

The SBS International SELECTION Show

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REGULATIONS STALLION APPROVAL FOR BREEDING

Starting in 2026, the official SBS Studbook expertise will take place annually from Thursday to Saturday as part of the International Selection Show, at the Provincial Breeding and Riding School (EPEEG), rue du Haras 16, 5340 Gesves, Belgium. The event will be held in three phases :

- PHASE I: Veterinary examination
- PHASE II: Expertise
- PHASE III: Definitive approval

All the procedures are detailed in a practical guide available on the website www.sbsnet.be under the « Selection Show 2026 » tab.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Two sections are available: Sport Horses with height higher or equal to 1.58m and Sport Ponies with height less or equal to 1.48m.

All presented stallion candidates must have an equine passport delivered by a recognized studbook member of the WBFHS (World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses) or any breeding association recognized by the Royal Society "the Belgian Sport Horse", or thoroughbred. This document shall allow the identification of the stallion and mention his pedigree including minimum three generations for Sport Horses and minimum two generations for Sport Ponies.

The subscription form is available on the SBS website

www.sbsnet.be, tab "Selection Show 2026".

3YO (all disciplines) and 4YO stallion candidates choosing free jumping must be on site no later than Thursday, between 10 AM and 1 PM to undergo veterinary control, height measurement, entries confirmation and be allocated a stall for the duration of the stallion approval.

The stallion candidates must be vaccinated against influenza and rhino-pneumonia.

The Stallion Approval Commission is sovereign to the interpretation and application of these regulations.

> PHASE I : VETERINARY EXAMINATION

All stallion candidates must obtain, before the Selection Show:

=> a favorable opinion from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Liège after analysis of a file established according to the protocol available on the tab www.sbsnet.be website, tab « Selection Show 2026 » which can be completed by their own veterinarian.

From 2026, all candidates who have received their report from the University of Liège will be able to participate to the Expertise.

Each candidate will receive an individual, confidential report, while SBS will obtain a synthetic report of the radiological assessment, presented in the form of stars, which will be published after their approval (document available on the website www.sbsnet.be, tab "Selection Show 2026" > Evaluation of the radiological assessment).



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> PHASE II : EXPERTISE

All the candidates that completed phase I can register for the stallion approval by completing the registration form.

PRESENTATION OF THE STALLION CANDIDATE

	JUMPING	DRESSAGE	SCHEDULE
3YO Stallion candidates	Model and gaits + free jumping	Model and gaits + loose presentation	Mandatory presence from Thursday to Saturday
4YO Stallion candidates (loose presentation)	Model and gaits + free jumping		Same
4YO Stallion candidates (under the saddle)	Model and gaits + jumping under the saddle	Model and gaits + ridden test	Saturday presence
5YO Stallion candidates and older	Model and gaits + jumping under the saddle	Model and gaits + ridden test	Same

During in-hand presentation (model and gaits conformation), leg protections are not allowed.

Shoeing is allowed, including for 3YO stallion candidates.

Only snaffle bits are allowed for the 3-, 4- and 5YO stallions. Stallion candidates aged 6YO and older are allowed to wear a full bridle.

In the "Jumping" option, only the forelegs may be protected for loose jumping and jumping under the saddle.

In the "Dressage" option, all candidates regardless of their age must be presented without leg protections, whether when presented in hand or during loose presentation. White bandages are allowed for the ridden test under saddle of stallion candidates aged 4YO and older.

In order to refine its judgement or for the well-being of the stallion candidate, the jury is authorised to take any decisions it deems necessary: reduce the height and/or width of the jump, interrupt or postpone the presentation, request an additional jump, etc.

Anyone accompanying the horse into the arena must wear a helmet and SBS clothing (jeans and SBS sweatshirt).

RATING SYSTEM

Model/gaits Workshop: 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 stars



Sports aptitude Workshop (jumping or dressage): 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 stars



To be approved, a stallion candidate must obtain at least three stars in each workshop.



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TESTING FOR PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

At the end of the Selection Show, a few stallions will be randomly selected for anti-doping control.

These stallions will immediately be escorted to a dedicated stall. A biological sample (urine and blood) will be carried out by a veterinarian appointed by the SBS Studbook. A delay period of thirty minutes will be respected for the collection of urine. The stallion owner cannot refuse to submit their stallion for this sample collection.

The samples will be analyzed in a recognized laboratory for control of the use of prohibited substances.

The list of prohibited substances and evaluation norms determined in the FEI regulations is applied.

The presence of prohibited substances is a suspensive clause of stallion approval.

>PHASE III : DEFINITIVE APPROVAL.....

Following the expertise and after the approval of the stallion, the stallion owner will have to pay a one-off fee of 570€ (excluding VAT), which enables them to register their stallion in the SBS directory of approved stallions and obtain definitive approval.

