
WBFSH Annual Plan 2027

1. Breeding, Animal Welfare & Good Practice

Core / ongoing activities

- Continue the work of the WBFSH Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC).
- Work on EU legislation affecting sport horse breeding, in cooperation with the European Horse Network and other relevant organisations.
- Maintain dialogue and cooperation with international organisations and scientific bodies, including COPA, EAAP and other relevant partners.

Projects / development priorities

- Further develop the WBFSH strategy for animal welfare and responsible breeding practices.
 - Promote traceability of genetic material and breeding practices, including appropriate recording of breeding techniques and dialogue with relevant legislative and industry bodies.
 - Develop a forum to inform, discuss and evaluate the impact of reproductive biotechnologies, including ICSI and potential future technologies, on sport horse breeding.
 - Develop Good Practice Guidelines.
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2. Breeding Data, Pedigrees & Genetic Evaluation

Core / ongoing activities

- Promote the availability and use of accurate and verified breeding information, including on starting lists and in other relevant media.
- Continue collaboration with the FEI and other relevant stakeholders on the exchange and use of breeding and pedigree data.

Projects / development priorities

- Continue the development of a WBFSH Central Database.
 - Finalise the implementation of suitable platforms providing clean and verified pedigree data and enabling data exchange with the FEI.
 - Make further progress towards the establishment of WBFSH International Breeding Values (IBVs).
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3. Sport, Championships & Rankings

Core / ongoing activities

- Plan and coordinate the WBFSH/FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses together with the FEI and relevant organising partners.
- Maintain and promote the WBFSH rankings for breeders, studbooks and stallions.
- Continue to support the international organisation of Young Breeders competitions.



Projects / development priorities

- Continue the development and organisation of the Studbook Team Competition
 - Continue discussions with the FEI on matters relating to young horse competitions and their development.
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4. Institutional Relations & Member Engagement

Core / ongoing activities

- Continue to strengthen collaboration between the WBFSH and the FEI, including through the WBFSH–FEI Council, on matters of common interest such as welfare, breeding information and young horse competitions.
 - Maintain and develop relations with international federations, institutions and relevant organisations.
 - Improve communication and collaboration between the WBFSH, its member studbooks and their breeders.
 - Consult with non-EU studbooks on issues specific to their regulatory and operational environments and encourage their engagement within the Federation.
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5. Communication, Visibility & Partnerships

Core / ongoing activities

- Implement the WBFSH Marketing and Communications Plan to strengthen communication with member studbooks and breeders.
- Maintain and further develop the WBFSH website and social media presence.
- Promote the work, activities and expertise of the WBFSH and increase recognition of the Federation internationally.

Development priorities

- Develop new communication initiatives to raise the profile of the WBFSH.
 - Continue efforts to attract and develop additional sponsorships and partnerships.
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6. Governance, Sustainability & Risk Management

Core / ongoing activities

- Maintain and review the WBFSH Risk Register annually, including during the in-person Joint Meeting.
- Monitor key organisational risks, including funding and financial sustainability, political and regulatory developments, member disengagement and reputational risks.

Development priorities

- Identify appropriate mitigation measures and ensure that significant risks and developments are reflected in WBFSH priorities and annual planning.