

Technical Rules for the Selective Breeding

1) Requirements of the breeders within the Stud Book:

A) **STALLIONS:** In the stud farms that adhere to the Stud Book shall breed only stallions enrolled in the Stud Book that meet the requirements established by the Central Technical Committee (CTC). The CTC may, for experimental purposes and with a specific resolution, admit to the breeding foals younger than 30 months. The resolution shall precise the genetic and/or morphological requirements and any restriction to the use. The stallion admitted to breeding in the breeding farms that adhere to the Stud Book may be used for the artificial insemination and/or for the production of embryos according to the resolution of the CTC. The enrollment and the use of the Breton stallions in the stud farms that adhere to the Stud Book as well as the use of semen and/or embryos of Breton stallions enrolled in Stud Book recognized by the association, may be planned and regulated with specific resolutions by the CTC that may also establish any minimum genetic and/or morphological requirements.

B) **MARES:** The mares shall meet the genetic, genealogical and morphological requirements established by the CTC.

2) Morphology

	MALE	FEMALE
Minimum height at withers	150 cm	146 cm
Minimum girth	1,30 times the height	1,22 times the height
Minimum shin	22.5 cm	22.cm

MALE: the weight shall not be less than 11.5 kg per centimeter of height over 1 meter. The girth circumference shall not be less than 1, 30 times the height.

FEMALE: the weight shall not be less than 10.5 kg per centimeter of height over 1 meter. The girth circumference shall not be less than 1, 22 times the height.

THE COAT: The coat is chestnut, red roan, or bay preferably intense, with or without markings (star, strip, leg markings). Other coats are tolerated. Taft, mane and tale (natural or docked) horsehair are thick, long, straight and wavy.

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF CONFORMATION:

Head: rather light, square, lean and well set. The forehead is large and flat, the orbital arches are well recognized; the eyes are big and bright; the nose profile is straight with muzzle rather broad; nostrils are large and sensitive; the intermaxillary channel is wide and lean; the ears are small, sensitive and well set.

Neck: muscular, not too long and well set.

Wither: not too evident, muscular and lean.

Back: short, wide, well set and muscular.

Croup: preferably double, wide, muscular and slightly roached.

Tail: well set.

Chest: wide and muscular.

Fore-end: wide, high not flattened and well enveloped in the forelegs.

Flank: short and rounded.

Abdomen: well developed.

Legs: rather short, muscular, large joint.

Shoulder: muscular, well set on the body, rather long and sufficiently sloped.

Forearm: muscular, rather long, and rather straight.

Knee: wide and lean.

Haunch: very well muscled, with convex posterior profile.

Gaskin: muscular and sufficiently sloped.

Hock: wide, thick, lean, well-defined, rather straight and of the right proportions.

Cannon: short, wide with strong tendons and well set.

Fetlock: wide and thick.

Pastern: short, strong with an average slope.

Heel: proportionate in volume and well conformed.

Evaluation: every horse shall be morphologically evaluated in accordance with the procedures established by the CTC, and, if found suitable, classified with the following valuation: Excellent (IT:

Ottimo), Very Good (IT: Molto Buono), Good (IT: Buono), Fairly Good (IT: Discreto) Adequate (IT:Sufficiente)

3) USES.

Attitudes:

-Meat production

-Rapid Heavy Draft

4) Defects that lead to the disqualification from the stud book:

General disharmony, too long or cylindrical barrel, accentuated sheer, kidneys not well set, defective transverse diameters, flat rib cage, high on the legs, slender legs and/or malformed joints, lymphatic constitution, presence of any genetically transmittable flaws, undeveloped muscles especially on the back, on the loins, on the croups and on the haunch.

5) Defects that if accentuated may lead to the disqualification from the stud book:

Coat:

-White markings or spot on the barrel are not tolerated even if small.

-Extended little white spots are not admitted; they are admitted on the barrel if small and isolated (10 cm max.)

-Stockings and socks are not admitted; isolated white spots on the forearm and on the legs are admitted if very small (a few cm).

-Stars that cover the eyes and facet on the strips are not admitted if not small and in any case if they cover the jaw. Snips that cover the jaw are not admitted.

Morphological Characters:

Defected croup or croup too roached and sloped, legs not perpendicular, lack of movement, defects in the gaits, gross general conformation, with a heavy head and/or with an excessive incidence of the skeletal structure on the muscular structure.

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