

## **KWPN Selection Rules for Dressage Mares, Foals and Geldings**

### **Article A 1 - Rules and Mare Inspection Procedures**

1. These inspection rules apply to mares, foals and geldings participating in the dressage discipline within the riding horse breeding direction.
2. The provisions which apply to mares, foals and geldings in the dressage discipline within the riding horse breeding direction are included in these inspection rules. Each year, parts of these inspection rules are developed further in the 200x Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage, the date of which indicates the year in which the mare inspection procedures apply. The applicable mare inspection procedures for dressage are further referred to in these rules as the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage.
3. The inspection policy and inspection procedures for mares, foals and geldings in the discipline of dressage within the riding horse breeding direction are subject to the provisions of these inspection rules and those of the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage, as well as decisions made in the evaluation of a mare, foal or gelding in this regard by the Board of Directors, the inspection committee, and the reinspection committee.
4. These inspection rules include articles which are classified as follows: A-articles apply to mares, foals and geldings; M-articles apply specifically to mares, V-articles apply specifically to foals; and R-articles apply specifically to geldings. P-articles describe the awarding of predicates.
5. These inspection rules have been adopted and amended by the Council of Members. The Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage have been adopted and amended by the Board of Directors.
6. In cases not covered by these inspection rules or the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage, the Board of Directors will make a decision.

### **Article A 2 - Breeding Goal**

1. The general breeding goal strives to produce a performance horse:
  - a. with a constitution that fosters long-term usability;
  - b. with a temperament which supports the will and ability to perform, and a people-friendly disposition on the ground;
  - c. with functional conformation and correct movement which support good performance; and
  - d. with preferably attractive conformation, which is connected to bloodlines, nobility, and quality.
2. More specifically, the breeding goal aims to produce dressage horses which can perform at the Grand Prix level over the long-term, with a healthy constitution, functional conformation, correct movement, correct legs, and preferably attractive conformation.
3. The inspection process in the dressage breeding goal focuses on obtaining the highest genotypic and phenotypic dressage talent with respect to the following traits: conformation; and scope, elasticity, power, carriage, and purity in the walk, trot, and canter. To achieve this goal, a dressage horse should have long-lined, well-developed, and correct conformation with balanced proportions and presence. Furthermore, the horse's movement must be correct, light-footed, elastic and balanced, with good body position, push and self-carriage. A dressage horse should be easy to handle, easy to ride, and intelligent with a cooperative temperament and good work ethic.

### **Article A 3 - Selection**

1. Mares, foals and geldings are selected through the KWPN evaluation process, which includes an ability test and awards predicates for demonstrated excellence.
2. In compliance with these inspection rules and the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage, mares, foals and geldings are selected by an independent inspection committee and, upon appeal, by an independent reinspection committee. Both committees will make a binding recommendation to the Board of Directors, who may differ with the binding recommendation if, in their opinion, such action is justified for the general interest of the KWPN or KWPN breeding.
3. Only KWPN members are eligible to present a mare, foal or gelding for inspection. Members must be recorded in one of the KWPN's studbooks or registers as the respective mare, foal or gelding's registered party.
4. Unless otherwise determined and provided that the conditions of the applicable inspection are met, a registered party of a mare, foal, or gelding may participate in an inspection annually but only once

- per year. Each participation in an inspection will be recorded in the studbook. The highest score attained in one type of inspection becomes the official score.
5. By submitting an application to participate in an inspection, the registered party of a mare, foal or gelding declares that he or she understands and agrees to the terms of the applicable provisions and procedures, as stated in paragraph 2.
  6. Prior to the start of a multiple-day test, each horse entered in the test will be examined upon arrival by a KWPN-appointed veterinarian, who will draft a status report on his/her findings with regard to the external observation of the horse. The registered party, or his/her representative, must sign the status report if he or she is in agreement with the veterinarian's findings. The ability test will not begin until the registered party or his/her representative has signed the report. If the registered party's representative signs the status report, his or her signature will be attributed to the registered party, after which the validity of the status report cannot be contested.
  7. Upon the conclusion of a multiple-day ability test, each horse which participated in the test will be examined upon departure from the test venue by a KWPN-appointed veterinarian, who will draft a status report on his/her findings with respect to the external observation of the horse. The registered party, or his/her representative, must sign the status report if he or she is in agreement with the veterinarian's findings. A horse will not be permitted to leave the test venue until the report has been signed by the registered party or his/her representative. Within two days after the ability test has ended, the registered party may have a different KWPN-appointed veterinarian examine the horse at the test venue. The findings of this second veterinarian will be binding for the parties. If the registered party's representative signs the status report, his or her signature will be attributed to the registered party, after which the validity of the status report cannot be contested.
  8. An appeal may be made against the result of an inspection and/or suspension of an evaluation or selection process only if such action is expressly stated in these inspection rules and filed by the stated deadline.
  9. The provisions described in Article 22 of the General Rules apply to the exclusion of liability with respect to the inspections. Furthermore, the KWPN is not liable for losses and/or consequential damages resulting from decisions made by the inspection committee, reinspection committee, or Board of Directors regarding the selection or inspection of a mare, foal or gelding and whether or not to award a predicate.
  10. The KWPN is not liable for damage caused to a horse or its handler during an inspection. Furthermore, the KWPN is not liable for damages to third parties caused by a horse and/or rider and/or trainer during an inspection. The registered party agrees to indemnify the KWPN in this matter. The registered party must insure himself/herself against liability and accidents for the duration of the inspection. The KWPN may require a registered party to submit an original liability and accident insurance policy prior to the start of the inspection.

#### **Article A 4 - Inspections**

1. An inspection is a method to evaluate and compare a horse with its peers, and to select a horse or classify it in a group.
2. The following traits are evaluated in an inspection: conformation and/or movement relative to the dressage breeding goal for which purpose a horse or its offspring are presented in hand, at liberty, or under saddle. Horses are also evaluated for any apparent deficiencies or abnormalities.
3. An inspection of a mare, foal or gelding in the dressage discipline of the riding horse breeding direction will be held in accordance with the dressage horse inspection standard as stated in the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage.
4. An inspection may also be conducted based on data already obtained or data obtained elsewhere, without the presence of the respective horse or its offspring at the inspection venue.
5. The Board of Directors determines the dates, venue, and terms of the inspections. Multiple inspections may be held on a single day at a single location.
6. Horses may be divided into different classes at an inspection. Within a class, horses may be sub-divided into groups. Horses may be grouped by age, sex, bloodlines, or other criteria.
7. The Board of Directors has the right to cancel certain inspections or ability tests or change their date or venue if too few or too many entries have been received or if other compelling reasons dictate such changes.

8. The results of inspections described in these rules are public and will be published in the KWPN periodical and/or on the KWPN website.

#### **Article A 5 - Inspections and Breeding Directions**

1. The KWPN conducts inspections in the dressage discipline of the riding horse breeding direction.
2. Inspections in the dressage discipline are open to horses which are registered in the dressage discipline or riding horse breeding direction.
3. Inspections in the dressage discipline are also open to horses which are registered in the jumping discipline, provided that they have reached at least three years of age in the year of the inspection and provided that they have met the requirements for registration in the dressage discipline as described in the registration rules.
4. Studbook mares in the jumping discipline must complete a dressage ability test before they can be transferred to the dressage discipline. Studbook mares in the jumping discipline which pass a dressage ability test or are classified in dressage at the Z1 + 1 level or higher may participate in other inspections in the dressage discipline.

#### **Article A 6 - Types of Dressage Inspections**

1. The KWPN offers the following inspections for foals:
  - a. The foal inspection (VK): a general inspection for foals; and
  - b. the national foal inspection (NVK): an inspection and show for foals to determine the national foal champions in various classes.
2. The KWPN offers the following inspections for mares:
  - a. The studbook inspection (SK): an inspection for registration in the studbook or one of the KWPN registers;
  - b. the predicate inspection (PK): an inspection for the purpose of awarding predicates;
  - c. the central inspection (CK): an inspection for the purpose of awarding predicates and selecting mares for the national mare inspection (NMK);
  - d. the national mare inspection (NMK): an inspection and show to determine the national champions in various classes;
  - e. the additional inspection: an extra inspection day to evaluate mares, which due to illness or other circumstances, were referred to the additional inspection;
  - f. the reinspection: a mare inspection upon appeal; and
  - g. the ability tests (or performance tests): an under-saddle inspection, with the goal of estimating a mare's natural sport talent.
3. The KWPN offers the following inspection for geldings:
  - a. the gelding inspection (RK): an inspection for gelded stallions and non-approved stallions.
4. The KWPN also inspects horses at their home location in specific situations.
5. The KWPN also conducts inspections at competitions (WK).
6. The Board of Directors is authorized to add new inspections.

#### **Article A 7a - Home Location Inspection**

1. The KWPN offers the following home location inspections:
  - a. export inspection: an inspection for horses for which proof is available that they will be exported prior to the next studbook inspection in the applicable region; and
  - b. home location inspection: an inspection for horses at the home-base of the respective registered party or at a local gathering place.
2. The inspection venue must have a hard, flat area measuring approximately 30m in length and an outdoor or indoor arena with stable footing, measuring approximately 20 x 40m. The outdoor or indoor arena must be securable so that it can contain a loose horse.
3. A higher fee is charged for the home location inspection.
4. The procedure and evaluation process at a home location inspection is the same as for a studbook inspection, except there is no group in-hand walking evaluation. Furthermore, an outdoor arena may be substituted for an indoor arena.
5. Based on the results of the home location inspection, a horse may be registered in the studbook if it meets the criteria for studbook registration. An inspection committee may also award the *ster* predicate to horses which meet the criteria for the predicate.

6. Terms and conditions for home location inspections are further described in the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage.

**Article A 7b WK – Inspection at a Competition**

1. Horses may be presented for studbook registration at an age-specific competition designated by the Board of Directors.
2. Terms and conditions for participating in an inspection at a competition and the procedures thereof are further described in the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage. The inspection consists of an evaluation of talent in the competition and an evaluation of the horse's conformation in hand.
3. Based on the results of the inspection at a competition, horses may be registered in the studbook if they meet the criteria for studbook registration. An inspection committee may also award the *ster* predicate to horses which meet the criteria for the predicate.
4. Data collected at the inspection may be used for the breeding value estimate.

**Article A 8 - Conditions for Participating in a Dressage Inspection**

1. Registered parties are subject to fees for participating in an inspection or applying for a predicate, in accordance with the fees set by the Council of Members or by the Board of Directors.
2. Horses must be vaccinated prior to participating in an inspection, in accordance with the Veterinary Rules concerning vaccinations.
3. Horses are identified by the following means:
  - a. an authenticated original registration certificate and equine passport presented at the inspection; and if applicable pursuant to the identification and registration rules of the competent authority, by an inserted transponder, the number of which is printed on the registration certificate; or
  - b. by DNA testing, with the consent of the competent authority.

Foreign horses are identified by an original identification certificate issued by the original studbook of registration. Proof of identification must include:

- a. the horse's name and date of birth;
  - b. color and markings;
  - c. transponder number (if applicable);
  - d. pedigree in 3 generations; and
  - e. registration numbers for the horse, its parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents.
4. Participation in an inspection is subject to additional requirements with regard to a horse's registration and age.
  5. Register B mares, foals, and geldings may not participate in inspections. However, offspring of register B mares may participate in inspections, provided that the sire of the respective offspring is approved or recognized by the KWPN or is approved by a KWPN-recognized studbook and meets the conditions for the applicable inspection.
  6. Participants must follow the instructions of KWPN representatives during an inspection.

**Article A 9 - Other Conditions for Participating in a Dressage Inspection**

1. Horses must be braided when presented for inspection, unless they are inspected at their home location.
2. The use of synthetic hair in the tail and/or mane is permitted if the intended use of such is reported at the time of registration.
3. No leg protection or bandages of any kind are permitted on a horse presented for inspection in hand.
4. No leg protection or bandages of any kind are permitted on horses under the age of two at an inspection.
5. Horses ages two and older presented for inspection at liberty or free-jumping and under saddle may wear standard tendon protectors on their front legs only.
6. Normal horse shoes are permitted on horses which are three years old in the year of inspection.
7. Shoes on dressage horses may not exceed a depth of 8mm.
8. Calks are permitted for inspection on grass footing.

9. A maximum of two handlers per horse are permitted for an inspection in hand. In an inspection of free-movement or free-jumping, only one handler per horse is allowed in the ring. The handler accompanying the horse must be dressed in white attire with white sport shoes.
10. Limited use of an unmodified whip or small rattlebox is permitted, unless the inspection committee prohibits the use of aids.

#### **Article A 10 - Entries**

1. Parties must contact the studbook office (or if indicated, the regional secretary) in writing or electronically to register for an inspection. For each inspection, the Board of Directors determines the manner in which registration will take place, the documents required, and the deadline for receiving entries. The foregoing will be made public through implementation procedures, the association body and/or the KWPN website. A registered party entering several horses in an inspection must complete and sign a document for each horse.
2. The above entry process is waived for horses which have been invited to an inspection by the inspection committee.
3. All veterinary treatments and administrations of substances or medications which have affected or could affect a horse's natural constitution must be accurately and fully disclosed in writing prior to an inspection or evaluation as described in the Veterinary Rules, under penalty of exclusion.

#### **Article A 11 - Illegal Substances and Suspension of the Inspection**

1. Horses in all evaluations and inspections, both within and outside the scope of the KWPN, are subject to testing for the presence of illegal substances, in accordance with the provisions of the KWPN rules for illegal substances for horses. A positive drug test will result in immediate suspension of an evaluation of the respective horse.
2. An inspection may also be suspended for the following reasons:
  - a. the registered party and/or co-registered party is involved in disciplinary proceedings in the scope of the KWPN disciplinary rules;
  - b. the horse has received veterinary treatments or medications which are suspected to have affected or may affect its natural constitution; and
  - c. in cases of reasonable doubt about the accuracy of the pedigree submitted for the horse.
3. The decision to suspend an evaluation is a disciplinary action taken by the Board of Directors. Suspension may begin during the inspection and apply to each stage of the inspection process. Suspension will last at least as long as the case is pending before the Board of Directors, the disciplinary committee, or the appeals committee. Lifting of the suspension is dependent on the outcome of the action and when the action is concluded.
4. An inspection committee or reinspection committee may postpone inspection if it deems a horse unfit for evaluation due to lameness or irregular movement, behavior of the horse, or problematic circumstances under which the evaluation would take place. The respective horse may be presented for inspection again if the circumstances which led to the postponement are no longer present.

#### **Article A 12 - Inspection Committee and Reinspection Committee**

1. Inspections are conducted by the inspection committee and, upon appeal, by the reinspection committee.
2. The inspection committee and the reinspection committee may be assisted by advisors, including veterinary advisors.
3. The KWPN maintains a list of judges for the dressage discipline of the riding horse breeding direction. The list of judges is determined by the KWPN Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the management. For each inspection for mares, foals or geldings, the management assembles an inspection committee from the list of judges. Mares subject to reinspection are evaluated by a reinspection committee with judges other than those on the inspection committee.
4. The Board of Directors assigns a regional inspector to each region. Regional inspectors are part of the jury, as stated on the jury list.
5. KWPN officials (inspectors) may be listed as judges and as regional inspectors.
6. Advisors to the inspection committees and the reinspection committees are appointed by the Board of Directors.

#### **Article A 13 - Invalid Inspection Result**

1. The Board of Directors may declare the result of an inspection (including predicates awarded) invalid, if:
  - a. the inspection took place on false grounds or on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information;
  - b. procedural errors were made by the registered party or the KWPN;
  - c. the horse's registered party has not met his/her obligations to the KWPN;
  - d. it is discovered afterwards that the horse or its performance was artificially influenced; and/or
  - e. the Board of Directors finds other compelling reasons to invalidate the inspection.

#### **Article V 14 - Foal Inspection (VK)**

1. Foal inspections are open to fillies and colts which are at least one month old at the time of inspection and are:
  - a. registered with the KWPN in the dressage discipline;
  - b. registered in the KWPN foal book or recorded in the KWPN register A, or for which the KWPN has received a written application for registration and which meet the requirements for registration in the foal book or register A.
2. Foals must be presented for inspection with their dam. The dam must remain in-hand during the inspection.
3. Depending on the number of entries, foals may be grouped by age and/or sex.
4. The inspection procedure is as follows:
  - a. an optional group presentation in the walk, with a maximum of 15 foals per group;
  - b. an individual evaluation in hand, standing and at the walk;
  - c. an individual free-movement evaluation in the trot;
  - d. an individual free-movement evaluation at the canter; and
  - e. a group presentation in the walk, with a maximum of 15 foals per group.
5. If there are more than 15 foals in a class, the inspection committee will select the better foals from each group in the class to return to the ring for an additional inspection. In such case, the inspection committee will select a definitive top group and decide whether the group should be evaluated in a subsequent inspection.
6. Each foal will be evaluated on conformation and movement according to the dressage inspection standard and compared with the other foals present. Based on the evaluation, foals will be placed in order of quality, and depending on their quality, may be invited for the central inspection or the national foal inspection.

#### **Article V 15 - National Foal Inspection (NVK)**

1. The national foal inspection is open to foals registered in the KWPN foal book in the dressage discipline and which have been invited to the inspection by an inspection committee at a central inspection.
2. The procedure and manner of evaluation is the same as in the regular foal inspection. Foals will be placed in order of quality.

#### **Article M 16 - Studbook Inspection (SK)**

1. The studbook inspection is open to mares which are at least three years old in the year of inspection and which are registered in the:
  - a. KWPN foal book;
  - b. KWPN register A;
  - c. KWPN-NA foal book;
  - d. KWPN-NA register A;
  - e. main book of a KWPN-recognized studbook with a corresponding breeding direction, with registration completed as a foal; or
  - f. a studbook specified in the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage.
2. The procedure for a studbook inspection is as follows:
  - a. check identification, physical description, and teeth; determine height; read transponder number; and if applicable, pull a mane sample for a DNA test;
  - b. conduct individual inspections in hand with the horse standing; and at the walk and trot on hard, flat ground (pavement or asphalt), in an area measuring approximately 5m x 30m;
  - c. conduct individual evaluations of free-movement in an indoor arena; and
  - d. evaluate groups of mares in hand at the walk.

3. Article M 16, paragraph 2c does not apply if a studbook inspection immediately follows an ability test.
4. The inspection committee will complete a linear score form for each horse and assign a score according to the dressage inspection standard as further specified in the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage, based on a scale from 40 to 100, in increments of five, for the following traits: conformation and movement (= average of the walk, trot, canter and body position).

#### **Article M 17 - Studbook Inspection: Exemption from Free-Movement Evaluation**

1. Upon request of the registered party, an exemption from the free-movement evaluation may be granted at a studbook inspection, if the respective horse has earned the dressage sport predicate or has completed an IBOP/EPTM test in which the horse was evaluated on dressage talent and received a final evaluation.
2. Upon request of the registered party, an exemption only from the free-movement evaluation for studbook registration at a studbook inspection will be granted if the respective horse is chronically lame, for which a written veterinary statement must be submitted at the time of registration from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine or by a person or institution recognized by the Horse Foundation of the Royal Dutch Society for Veterinary Medicine (KNMvD) in the Netherlands, demonstrably stating that the lameness is not the result of a genetic cause. The respective veterinary statement must include at least the cause of the lameness and its prognosis. The KWPN has the right to have the horse further examined at the expense of the registered party.

#### **Article M 18 - Terms and Conditions for Studbook Registration of Mares**

1. Mares which are registered in the foal book must meet the following criteria in order to be registered in the studbook:
  - a. fulfill the requirements for registration in the dressage discipline within the riding horse breeding direction as described in the registration rules;
  - b. measure at least 1.58m / 15.2h;
  - c. show no evidence of observable (genetic) deficiencies and/or abnormalities at a studbook inspection, as determined by an inspection committee. Examples of deficiencies and abnormalities are described in the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage;
  - d. score at least 50 points for conformation at a studbook inspection; and
  - e. score at least 50 points for movement at the same studbook inspection as described in item d. above, unless the mare is exempt from the movement evaluation at a studbook inspection.
2. Mares which are registered in the KWPN foal book and meet the criteria described above will be registered in the studbook in the dressage discipline.
3. Mares in the following registries are subject to additional requirements:
  - a. KWPN register A;
  - b. KWPN-NA;
  - c. a KWPN-recognized studbook with a corresponding breeding direction; or
  - d. another studbook listed in the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage.
4. Mares described in paragraph 3 above must also meet the additional criteria described in items a-c below. Those which have not met these additional criteria may take part in a studbook inspection but will not be registered in the studbook. Mares will be registered in the studbook after the following additional criteria has been met:
  - a. show evidence of a normal and functional respiratory system with no indication of respiratory afflictions as described in the Veterinary Rules, unless the respective mare's sire has a normal and functional respiratory system and is free from respiratory abnormalities as described in the Veterinary Rules;
  - b. meet the standards for the radiographic examination as described in the Veterinary Rules, unless the sire of the respective mare has demonstrably met the standard for the radiographic examination as described in the Veterinary Rules; and
  - c. pass an ability test within the applicable breeding direction or discipline within the riding horse breeding direction or perform in the sport at a level equal to that required for the *keur* predicate, unless the sire of the respective mare demonstrably competes or has competed in Grand Prix-level dressage (shown in at least one Grand Prix at a CDI with a minimum score of 65%); or the respective sire is a proven producer in his own breeding area or country, achieving a sport index for two consecutive years with a positive deviation of twice the

standard deviation and a reliability percentage greater than 75%; or the respective sire has produced at least three offspring which are recorded in the WBFSH dressage rankings.

#### **Article M 19 - Predicate Inspection (PK)**

1. The predicate inspection in the dressage discipline is open to studbook mares and horses which have participated in a studbook inspection and are registered in the riding horse breeding direction or in the dressage discipline.
2. The procedure for a predicate inspection is the same as that for a studbook inspection, except that the horse's physical description and teeth are not checked and no lower beam scores are given. In addition, the same terms and conditions apply to exemption from the free-movement evaluation, except for exemption due to chronic lameness.
3. An inspection committee will assign each horse a score according to the dressage inspection standard, on a scale from 40 to 100, in increments of five, for the following traits: conformation and movement, in which the score for movement is the average of the scores for the walk, trot, canter and body position. These upper beam scores will only be awarded if the upper beam changes in a positive direction relative to the scores awarded in the studbook inspection or if the breeding direction changes.

#### **Article M 20 - Central Inspection (CK)**

1. The central inspection in the dressage discipline is open to:
  - a. foals which are at least one month old at the time of inspection and are registered with the KWPN in the dressage discipline in the foal book or register A (or foals for which the KWPN has received a written application for registration and which meet the requirements for registration in the foal book or register A) and, depending on the regional policy, are invited by an inspection committee at a foal inspection or directly entered in the central inspection by the registered party;
  - b. *ster* mares from the riding horse breeding direction and dressage discipline. *Ster* mares which receive the *ster* predicate in the year in which they are entered in the central inspection must participate in the central inspection in the same region where they took part in a studbook inspection or predicate inspection, unless they only completed an ability test at a studbook inspection or unless they were ill or lame; and
  - c. and other groups of mares as specified in the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage.
2. The procedure and manner of inspecting foals is the same as the procedure for the foal inspections. Foals are placed in order of quality and, depending on their quality, invited for the national foal inspection.
3. The inspection procedure for the *ster* mares classes at a central inspection is as follows:
  - a. an optional group evaluation in the walk, with a maximum of 15 horses per group;
  - b. an individual evaluation in hand, standing and at the walk and trot;
  - c. a group evaluation in the walk, with a maximum of 15 horses per group; and
  - d. the placing of the top group. If there are more than 15 foals in a class, the inspection committee will select a number of better mares from each group in a class to return to the ring for an additional inspection. In such case, the inspection committee will select a definitive top group and decide whether the group should be evaluated in a subsequent inspection. Mares ages eight and older will not be placed.
4. Each mare will be evaluated on conformation and movement (walk and trot) according to the dressage inspection standard and compared with the other mares present. The score given for the canter at the studbook inspection or predicate inspection will be counted. Based on the evaluation results, mares will be placed in order of quality, and depending on their quality, will be invited for the national mare inspection; in addition, *ster* mares may be awarded the provisional *keur* predicate based on the evaluation results.
5. If the evaluation described in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this article takes place immediately following a multiple-week ability test, there will be no invitations to a subsequent inspection. This invitation is given only at a central inspection organized by one of the KWPN regions.

#### **Article M 21 - National Mare Inspection (NMK)**

1. The national mare inspection is open to mares which the inspection committee has invited to the event at a central inspection. Eligible mares must have also been registered as a foal in the foal



book or register A and must be definitively recorded in the studbook register at the time of the national mare inspection.

2. The inspection procedure in classes for *ster*, *keur*, and elite mares at the national mare inspection is the same as the procedure for the central inspection. In these classes, each horse is evaluated on conformation and movement (walk and trot), according to the inspection standard for dressage and compared with the other mares present. The score for the canter given at the studbook inspection or the predicate inspection will be included in the inspection committee's evaluation. In the class for mares ages 4 - 7, each horse will be judged on conformation and movement (walk and trot in hand). Ability test scores and/or sport results will also be included in the inspection committee's evaluation. Based on the results of the evaluations described above, mares will be placed in order of quality.

#### **Article M 22 - Additional Inspection for Mares**

1. The KWPN offers an additional inspection relative to the studbook inspection and the central inspection.
2. The additional inspection for the studbook inspection is open to mares which meet the conditions for participating in a studbook inspection and were entered in the last studbook inspection of the season and due to illness or other circumstances, were referred to the additional inspection by the inspection committee or the Board of Directors.
3. The additional inspection for the central inspection is open to mares which meet the conditions for participating in the central inspection and were entered in the last central inspection of the season and due to illness or other circumstances, were referred to the additional inspection by the inspection committee or the Board of Directors.
4. Mares entered in a studbook inspection which is not the last of the season may be referred to a following studbook inspection by the mare inspection committee.
5. Mares entered in a central inspection which is not the last of the season may be referred to a following central inspection by the mare inspection committee.
6. The Board of Directors will determine the date, place and time of the additional inspection.

#### **Article M 23 - Mare Reinspection**

1. A registered party may submit a written appeal and reinspection request to KWPN management against the results of a studbook inspection, a predicate inspection, and an inspection committee's decision against awarding the *ster* predicate or declaring a mare provisional *keur*. An appeal must be made within eight days after the inspection or the announcement of the inspection results.
2. A reinspection may include a complete reinspection or a reinspection of free-movement.
3. Studbook mares which receive an upper beam score of at least 70 points for conformation may participate in the reinspection of free-movement.
4. The reinspection committee conducts a complete reinspection once a year at a place and time determined by the Board of Directors.
5. The reinspection of free-movement will be conducted by a reinspection committee or inspection committee within two weeks of the initial inspection at a place and time determined by the Board of Directors.
6. The same inspection procedure and criteria used for the applicable inspection will be used in the reinspection.
7. If the results of the reinspection as a whole are better than the results of the inspection, the results of the reinspection will prevail; otherwise, the results of the inspection will remain in force.

#### **Article M 24 - Ability Test for Mares**

1. The KWPN offers the following ability tests for dressage mares:
  - a. the IBOP (Individual Usability Inspection for Horses), a one-day evaluation; and
  - b. the EPTM (Mare Performance Test), a multiple-day evaluation for mares which are not currently nursing a foal. Mares may undergo 14 or 35 days of testing, depending on the criteria described below.
2. The ability tests are open to mares and geldings ages 32 months and older which are registered in one of the following:
  - a. KWPN foal book;
  - b. KWPN register A;
  - c. KWPN-NA foal book;
  - d. KWPN-NA register A;

- e. the main book of a KWPN-recognized studbook with a corresponding breeding direction, with registration completed as a foal; or
- f. another studbook specified in the inspection procedures.
3. To participate in the 14-day EPTM, horses must also meet the following criteria:
  - a. be at least four years old; and
  - b. deemed testable by the inspection committee.
4. Requirements differ per ability test and are further described in the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage, in the chapter on ability tests for mares.
5. The inspection committee will assign a score to each mare participating in an ability test, on a scale from 0 to 10, in increments of 0.5, for the following traits: walk, trot, canter, elasticity, carriage & balance, rideability, and talent for dressage.
6. Any stable vices observed will be noted and duly reported.
7. The requirements for passing an ability test depend on the year in which the horse completed the test.
8. To pass a dressage ability test, a mare must score at least 75 points for the walk (2x), trot (2x), canter (2x), elasticity, carriage & balance, rideability, and talent for dressage. The above requirements for passing the test are effective beginning 1 January 2006. The requirements for mares which completed an ability test before 1 January 2006 are stated in the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage.
9. The inspection committee may cease evaluation of a mare at any point in the test or refer a mare to the next ability test. In the case of a referral, the committee will determine the duration of the second evaluation.
10. Mares which are removed from the test center may not be returned to the center while the test is still in progress, unless the mare has been removed from the test center for an additional veterinary examination at the request of the KWPN's attending veterinarian and under his or her full supervision.

#### **Article R 25 - Geldings**

1. The gelding inspection (RK) is open to geldings and non-approved stallions which are at least three years old in the year of inspection and are registered in the KWPN foal book or register A.
2. The evaluation process in the gelding inspection is the same as in a mare inspection. Non-approved stallions will not be evaluated in the scope of the selection for approved stallions. The selection for approved stallions is described in the Selection Rules for Dressage Stallions.
3. Geldings and non-approved stallions may participate in the reinspection under the same terms and conditions as those described for mares.
4. Based on the results of their inspection, geldings and non-approved stallions may be awarded the *ster* predicate. Geldings and non-approved stallions are subject to the same criteria as mares for the *ster* predicate.
5. Geldings and non-approved stallions will remain registered in the foal book or register A.
6. Geldings and non-approved stallions may participate in the ability tests for mares. Geldings are subject to the same terms and conditions as mares.
7. Geldings are also eligible for the PROK-, IBOP-, and EPTM predicates.
8. Geldings and non-approved stallions at a studbook inspection are exempt from the free-movement evaluation, provided that their sport standing is equal to the sport standing required for the sport predicate for mares.

#### **Article P 26 - Predicates**

1. Predicates are distinctions granted to horses which stand out favorably within a group. The KWPN offers the following predicates for dressage horses:
  - a. *ster*;
  - b. *keur*;
  - c. PROK;
  - d. IBOP;
  - e. EPTM;
  - f. elite;
  - g. sport (jumping)
  - h. sport (dressage)
  - i. *preferent*;

- j. *prestatie*;
  - k. sport (eventing); and
  - l. sport (endurance).
2. Predicates may be awarded after an inspection or upon request or automatically, provided that the respective horse has met the criteria for the respective predicate. The elite, sport, *preferent* and *prestatie* predicates may be awarded posthumously.
  3. Predicates appear on a horse's registration certificate. When a predicate is awarded, the registered party will receive a new registration certificate after turning in the original to the KWPN. The registration certificate for a *keur* mare does not include the *ster* or IBOP/EPTM predicates. The registration certificate for an elite mare does not include the *ster*, *keur*, IBOP/EPTM or PROK predicates.
  4. With respect to achievements in the sport, written proof of such must be obtained from the KNHS. With respect to achievements in the sport abroad, written proof of such must be obtained from the FEI or a foreign FEI-recognized sport organization; and in the opinion of the KWPN, the actual achievements must have an equivalent ranking in the Netherlands.

#### **Article P 27 - *Ster***

1. The *ster* predicate in dressage is awarded by an inspection committee at a studbook inspection or predicate inspection to studbook mares which meet the following inspection standards for dressage:
  - a. measure at least 1.60m / 15.3h;
  - b. score at least 70 points for conformation; and
  - c. score at least 75 points for movement, unless the mare in question has been granted exemption from the movement evaluation at a studbook inspection because she already received the dressage sport predicate or passed an IBOP/EPTM, in which the final evaluation for the walk, trot, canter, carriage & balance (multiplied by a factor of 10) resulted in an average score of 75 points.
2. Mares, which must meet additional criteria for studbook registration but have earned the required points for conformation and movement at a studbook inspection or predicate inspection, will be definitively awarded the *ster* predicate upon meeting the additional criteria for studbook registration.

#### **Article P 28 - *Keur***

1. The *keur* predicate in dressage is awarded to *ster* mares which:
  - a. an inspection committee has declared provisional *keur* at a central inspection, according to the inspection standard for dressage, based on conformation and the walk and trot in hand plus the score for the canter awarded at a studbook inspection or predicate inspection; and
  - b. have earned the IBOP/EPTM predicate or achieved a dressage sport standing of at least Z1 + 1. If a mare debuts in the sport at a higher level than required for the *keur* predicate, she must earn at least one point in the applicable level.

#### **Article P 29 - *Sport***

1. The KWPN awards the dressage sport predicate to mares registered in the riding horse breeding direction or in the dressage discipline which have achieved a sport level of Z2 + 1 in dressage. If a mare debuts in the sport at a higher level than required for the sport predicate, she must earn at least one point in the applicable level.
2. The KWPN awards the jumping sport predicate to mares registered in the riding horse breeding direction or in the dressage discipline which have achieved a sport level of Z + 6 in jumping. If a mare debuts in the sport at a higher level than required for the sport predicate, she must earn at least one point in the applicable level.
3. The KWPN awards the eventing sport predicate to mares registered in the riding horse breeding direction or in the dressage discipline which have achieved a sport level of Z + 5 in eventing.
4. The KWPN awards the endurance predicate to mares registered in the riding horse breeding direction which have achieved a sport level in endurance of class IV with at least 3 points.
5. Sport predicates must be requested in writing from the studbook office by submitting written proof of the sport result achieved, together with the horse's registration certificate.

#### **Article P 30 - *PROK***

1. The PROK predicate is awarded to KWPN-registered mares, geldings, and non-approved stallions which have satisfactorily passed a radiographic examination, the criteria and evaluation of which is described in the Veterinary Rules.
2. Predicates must be requested from the studbook office in writing by submitting the certificate issued by the KWPN-designated radiograph evaluation committee (bearing the mare's registration number and transponder number), together with the registration certificate.

**Article P 31 – IBOP/EPTM**

1. The IBOP predicate is awarded to KWPN-registered mares which have passed the IBOP test for mares. The number of points required to pass the IBOP is listed in the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage.
2. The EPTM predicate is awarded to KWPN-registered mares which have passed the EPTM test for mares. The number of points required to pass the EPTM is listed in the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage.

**Article P 32 - Elite**

1. The elite predicate is awarded to *keur* mares which meet the requirements for the PROK predicate.
2. Predicates must be requested from the studbook office in writing by submitting the certificate issued by the KWPN-designated radiograph evaluation committee (bearing the mare's registration number), together with the registration certificate.

**Article P 33 - *Preferent***

1. The *preferent* predicate is awarded to KWPN-registered mares which have produced at least three KWPN-registered offspring which have earned the *ster-*, *keur-*, or elite predicate; or have been selected for at least the second round viewing in the scope of the KWPN stallion selection (as stated in the Selection Rules for Dressage Stallions or the Selection Rules for Jumper Stallions); or have been approved by a KWPN-recognized studbook.
2. Second round viewing stallions which are not registered in the KWPN foal book must meet additional criteria as stated in Article M18, paragraph 4, before they can count toward the *preferent* predicate for their dam.

**Article P 34 - *Prestatie***

1. The *prestatie* predicate is awarded to KWPN-registered mares which have produced a minimum of two offspring and a maximum of three offspring that have collectively earned at least five points, according to the point system described in the Mare Inspection Procedures for Dressage.
2. *Prestatie* predicates must be requested in writing from the studbook office by submitting written proof of the requirements met, together with the horse's registration certificate.