannot be submitted (no later than one day after the inspection), you will be charged for the costs of the inspection by means of the single direct debit mandate you signed when you applied.

Article 7 – Linear scoring

All horses being presented for inclusion in the studbook and all foalbook stallions being presented for inspection will be assessed by means of a linear scoring procedure. The linear scoring form consists of 25 linear characteristics (in the upper bar-graph column) and 5 evaluative characteristics (in the lower bar-graph column). After the inspection, each owner of a horse that has been scored will receive the score form. A linear scoring form provides information about the characteristics of the horse and can thus be used as a tool in stallion selection. Linear scores are also used for estimating the breeding value of that horse's sire. For horses being presented for an increase in grade, only the lower bar-graph column will be used.

Article 8 – Markings

1. The only horses eligible for registration in the Studbook for stallions and mares and the Gelding book are those that are completely black. Certain white markings will not eliminate a foal from being eligible for a premium and for inclusion in the Studbook:
 - Markings on the head (a star) if it is above the level of the eyes and has a diameter not exceeding 3.2 cm. A few white hairs above the level of the eyes are also permitted.
 - White spots in the solesMarkings not permitted are:
 - Markings on the head below the level of the eyes
 - Markings on the head with a diameter exceeding 3.2 cm.
 - Markings on the body (white hairs growing from the base of the tail)
 - Markings on the legs including the hoof wall.
2. Horses and foals with markings that are not permitted will not be included in the Studbook and/or will not be eligible for receiving a premium.
3. Stricter rules regarding permitted markings are applied during stallion selection. These are given in the regulations for stallion inspections.
4. Markings cannot be hidden/camouflaged during the judging of foals for premiums and during the inspection of horses for inclusion in the Studbook.
5. Markings will be recorded in the studbook certificate.
6. In cases in which markings that are not permitted are identified, the KFPS can declare any previous inspection results (receiving a premium, inclusion in the Studbook) invalid.
7. In the event that markings that are not permitted are the result of external factors and this can be supported by means of a veterinarian's statement, these markings will form no obstacle for being eligible for a premium or inclusion in the Studbook. The KFPS inspection team makes decisions in these matters.

Article 9 – Star title based on performance testing

1. The jury can refer stallions, geldings and mares that are at least four years old and not worthy, based on their movements, of the star title to performance testing (ABFP or IBOP). If the horse earns at least a 6.7 for the basic gaits, it will then receive the star title without any additional assessment by that jury. The score for one of the basic gates must be at least 5.
2. Horses eligible for this are ones that meet the star title criteria for their exterior but not for their movement when presented in hand.

Article 10 – Veterinary treatment

1. Horses that have received medications included in the KFPS equestrian doping regulations may not participate in the inspection. These horses will be referred to another inspection at which time they should be free of any substances on the FEI list.
2. ***Surgical procedures***
If for any reason a horse has undergone a surgical procedure such as a neurectomy, tenotomy or other operation, its owner must accompany the application for inspection with a notice in writing to this effect. Each such treatment that a horse undergoes between application and inspection must be reported in advance to the veterinarian on duty as the jury's veterinary consultant. If such notification is not made, the horse will be considered rejected (i.e. not referred to the Central Examination). Not reporting these surgical procedures will result in the expulsion of the owner as a member of the KFPS. Not only will the horse in question be deleted from the applicable studbook register but all other horses registered in the name of the owner in question.

Article 11 – Unauthorized substances

Horses participating in the inspections and other KFPS events must be free of substances on the FEI list of forbidden substances which are thus considered to be unauthorized. The KFPS Regulations Concerning Unauthorized Substances will be in effect at all inspections and other KFPS events.

Article 12 - Presenting

1. **Presenters**
Horses are to be presented in hand by a presenter and an assistant. No other persons are allowed in the inspection ring.
2. **Attire**
The person presenting the horse should be dressed in white and wearing white running shoes. The assistant should be attired in this way as well.
3. **Presenting**
The horses must be presented in the most natural way possible. The jury will terminate their assessment in the event of excessive use of the whip.

Article 13 – Grooming

The black color and the long hair on fetlocks, mane and tail are characteristics of the breed. Dyeing or the use of other methods to make the coat, fetlock hair, mane or tail look blacker is not permitted. For this reason, adding hair or other materials to the tail or mane (extensions) and trimming parts of the mane (except up to a width of 2 cm. at the location of the bridle's headband) or trimming hair at the base of the tail is not permitted. The use of glitter material, etc. is objectionable.

Article 14 - Appeals

An appeal can be lodged against the decision of the jury. This appeal can take the form of a request for reinspection or remeasuring.

1. **Reinspection**
The KFPS offers the possibility of a reinspection that will be conducted by a different jury. The reinspection of a horse is always conducted at the next scheduled reinspection. A request for reinspection must be made in writing and should have been received by the KFPS secretariat within 7 days following the inspection. If a horse is reinspected, the results of the first inspection are nullified and the results of the reinspection will be final. If a horse received linear scores during the first inspection, a new linear scoring form will be used for the reinspection.
2. **Remeasuring**
An objection to the results of a measurement can be submitted to the secretariat within fifteen minutes after the measurement was made. The remeasurement will be made by another person but using the same measuring device. The result of the remeasurement will be final; no objection can be lodged against it.

Article 15 - Liability

The KFPS assumes no liability for injury, damages and accidents to persons, horses and material. Participants and visitors attend these events at their own risk. The owners are subject to these regulations and the disciplinary rules. By entering, the applicants submit themselves unconditionally to the decision of the board both in regard to the assessment of the horses and to the interpretation of the regulations.

Article 16 – Exclusion

As a result of failure to comply with the conditions of these regulations, the KFPS can exclude a horse from participation. The KFPS can also declare the inspection results invalid should it appear that the conditions of these regulations were not met.

The implementing provisions for the Inspection Regulations 2010 supplement the inspection regulations and include practical matters as well as matters that frequently change from one year to another. The numbering system corresponds with the numbering in the Inspection Regulations.

Re Article 5, paragraph 4

Damages caused by the microchipping of a foal are covered for up to 2500 euros by a group insurance policy that all members of the I&R Project Group took out with Virbac, the supplier of the microchips located in Barneveld.

Re Article 6, paragraph 4 Application for Studbook Inspections and local judging events

Studbook Inspections

This application form is included in the inspection insert in the March issue of *Phryso* and can also be downloaded from the KFPS website. The deadline for application is stated in the schedule of inspection dates. You can submit an application to inspect your horse no later than this date. The names of the horses entered in the inspection will be listed at the KFPS website no later than the deadline (click on ‘inspections and tests’ and then on ‘upcoming inspections’).

If you want to present a foal at a foal inspection, you must use a Studbook Inspection application form for this. You can send this form to the relevant stallion manager.

Local judging events

To have a horse/foal inspected at a local judging event, the secretary of that breeding association has to be notified of this. The deadline for application is stated in the schedule for that local judging event. The application to participate must be accompanied by the completed and signed single direct debit mandate that is always included in the application form. If for whatever reason, your foal/horse cannot be present at that particular local judging event, the mandate will be cancelled. This also applies to mares that are being presented for an increase in grade.

Members of the KFPS who are not a member of the breeding association but who are having their foals or horses inspected by the studbook jury at the local judging event, will be charged not only the usual inspection fees owed to the studbook but will also have to pay the treasurer of that breeding association a certain fee for each inspected horse/foal. This latter amount serves as a compensation for the use of the inspection sites made available by the breeding association.

Re Article 14 1 – Appeals

Paragraph 1 Reinspections of the Studbook Inspections

The dates for reinspections of the Studbook Inspections are: Saturday, June 5, 2010 in

