



Breed Designations

FAQ

What do the breed designations mean?

The Irish Draught and Irish Draught Sport Horse Studbook rules were revised and implemented in 2012. Horses under the old studbook rules were classified as either ID, RID, AID, or SID and are still recognized in the registry. The following table explains the old rules and how they are classified today:

Pre-2012 Studbook Rules	Post 2012 Studbook Rules	Explanation
ID = Irish Draught	Class 4	ID stands for "Irish Draught". An Irish Draught is a horse that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is eligible for inspection for RID status, but has not yet had the inspection or has had the inspection but not been approved; or • Has one or more ID parents.
RID = Registered Irish Draught	Class 1 *provided veterinary requirements are met	RID stands for "Registered Irish Draught". An RID is a horse: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with RID parents – both sire and dam; and • is inspected and approved as RID. <p>Canada recognizes horses designated RID by any of the Irish Draught societies in the US, UK, Australia, New Zealand, and, of course, Ireland.</p>
AID = Appendix Irish Draught mare	Grade up	An Appendix Irish Draught is a mare that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 of her 4 grandparents are RID; and • The other parent is only some combination of ID, Connemara and/or Thoroughbred breeding; and • Has passed inspection and approved as AID. <p>Canada recognizes horses that are designated AID by any of the Irish Draught societies in the US, UK, Australia, New Zealand, and, of course, Ireland.</p>
SID = Supplementary Irish Draught	N/A	This designation is not recognized in Canada; these horses are designated according to their pedigree as ID or IDSH.

Current Studbook Classification

A purebred Irish Draught (ID) Horse has both parents verified through DNA analysis as purebred Irish Draught Horses. A purebred, registered Irish Draught brought forward for inspection will then be evaluated using linear profiling, and classed as follows for mares, stallions, and geldings:

Class 1 (C1)

- Both parents classified as either Class 1 or Class 2 status (or RID or Grade Up or AID status)
- Presented for inspection and achieved Class 1
- Is considered to be exemplary of the breed
- Is endorsed to be used for breeding

Class 2 (C2)

- Both parents classified as either Class 1 or Class 2 status (or RID or Grade Up or AID status)
- Presented for inspection and achieved Class 2
- The horse has met veterinarian requirements, but has not achieved consideration as exemplary for contributing to the breed
- Owners are urged to use caution if using a Class 2 horse for breeding

Class 3 (C3)

- Both parents classified as either Class 1 or Class 2 status (or RID or Grade Up or AID status)
- Initiated the inspection process but did not meet heritable veterinary requirements
- Because it has heritable veterinary faults, the horse is not considered suitable for breeding

Class 4 (C4)

- Has not been inspected (foals, mares, stallions, or geldings)
- May or may not be eligible for inspection (e.g., if neither sire nor dam has achieved Class 1 or Class 2, the progeny is not eligible for inspection)
- Is not endorsed to be used for breeding purposes without inspection