

Western Australian Sport Horse Association
Inc.
& REGULATIONS

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Definitions

1 “affiliation” a process the Association chose's when working with another registry.

“Association” denotes when referred to: Western Australian Sport Horse Association Inc also known as WASHA Inc..

“Heterozygous” carrying one copy of a specific colour gene.

“Homozygous” carrying two copies of a specific colour gene.

“mudded” refers to the colour of horses who carry to many colour genes for that animal to be visible recognised.

“the breed” refers to and means the horses as defined in the Objects in the WASHA Inc Regulations of the Association.

“the breeder” of any horse is for the purpose of the Association the registered owner or registered lessee of the mare at the time of foaling. In the case of the lease, a copy of this lease should be lodged with the Association.

“the registered owner” in relation to the Association denotes the person recorded as the owner of horses recorded in the Association’s records.

Application for Registration

For a description of what horses Association registers please refer to the Objects in the WASHA Inc Rules of Association

2 (a) Applications for registration of all Sport Horse shall only be accepted from financial members of the Association.

(a) There is no preferred type or breed and members are encouraged to breed and register the type of horse or pony they prefer. However it is required that the horse or pony be a good representation of the type or breed.

(b) There is no height , colour or age bar on eligibility for registration.

3 All horses submitted for Registration must conform to the following:

(a) it must be named

(b) it must have a registered brand or it must be microchipped or have been DNA test number.

- (c) For all horses to be Stallion registered, a Veterinary Report is required confirming both testicles are descended into the scrotum. Confirmation of such report from a vet done for other breed societies recognised by WASHA or sire registration with that society will be accepted.
 - (d) Any animal not meeting all the above requirements refer to clause 11.
- 4
- (a) Applications are to be made to the Secretary/Registrar on forms supplied by the Association, each application shall be submitted on the prescribed form containing such information as the Committee shall from time to time prescribe.
 - (b) All applications for Registration and Colt Foal recording shall be accompanied by a prescribed fee.
 - (c) All application for registration and colt foal recording must be accompanied by (1) one photo left side with head facing the camera and all four lower legs showing. Plus photo's of any white marks, brands or scaring.
 - (d) A genetic test for hereditary disorders may be requested of any horse submitted for registration prior to or after the horse has been accepted for registration.
 - (e) A vet certificate confirming hereditary soundness may be requested by the committee to accompany applications for registration with one photo of the horse signed by the vet.
 - (f) Equine DNA Hair Colour tests may be requested of any horse submitted for registration prior to or after the horse has been accepted for registration,
 - (g) Horses may require a physical Inspection by WASHA approved Classifier. In cases where distance is too great, a video of the horse may be submitted, showing all markings and showing the horse being led out at walk, trotted across and straight back to the camera.
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- If any member fails to supply the Registrar with any registration requirements or with other information required within 30 days of the original registration application, unless a satisfactory explanation of there action is brought forward, the committee may refuse registration.
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- Applications for registration which are received incorrect by the Secretary/Registrar will be returned to the applicant concerned, the form must be correctly completed and returned within 30 days or the registration fee lapses and the application must be resubmitted.
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- Certificates of Registration must not be altered in any way. Where an error or omission on the part of the Association is made a duplicate Certificate will be issued once the incorrect Certificate is returned.
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- Where a Certificate of Registration is lost by the owner or an error or omission on the certificate is the owners a reissue of certificate fee will be charged.
- (a) A Member whose name has changed by marriage must forward the certificates of registration to the Secretary/Registrar, with a reissue of certificate fee.

- 9 The Committee may refuse any application for registration, Colt Foal recording or transfer without assigning a reason therefore.

Affiliation

- 10 Application to Affiliate with the Western Australian Sport Horse Association Inc. can be made by a written request to the Secretary for consideration by the Committee.
- (a) Application will only be considered by horse breed or colour registries based in Western Australia and who only register horses in Western Australia .
 - (b) the benefit associated with affiliation will be accessed on the individual registry requirements. It will generally involve a reduction in membership fees for current members of that registry, reduced registration fees for horses registered with that registry and classes for that registry at WASHA Inc run events. Plus recognition of the registries Stud Book.
 - (c) The following Stud Books are currently Affiliated with the Association:
 - Western Australian Buckskin Association Incorporated
 - Plus sub registries;
 - Cremello Perlino Registry Western Australia
 - Palomino (WABA Cream Appendix Class A & B)

Hardship Clause

- 11 The Committee shall have the authority to declare eligible for registration a horse which, in the majority opinion, is outstanding in conformation, or performance, or produce and is worthy of registration, although lacking some of the rule requirements. The owner of an animal who feels he has a just hardship case shall make application and tender a fee double the normal registration fee. If the animal is not accepted into the register, half the registration fee will be refunded.

Naming

- 12 (a) The Registration name of a horse registered or Colt Foal Recorded with the Association, once recorded by the WASHA shall not be altered, re-registered or new name applied for unless the horse has not previously been shown under that name.
- (b) Names of established families or of celebrated horses may only be applied to the horse having some ancestral claim thereto and shall not be used if, in the opinion of the Committee, such name could be misleading.
 - (c) The Stud Prefix and name of the horse must not exceed 45 characters.
 - (d) The full registered name of a horse, including the Stud prefix is to be stated in all entries and results.

Stud Prefix

- 13 A Stud Prefix can be registered with the Association with the form available on the Association website or by contacting the Secretary and will be recorded once the prescribed fee has been paid.
- (a) The prefix shall be used as a prefix to and part of the name of every animal bred by the member and which is submitted for registration in the Stud Book, Colt Foal Recording or Breeding Stock Registry
 - (b) A Stud prefix once recorded with the Association may not be used by another member or applied to a horse not bred by a member or to a horse which has a previously registered name with another breed.

Branding

- 14 (a) Currently all horses should be branded according to Western Australian Department of Agriculture branding requirements. (These requirements can be checked on their website) For the purpose of identification and registration, the Association will accept a horse that has a DNA number or has been microchipped. One of which should be done within 6 months (south west land division) or before 18 months (pastoral location) of foaling or before leaving the property of the breeder whichever is the sooner.
- (i) Horses to be branded on the near side shoulder with the breeders registered brand and on the off shoulder with the breeding number over the last numeral of the breeding year of foaling.
 - (ii) The breeding number shall indicate the order in point of time, which the animal was foaled in relation to other animals, (regardless of sex) of each first owner bearing the brand and tendered for registration. No two foals of the same owner may be branded with the same number within a decade.
- (b) If it is found that an animal does not have the form of identification entered on its registration papers or it is incorrect, the Committee may otherwise direct that:
- (i) The animal be branded, DNA tested or microchipped and the Secretary be notified within 14 days, a fee may be charged for reinspection.
 - (ii) If the identification is different from what is on the registration form a reissue of certificate fee will be charged.

STUD BOOK

- 15 (a) The WASHA Inc. registry is open to any horse regardless of breed, height or colour.
- (b) Horses will be categorised according to their type, height and weight (bone) as well as recognised for their registered breeding. Breeding recognition does not require the owner to be a current member of that breed/colour registry. A copy of the certificate of registration must be supplied and be in the name of the current owner or a bill of sale provided by the current owner listed on the registration form
- (c) The registry for WASHA Inc. will remain open as to not discriminate against any horse the association considers worthy of breeding recognition in Western Australia.
- (d) Horses registered with the association do not have to be bred in Western Australia..

Colt Foal Recording

- 16 The Stud Book Shall include a Register of Colt Foal Recording.
- (a) Foals bred by members of the Association must be Colt Foal recorded or registered (filly's & geldings) within 6 months of foaling, on the appropriate form to the Secretary/Registrar.
 - (b) Applications for Colt Foal recording will be accepted by new members as long as the horse is under the age of 3.
 - (c) All foals entered in a show must be Colt Foal recorded or registered (filly's & geldings), or have applied and paid for recording/registration prior to the show.
 - (d) All Colt Foal Recorded horses must make application for Sire registration prior to August 1 of the year the horse turns 4, should it be bred from or stand at stud, application should be made at the time of breeding, should it be shown applications must be submitted 28 days prior to August 1.
- 17 Any Colt Foal Recorded horse not submitted for Adult Registration within 12 months from the time the horse turns 3 will have the Recording cancelled and the full fee will be payable for Sire or Gelding registration.

Adult Registration

- 18 The Stud Book for Adult Registered Horses will be split into the following Classes:
- (a) **Stud Book Class A:** For horses known by the association and/or by a recognised stud book and known to be of a high standard and their progeny.
 - (b) **Stud Book Class B** Horses that are not known or by a recognised breed stud book, which have passed any test required by the association. (may be upgraded to class A at the discretion of the committee.)
 - (c) **Breeding Stock** for any **mare** who will not be shown, may have retired from showing or be unable to be shown due to injury.
 - (a) All adult applications for registration of previously Colt Foal Recorded horse must be made prior to August 1 of the year the horse turns 4.
 - (e) Applications for Sire Registration of a horse not previously Colt Foal Recorded will be accepted provided that the applicant shall pay the prescribed fee.

Registration Numbering

- 19 A number shall be allotted by the Registrar to each horse registered and the number shall be known as the Stud Book number. Each number will indicate: first 2 numbers = Year of registration, second 2 numbers the year born , then a dash - and the number allocated to the horse starting at 01

Registration Certificates

- 20 A Certificate of Registration shall be issued in respect of each and every application for registration or Colt Foal recording accepted for inclusion in the Stud Book by the Association. The registration number will remain the same when an animal is upgraded to Sire or Gelding Registration and a new Certificate of Registration will be issued.

Transfer and Leases

- 21 (a) No horse shall be recorded as transferred in the Associations Stud Book except pursuant to a signed transfer form from the previous owner which transfers the chain of title vested in such to the new owner.
- (b) Upon the sale, exchange, gift or other deposition of a horse registered or recorded with the Association, an Association Transfer Form must be completed by the vendor and handed to the purchaser with the Registration papers for that animal. The purchaser must forward the Transfer form, Registration papers and Association membership application form (in the case of new members) to the Secretary within 60 days of the purchase. They must also include the transfer fee and any other applicable fees.
- (c) In the case of a Lease of a horse registered in the Associations Stud Book, a copy of the lease must be lodged with the Secretary within 60 days. The Leaser must be a member of the Association.

Notice of Death

- 22 Notice of death of any horse registered with the association should be given by the registered owner to the Secretary/Registrar and the death shall be recorded.

Gelding

- 23 An owner of a stallion or colt foal recorded with the Association which has been gelded shall notify the registrar within 60 days. Horses previously registered are not required to pay a fee for gelding registration but they will need to pay a fee for reissue of the registration certificate.

Certificate of Service

- 24 (a) If owner of dam at time of foaling is not the owner/operator of the sire at the date of service then a service certificate is required.
- (b) Service certificate forms are available on the website and from the Secretary.

- (c) A number for each service certificate will be issued and should be sort by the stallion or mare owner from the Secretary.
- (d) A Certificate of Service shall be signed by the stallion owner and shall support the application Registration or Colt Foal recording of such resulting foal from the mating.
- (e) Any person owning a registered stallion and taking mares for stud purposes must be a member of the Association before the Association will recognise the Certificate of Service for the stallion.
- (f) Any member shall at the discretion of the Committee be liable to a fine in respect of each certificate not supplied within 60 days of payment of the service fee.
- (g) the Association will recognise Service Certificates of breed or colour registries affiliated with the Association refer clause 10 (c).

Classifications

- 25
- (a) Classifiers will be appointed by the Committee.
 - (b) A Classification may be requested for any horse at the discretion of the Committee even after the horse has been registered with the Association.
 - (c) In cases where distance is too great, a video of the horse may be submitted, showing all markings and showing the horse being led out at walk, trotted across and straight back to the camera and if applicable showing the horse being ridden.
 - (d) Relatives cannot inspect each others horses.

Colour Recognition

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- (a) Colour recognition of a registered animal will be listed where possible on the registration certificate with a colour code as well as named.
 - (b) the first 2 letters of the code will indicate the base colour e.g. EE Ee or ee. The second 2 letters will indicate the Agouti allele, following letters will indicate known colour gene/s carried by that horse.
 - (c) testing for colour is not required unless requested by the committee.
 - (d) Where a sire or dam previously tested to be homozygous is known one copy of that colour gene will be recorded on the progeny's registration paper.
 - (e) Where a horses colour cannot be defined to represent the appearance of the horse because it carries' too many colour genes it will be defined as "muddled". This excludes genes that can be carried recessively (not visible)

- (f) When considered viable by the Committee a horse can be recorded in a sub registry of the Association giving colour recognition.
- (g) Colour recognition will not be deemed necessary or given when a horse is registered with a colour registry affiliated with the Association.

Fees

- 27 (a) Membership Fees will be set in accordance with WASHA Inc. Rules of Association from time to time at an Annual General Meeting and published in the Newsletters and the website.
- (b) All other fees will be set by the Committee and are subject to change at the discretion of the Committee.
- (c) A list of current fees is always available on the website or by contacting the Secretary

De-registration

- 28 (a) A horse recorded or registered with the Association may be de-registered by the registrar upon written application to the Association by the owner of the horse.
- (b) A horse may be de-registered if it is proven that a breach in the Regulations regarding the registration of a horse has taken place, such horse shall be disqualified at the discretion of the Committee.
- (c) De-registration of any horse shall not affect the registration or entry of any foal of which such animal is the sire or dam if the registration or entry of such animal was recorded during a period of registration of the deregistered animal.

In-eligibility to Compete

- 29 Any member showing a horse which is ineligible to compete in any class shall be liable to a heavy fine at the discretion of the Committee and/or deregistration of the horse shown.
- (a) Ineligible horses are: unregistered horses, expired Foal Recordings and registered horses not transferred into new ownership.
- (b) Any horse belonging to a member who is not financial may not be shown in any class which is run by the Association or under the jurisdiction of the Association including the Perth Royal.
- (c) Points earned while the owner of the horse is not a financial member of the Association will not count for Merit or Annual Awards.

Awards

- 30 Awards will be set by the Committee as the Association develops.

Futurity Nominations

- 31 Futurities will be established as the association develops.
- (a) 1st Nomination when the mare conceives to be paid before the 1st July the next year.
 - (b) 2nd nomination when Foal Recording before 6 months of age. Then eligible for Weanling Futurity.
 - (c) 3rd Nomination by the 1st August the year the foal turns 1. Then eligible for Yearling Futurity. Then is eligible for futurity class at designated shows.

Show Presentation

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- (a) Plaiting for shows is optional.
 - (b) Dying of the body coat is not permitted.
 - (c) Hooves should be painted their natural colour.
 - (d) Stallions must be shown in bitted suitable head gear for that animal. (exemption Western Breeds)
 - (e) Dress Code—Outdoors—Long sleeve shirt, tie, trousers or slacks, waistcoat or jacket in matching or neutral colours (in hotter weather jackets may be removed if judge isn't wearing a jacket). hat, protective leather footwear. ladies may wear a skirt instead of pants, gloves optional or English or Western attire.
Indoors - short sleeve is accepted.

Categorising and Type for Registration and Judging

- 32
- (a) There is no preferred type or breed and members are encouraged to show a type of horse or pony they prefer. However it is required that the horse or pony be a good representation of the type or breed. There is no height , colour or age bar on eligibility for registration.
 - (b) All horses registered with the Association are to be judged on conformation, temperament and trueness to type.
 - (c) Most horses initially will be split by height and weight in a General category when being registered and judged. The categories will be determined by height and weight (bone) of the horse. This will be done and develop to suit the registry as it grows.
 - (d) Animals displaying a particular type will be categorised accordingly. i.e. Cob, Western, Warmblood etc.
 - (e) Immature horses in the general Registry will be categorised by their estimated mature height.
 - (f) Height certificates may be requested at WASHA run events for mature animals.

Impartiality with selection of judges.

- 33 Impartiality is the key to good judging and it is very difficult for anyone to judge fairly without some bias toward a friend or associate.
- (a) Committee are to make every effort to chose judges for association shows who are impartial in relation to the competitors and horses being exhibited. An association with a judge would include being coached by that person or having purchased the horse being shown from that person.
 - (b) Competitor' s who are friends with or have an association with the judge should divulge that information to the committee ASAP so a new judge can be selected.
 - (c) Unless in an emergency situation the Committee members are not permitted to judge at association shows.
 - (d) If you believe you fall into this category at a show it is up to the competitor to do the right thing. If the judge doesn't know the animal being exhibited then someone not associated with the judge can exhibit that animal.

Judging Panel

- 34 The association will establish and publish a panel/list of judges qualified to judge at WASHA run events.

Other Breed Classes at WASHA run events

- 35 (a) Classes for affiliated Association will be run at WASHA events whenever possible. It is required that the horse be registered with that registry and the registered owner of the horse being shown is a current financial member of the registry.
- (b) Classes for other Breeds/Colour Registries may be include at WASHA run events and it is required that the horse be registered with that Registry but it is not required that the owner be a current financial member of that Registry.

Photos at shows

- 36 Any member has the right to take photo's of horses at shows but no member has the right to sell or distribute those photo's for profit without the express permission of the association. No member can enter the judging ring to take photo's without first getting permission from the Show Secretary and the Official Photographer if one is present.

Regulations of the Association

- 37 The regulations, also known as by laws, themselves are not part of the rules of association that are subject to the Western Australian, Department of Commerce, Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

- (a) the regulations bind every member and the Association to the same extent and upon becoming a member, each member agreed to be bound by all their provisions.

Altering the Regulations

- 38 The Management Committee shall have the power to make, alter and rescind any Regulation or By-Law that it considers necessary for the effective administration of the association, provided that no by-law may be inconsistent with the rules of the association.

 - 39 Ordinary financial members may submit to the Secretary a 'notice of motion' to make, alter and rescind any regulation/by law.
 - (a) Notices of motion submitted by members must be received by the secretary by the end of the financial year.
 - (b) Notices of motion will be tabled at the next Annual General Meeting.

 - 40 No motion, the effect of which, if carried, would alter and rescind any regulation previously passed at any meeting held during the same financial year shall be entertained unless notice of intention to move the same shall be given to the Secretary at least (21) twenty-one days prior to the holding of the meeting at which it is proposed to move such motion.
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