



WHAT IS THE FUTURITY?

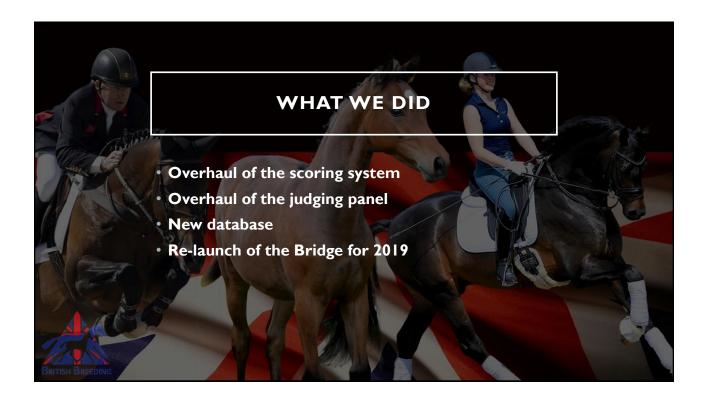
- An evaluation system of young sports horses and ponies from foal to three-year-old
- Accessible to all British bred horses and ponies (as long as they are by a licensed stallion)
- · The same for all, regardless of breed
- Different sections: Dressage, Showjumping, Eventing (+ Ponies) ((+ Endurance))
- Top scoring horses (historically 8.5 and above) qualify for the "Equine Bridge", a programme designed with the disciplines to help talented horses to be developed for the sport.



BRITISH BREEDING

- Took over the Futurity as part of a wide range of activities, including a stallion show, a Magazing ("British Breeder"), and the Equine Bridge
- british-breeding.com
- 5 Directors from different areas of the equestrian industry:
 - Joris van den Oetelaar (AES)
 - Sacha Shaw (Breeding British)
 - Rachael Holdsworth (Holdsworth PR)
 - Jane Skepper (Competition Stallions)
 - Dr Eva-Maria Broomer (Horsepower Creative and AES evaluator)





THE JUDGES

- A panel of 4 judges, working together as a team, with one international judge, and one representative from each discipline
- A scorer, noting the linear profiles
- A senior, highly experienced vet to carry out the veterinary assessment
- A mixture of:
 - Experienced studbook evaluators
 - Riders
 - Breeders
 - · Representatives from the Olympic disciplines





THE SCORING SYSTEM

- · What we want the system to deliver:
 - · Cross-studbook data collection on linear traits
 - · Individual British studbooks largely too small to gather meaningful data
 - Pool youngstock data for potential heritability studies
 - Analyse plasticity of phenotypes as horses "grow up" with the system
 - Map early phenotype observations (linear traits) onto performance traits later on
 - Feedback to breeders
 - · Get early feedback to improve breeding decisions
 - · Recognition and marketing exposure



THE SCORING SYSTEM (CONT.)

- A Balancing Act Between Our Need for Data and the Breeders' Need for Feedback and Recognition
- Linear profiles AND numerical marks
- Numerical Classifications:
- 6-6.99 Third Premium
- 7-7.99 Second Premium
- 8-8.49 First Premium
- 8.5-8.99 Higher First Premium
- 9 and above Elite



THE ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE: I. THE VETERINARY ASSESSMENT

- 12-15 minutes veterinary assessment outside on hard ground, two-year-olds and three-year-olds also on soft ground on a circle
- Input from nutritionist
- Emphasis not only on correctness, but also on correct management, and on issues particularly relevant to young horses (growth plates, foot balance)

Goals:

- Collect data on the relationship between environmental influences and limb development
- Collect data on heritabilities
- Collect data on relationship between conformation and management early on and performance later on
- Improve welfare by encouraging and rewarding correct management

LINEAR SCORE SHEET

COMMENTS

TWO MARKS: HORSE AS IT IS NOW (10%), PROGNOSIS FOR THE HORSE IF MANAGEMENT ISSUES ADDRESSED (10%)





THE ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE 2. EVALUATION BY THE PANEL

- Conformation, Walk, Trot and Canter (Jump in 3yo Showjumpers and Eventers)
- · Assessment in hand and loose
- {insert video link to show how we assess canter in foals}
- Judges agree all the scores

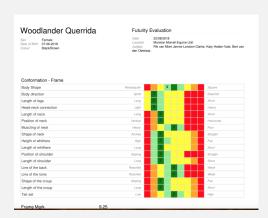
SCORES ADD UP TO 80% OF THE FINAL MARK, WITH EACH ASPECT WEIGHTED EQUALLY



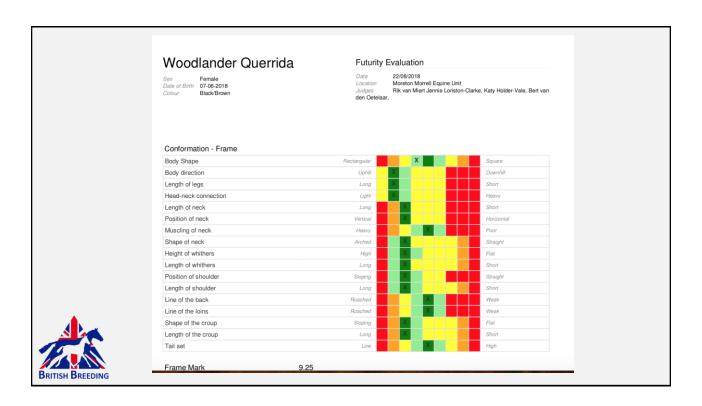


BREED OPTIMA

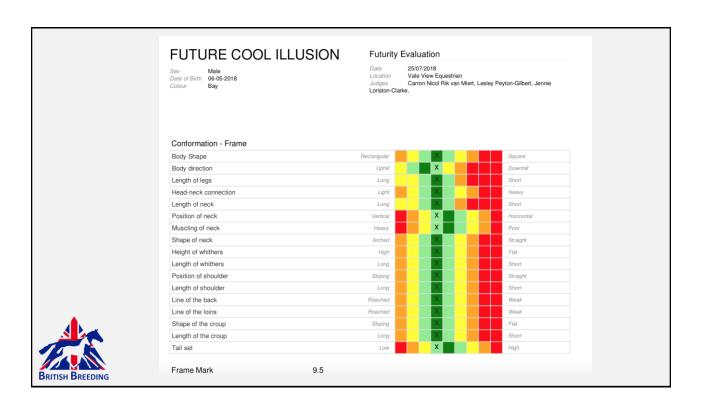
- Discipline specific breed optima
 - Developed in consultation with key industry stakeholders:
 - Studbook representatives
 - Riders
 - Judges
 - Representatives from the Olympic Disciplines
- Traffic Light System: the more crosses in dark green, the closer to 10 the mark











DATA IS STORED ON PUBLIC DATABASE

- · Basic ID Information
- Pedigree
- Photos
- Videos
- Detailed Linear Score Sheets
- Can be searched by stallion, age, etc.

• https://british-breeding.com



BRITISH BREEDING

PLANS FOR 2019

- · Review and Critique of the system, using data and video footage
- Separate assessment days for 3yos, with optional training day beforehand
- · Continuous Review of the Traffic Light system and optimum profiles
- Eventing focused initiatives: scoring of successful eventers to learn more about optimum traits
- Pilote trial scheme of automatically generated numerical scores
- Pilot to change the "labels": Bronze Silver Gold
- Launch of the Equine Bridge: Development programme for 3-7-yearold horses, qualified through the Futurity

