



## CONNEMARA PONY BREEDERS' SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC.

### REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CPBSA Inc

Approved by the Committee of the CPBSA Inc  
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#### THE STUD BOOK

- Regulation 1:** There shall be a CPBSA Studbook which shall have the following objectives:-
- (a) To provide a permanent register of Connemara Ponies in Australia;
  - (b) To encourage the breeding of the Connemara Pony to a recognised and approved standard of excellence and the development and maintenance of the pony as a distinct breed worldwide; and
  - (c) To encourage a system of inspection and classification of ponies to ensure that the development of the standard of excellence as laid down by the CPBS is observed.
- Regulation 2:** The Studbook shall consist of three sections referred to as Classes:
- (a) **Class 1**, being purebred stallions and mares aged two years and over which meet the criteria of Regulation 3 and the following additional criteria:-
    - (i) Measure between 128cm and 148cm; and
    - (ii) Pass visual inspection with three inspectors (stallions) and two inspectors (mares).
  - (b) **Class 2**, being purebred stallions and mares aged two years and over that do not meet the criteria for Class 1 but meet the criteria of Regulation 3 and the following additional criteria:
    - (i) Measure over 128cm but have failed or not been presented for visual inspection;
    - (ii) Are progeny of a Class 3 adult registered mare and a Class 1 adult registered stallion; or
    - (iii) Are blue eyed creams which have satisfied the above criteria.
  - (c) **Class 3**, being ponies that are DNA verified and are:
    - (i) Purebred colts and fillies two years of age and over that fail to pass veterinary inspection or measure less than 128cm;
    - (ii) Purebred geldings; and
    - (iii) Purebred adult ponies which do not satisfy the requirements of Class 1 or Class 2.
- Regulation 3:** Ponies for registration in Class 1 and Class 2 as hereinbefore designated shall meet the following criteria:-
- (a) Are the progeny of ponies registered in Class 1 or Class 2 – subject to Regulation 2(b)(ii);
  - (b) Have passed veterinarian inspection;
  - (c) Have DNA verification; and
  - (d) Have been cream gene tested (colts only).

- Regulation 4:** Connemara ponies imported into Australia which are approved and recognised by a society affiliated with the ICCPS will be entered into the Studbook according to each pony's classification in the Studbook of its origin. Where the Committee is of the opinion that a pony may be suffering a heritable defect it may require such pony to undergo a veterinary and/or visual inspection before registration is permitted.
- Regulation 5:** In relation to ponies exported from Australia, only those which are eligible for Class 1 adult registration and which are the progeny of Class 1 parents shall be approved by the CPBSA for transfer to a member of a Society recognised and approved by the ICCPS.
- Regulation 6:** The Registrar shall designate in a pony's passport the Class in which the pony is registered.
- Regulation 7:**
- (a) Ponies seeking registration in the Studbook shall be of an accepted colour – no Piebald, Skewbald, Appaloosa, Spotted or any other colour not normally found in Connemara Ponies shall be accepted. This prohibition applies to any foal of those colours at the time of birth even if subsequently turns grey.
  - (b) Requests for registration of purebred progeny:
    - (i) from accidental matings of registered purebred ponies;
    - (ii) from a purebred pony not registered at the time of conception;
    - (iii) where the purebred mare is not listed on a Registered Stallion Return under Regulation 17may upon the provision of scientific and/or other evidence as required by the Committee be accepted at the discretion of the Committee. A non-refundable fee as prescribed must be included at the time of application.

Number 8 left for future Regulations.

- Regulation 9:** Only those who are full members of the Society may register or foal record Connemara ponies.
- Regulation 10:** No pony that is sold or leased to a non-member can have its progeny registered in the Studbook unless the new owner or lessee is a full member of the Society.
- Regulation 11:** Applications for foal recording of the progeny of a registered mare are accepted only from the owner (or lessee) of that registered mare. If the mare is sold, no registration shall be accepted from the new owner (or lessee), if not a member of the Society, until that owner (or lessee) has become a member and the transfer of ownership has been recorded by the Society.

#### **STUD PREFIX BRANDS AND MICROCHIPS**

- Regulation 12:** Application for recording of prefix, brand or microchip shall be made by completing the required forms and forwarding them with the appropriate fees to the Registrar.
- Regulation 13:** The Committee may reject any brand or prefix because it has previously been registered by another breeder, or for any other reason.

- Regulation 14:** Any breeder who wishes to foal register purebred ponies must use a Stud Prefix and brand or microchip approved and recorded with the Society. No foals may be recorded with a suffix. Foal recording slips shall be completed and include all details required by these regulations.
- Regulation 15:**
- (a) All foals shall be branded or micro-chipped within 12 months of foaling or before sale. All stock and stud brands shall be lawfully registered in accordance with state laws with a brands authority and must be used only in accordance with regulations laid down by that authority.
  - (b) The registered brand is usually placed on the near shoulder and (except in Queensland) the breeding number over the year number on the off shoulder. In Queensland the breeding number is placed directly below the registered brand and the year number directly below the breeding number.
  - (c) The breeding number is the numeral, in order of the birth of each foal for each branding year i.e. the first foal born is branded "1", the second "2" and so on. The year number is the last numeral of the calendar year which commenced the breeding year during which the foal was born i.e. foals born from 1st August 2008 to 31st July 2009 inclusive are year numbered "8".
- Regulation 16:** In the event of a breeder not having his/her own registered brand and prefix, the Society may recognise any lawfully registered brand and prefix. Another breeder may use that owner's brand and prefix, providing he has the written approval of the owner of the brand and prefix. The owner of the brand and prefix must ensure that the breeding number follows in sequence those numbers placed on earlier foals (when in combination with that particular brand and year number) to ensure that no two foals born in the same year carry the same combination of brand and numerals.

### STALLION RETURNS

- Regulation 17:**
- (a) A complete list of mares that have visited a registered stallion, with particulars of first and last possible date of serving each mare, whether they be paddock served or hand served, shall be recorded on the appropriate form in duplicate and be returned to the Registrar, with the prescribed fee, before July 31st following the relevant season. The form must be completed by the stallion owner or lessee.
  - (b) Subject to sub-regulation (c), if a mare's name is not included on a Registered Stallion Return that mare may not be included at a future date, and the progeny will not be accepted for inclusion into the Studbook.
  - (c) The Committee may in its absolute discretion upon scientific and/or other evidence waive compliance with regulation 17(b) hereof and permit the inclusion of a mare's name at a future date provided that a further amended stallion return is submitted. A fee as prescribed will be levied with the application for recording of progeny.
- Regulation 18:** Stallion Returns will not be accepted after July 31, except at the discretion of the Committee and subject to a fine as prescribed

## **BIRTH NOTIFICATION OF FOALS**

- Regulation 19:** Notification of the birth of a foal on the appropriate form shall be sent to the Registrar with the prescribed fee within 180 days of the foal's birth. A full and accurate description of the foal shall be given, and all markings, hair whorls, brands (including proposed brands) shall be shown on the diagram. Where it is proposed to have the pony micro-chipped, that proposal shall be stated in the notification form.
- Regulation 20:** The Birth Notification Form shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Service signed by the owner of the stallion specifying the name and registration number of the stallion and the dates of service, or if paddock served, the dates defining the period the mare ran with the stallion. No service certificate is necessary when the owner of the mare is also the owner of the stallion.
- Regulation 21:** No foal shall be recorded unless the relevant service date for its dam appears on the Stallion Return in accordance with Regulation 17(a) hereof.

## **PASSPORTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF ADULT PUREBRED PONIES**

- Regulation 22:**
- (a) When a purebred colt, filly or gelding reaches the age of 2 years, application may be made for registration in the Studbook.
  - (b) Upon registration each pony shall be allotted a passport which shall consist of the following documents:
    - (i) Document of Identification
    - (ii) Description of Pony
    - (iii) List of breeders, owners and lessees
    - (iv) Customs Visa
    - (v) Tests
    - (vi) Medication Control
    - (vii) Breeding History
    - (viii) Vaccination Record
- and such further or other documents as the committee may prescribe from time to time.
- (c) The Registrar shall issue the passport. No other registration papers shall be issued. If applying for change of status the passport must be forwarded to the Registrar.
  - (d) Owners/lessees shall hold passports while ponies are in their control and shall update the information contained therein, if necessary, at the beginning of each breeding season.
  - (e) Owners/lessees shall hold passports as trustees for the Society and shall, on change of ownership or lease, return them to the Registrar of the Society for transfer.
  - (f) The fees charged for a passport shall be such sum as the committee shall from time to time prescribe.

**Regulation 23: Applications for Inspection of Ponies**

- (a) Applications shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by a Veterinary certification on the Society's Certificate of Suitability form stating that the pony is free from hereditary unsoundness. The application should also contain photographic proof of branding of the pony or appropriate notification on the veterinary certificate that branding has occurred. Inspection will not proceed unless satisfactory Veterinary certification is received.
- (b) Applications for inspections shall be lodged with the Registrar accompanied by the fees and required documentation. The Registrar shall notify the State representative of the application. State representative shall arrange an inspection date and venue to suit all parties.
- (c) Unless otherwise agreed applicants shall be given not less than twenty-one days notice of the date, time and venue of the inspection.
- (d) When an applicant is unable to attend the designated inspection date/time/venue as planned the applicant shall notify the Registrar and request an inspection date suitable to all parties. Sub clause (f) will apply in these cases.
- (e) Inspectors for an inspection shall be appointed by the Registrar or State representative who shall arrange for their attendance.
- (f) If fewer than three ponies are presented for an inspection the applicant/s may be required to bear a proportion of the inspectors' travelling expenses.

**INSPECTION OF PUREBRED COLTS**

- Regulation 24:**
- (a) At the time of application a colt must be at least 2 years old, must have both parents registered in the Studbook or in a Studbook referred to in Regulation 4, and have been duly foal recorded.
  - (b) An application for inspection shall be on the prescribed form, accompanied by a Certificate of Suitability, DNA verification, birth notification certificate and the prescribed fee.
  - (c) Provided the owner makes application to the Registrar for registration with the prescribed fees within 28 days of final inspection papers being received and if the colt is accepted by the panel of inspectors and meets the requirements for registration in Class 1, the colt will be registered in Class 1 of the Studbook.
  - (d) If the colt fails to meet the requirements for Class 1 it will be registered in Class 2.
  - (e) The owner may re-apply for inspection without a further inspection fee on one further occasion within two years, and may apply for a further inspection upon payment of such further fees as the committee may prescribe.

**INSPECTION OF PUREBRED FILLIES**

- Regulation 25:** The requirements of Regulation 24 apply with appropriate modifications to applications for inspection of purebred fillies.

**Regulation 26: (1) Inspections**

- (a) Three inspectors shall perform the inspection of colts and two shall perform the inspection of fillies.
- (b) Inspectors shall submit the completed score sheets to the State representative, or nominated Society representative. The owners will be notified of the results as soon as possible.
- (c) The State representative shall forward the completed score sheets to the Registrar who shall within 14 days notify the applicant in writing of results, together with a photocopy of score sheets and instructions for adult registration.
- (d) Where owner applies under Regulation 24(e) the owner may request different inspectors. The Registrar or State representative shall where possible appoint one or more different inspectors.

**(2) Travelling Expenses**

- (a) The Committee may from time to time set reasonable travelling reimbursement for inspectors.
- (b) Inspectors shall submit invoices to the Registrar after the inspection and the Registrar shall pay the same if reasonable within twenty-one days of receipt of invoices.

**Regulation 27: Inspectors – Appointments and Qualifications**

- (a) The Committee shall appoint inspectors to undertake the inspection of ponies seeking registration in the Studbook.
- (b) Inspectors shall have such qualifications and experience as the Committee shall prescribe, including substantial experience in the breeding and/or showing and judging of horses and ponies including Connemara ponies and recognition in the State in which such inspectors are appointed as being knowledgeable and experienced with Connemara Ponies. Applicants shall submit curricula vitae to the Committee for consideration. These shall be circulated via the newsletter.
- (c) Appointments shall be for such period as the Committee and the inspector agree. On appointment an inspector shall, if not a member of the Society, become an honorary member thereof.
- (d) An inspector may resign on giving 30 days notice in writing to the Registrar.
- (e) The Committee may cancel an inspector's appointment at any time on giving the inspector fourteen days notice in writing of such cancellation, and if requested, shall give reasons for such cancellation in writing within twenty-one days of a written request from the inspector for such reasons.
- (f) Inspectors shall serve a probationary period and attend at least one inspection with qualified inspectors and at that inspection shall complete an inspection score sheet and submit it to the State representative who will forward the document to the Registrar for the information of the Committee.

## **ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION**

### **Regulation 28: (1) Introduction**

- (a) In these Regulations the following terms shall have the following meanings, namely:
- (i) Artificial breeding: the begetting of a foal by any means other than direct natural insemination of a mare by a stallion and includes embryo transfer or transplanting;
  - (ii) Artificial breeding technician: a person approved pursuant to the Animal Health Regulations of any State or Territory of the Commonwealth as such technician (the term includes a veterinary surgeon so approved).
  - (iii) Artificial insemination: the artificial implantation by an artificial breeding technician of a mare with semen from a stallion and all activities associated with that procedure;
  - (iv) Artificial Insemination Return: a written statement in Form 3 of the schedule to these regulations of the occasions of the use of artificial insemination in a breeding season which shall be submitted before 31 July immediately following the relevant season.
  - (v) Embryo: an organism grown from the ovum of a purebred registered mare and the sperm of a purebred registered stallion and in existence for a period of not less than seven weeks.
  - (vi) Embryo transfer: the removal of an embryo from a purebred registered mare for transplanting into another mare.
- (b) Connemara ponies conceived by artificial insemination or embryo transfer in compliance with these regulations shall be eligible for registration.
- (c) No pony conceived through artificial insemination or embryo transfer may be registered unless Regulation 28 has been complied with.

### **(2) Applications**

- (a) All applications for AI approval or embryo transfer under Regulation 28 shall be processed by the Registrar without undue delay and the stallion owner or mare owner notified accordingly on payment of the prescribed fee.
- (b) Applications for such approval shall be in Form 1 of the schedule to these regulations.
- (c) The approval shall be in Form 2 of the said schedule and shall be forwarded by the Registrar to the financial member within 30 days of receipt by the Registrar of the said application.
- (d) No person shall commence breeding by artificial insemination or embryo transfer until such approval has been obtained.
- (e) The Committee may refuse any application without providing reasons for that decision.

**(3) Requirements for the Stallion and Stallion Owner**

- (a) No stallion may be used for artificial breeding unless an approval for use of that stallion has first been obtained from the Registrar and that stallion is registered in the CPBSA Studbook.
- (b) Such approval shall remain in force whilst the owner remains a full financial member of the CPBSA and the stallion remains in that member's ownership.
- (c) No assignment of approval shall be recognised by the Committee and where ownership of the stallion is transferred a new approval in the name of the transferee shall be necessary.
- (d) The owner of a stallion so approved shall submit an artificial insemination return in Form 3 annually before 31 July which immediately follows the relevant season and shall pay the prescribed fee.
- (e) Within 14 days of the receipt of the said return duly completed in accordance with these regulations the owner of the stallion shall forward a Certificate of Service in Form 5 of the said schedule to the owner of the mare.
- (f) Upon the sale or death of a stallion, the semen retained by the former owner may be used with mares owned by that previous owner, or sold for use with mares of other owners, but, subject to compliance in all respects with these Regulations.

**(4) Requirements for Mare Owner**

- (a) No mare shall be artificially inseminated otherwise than with the stallion owner's consent upon a request for semen as hereinafter set out.
- (b) The request shall be in writing, in Form 6 and shall designate the mare for which the semen is intended. A mare owner wishing to use semen upon a different mare shall, prior to using the semen, obtain the stallion owner's approval for such use.
- (c) Unless prior approval for its use with another mare from the stallion owner is obtained, semen shall be used only for the mare designated in the request for semen.
- (d) The owner of a mare impregnated by artificial insemination shall submit particulars in Form 4 of these regulations of the inseminations performed to the Registrar (together with the prescribed fee) and the stallion owner within 90 days of the date of the last insemination.
- (e) The Committee may require DNA verification on application for registration of a foal begotten by artificial insemination or embryo transfer.

**(5) Obligations of Artificial Breeding Technicians**

- (a) For the purpose of these regulations no person other than an artificial breeding technician shall engage in artificial insemination, the collection of semen from a registered stallion or embryo transferring.
- (b) All artificial insemination, collection of semen and/or embryo transfer shall be conducted in accordance with the Animal Health Regulations of the State or Territory of the Commonwealth in which such artificial insemination, collection of semen and/or embryo transfer is being conducted.
- (c) An approved artificial breeding technician shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of artificial insemination, the collection of semen from a registered stallion and/or embryo transfer.

**(6) Overseas Collection**

- (a) Progeny from semen of a stallion located outside Australia and registered in a class equivalent to Class 1 of the CPBSA Studbook shall not be registered in the Studbook unless the stallion is registered with a society recognised by the ICCPS.
- (b) A financial member seeking registration for a foal conceived by artificial insemination from a stallion located outside Australia or embryo transfer of an overseas mare shall provide DNA verification of the stallion and/or mare.
- (c) Semen from an approved stallion intended for a mare located outside Australia shall be accompanied by a certificate in writing from the breeding technician that the requirements of the relevant Animal Health Regulations in so far as they relate to the collection of semen by the said breeding technician have been observed.

**(7) General**

- (a) Artificial insemination, the collection of semen from a registered stallion and/or embryo transfer, shall be carried out in accordance with the Animal Health Regulations of the State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia in which the artificial insemination, collection and/or embryo transfer is undertaken.
- (b) Foals conceived by artificial insemination or embryo transfer shall, on adult registration, be registered in the Class for which they qualify.
- (c) One foal from an embryo transfer from a nominated mare may be registered each year (except in the case of twins).
- (d) The resultant foal of a transfer shall have its pedigree verified by approved DNA verification and such other testing as the Committee may deem necessary at the expense of the applicant for artificial breeding.
- (e) An embryo may be transported from the premises where the donor mare is located at the time of its removal from that mare for use in a recipient mare at another location.

- (f) Progeny resulting from stored embryos or eggs will be eligible for registration provided the other provisions of these Regulations are complied with.
- (g) A foal produced by embryo transfer shall have that fact noted in its passport on registration.
- (h) The Committee may appoint a person to inspect the premises and procedures of any member using or intending to use artificial breeding procedures.
- (i) All semen or embryos shall be stored and distributed from a centre licensed by the relevant State Department of Agriculture for that purpose.
- (j) The importation of semen or embryos shall be approved by the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service and unless so approved shall not be used in artificial breeding pursuant to these regulations.
- (k) Collections of semen or embryos in Australia shall be done at licensed centres by licensed veterinarians who shall be responsible for processing, packing, identification and freezing of straws. Such veterinarians shall be responsible for all aspects of hygiene and health of animals associated with collections in accordance with the standards required by the Department of Agriculture for the State in which the collections take place.
- (l) Where semen is from a stallion located outside Australia, the reference to the 'owner of the stallion' will include the owner in Australia of the imported semen and/or the agent in Australia of the stallion's owner. Evidence of the ownership/agency shall be provided to the Registrar as soon as possible after the arrival of the semen in Australia.

### **REGISTRATION OF PUREBRED GELDINGS**

**Regulation 29:** Purebred geldings with both parents registered in the Studbook, shall be recorded in Class 3 upon application on the prescribed form, with the prescribed fee, and be accompanied by a birth notification certificate.

### **RECORDING OF LEASES AND TRANSFERS**

**Regulation 30:** The transfer fee is the responsibility of the vendor/lessor. The Society is the owner of registration papers of registered purebred stallions and mares and where such papers are in the possession of a member he/ she is trustee of those papers for the Society. The vendor/lessor must on the sale/lease of a pony return the registration papers, along with the transfer fee, to the Society by post addressed to the Registrar within 30 days of that event.

**Regulation 31:**

- (a) The registration papers of a purebred stallion or mare will remain in the possession of the CPBSA until the new owner is a financial member of the CPBSA.
- (b) Where a purchaser of a purebred gelding or pony recorded in Class 3 is not a member of the Society as required in Regulation 30(a), the vendor will register the transfer and pay the transfer fee. The papers will be sent to the new owner who will receive 4 issues of the newsletter together with an invitation to take out full or associate membership. The relevant State representative will take every step to ensure that full or associate membership is taken out for future years.

- Regulation 32:** Members shall notify the Registrar within 30 days of the deaths of purebred stallions and mares owned/leased by them and shall return the registration papers of such ponies by post addressed to the Registrar within a similar period. If requested the Registrar may return the registration papers of dead ponies after the death has been recorded in the Studbook.
- Regulation 33:** The owner of a registered stallion shall notify the Registrar immediately the stallion is castrated, whereupon that pony will be recorded as a gelding in Class 3 of the Studbook without charge.
- Regulation 34:** Regulations shall take effect 30 days after publication in the Newsletter unless the Committee shall otherwise decide.
- Note Numbers 35-42 left for future Regulations.
- Regulation 43:** Leases and sales shall be recorded with the Society within 30 days of the contract.
- Regulation 44:** The Purchased ponies, not adult registered may be recorded by the Society on the foal record until such time as Adult Registration is completed.
- Note Number 45 left for future Regulation.
- Regulation 46:** Progeny of leased mares or stallions are not eligible for the Studbook unless the lease is recorded with the Registrar.
- Regulation 47:** Lessees must be full members of the Society and abide by its rules (especially in regard to Stallion Returns and registration of progeny) for the progeny to be eligible for registration.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- Regulation 48:** In these Regulations and the Constitution the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender and the feminine gender shall include the masculine gender.
- Regulation 49:** In any nomination for the position of Committee Member or for any other position, the nominee must attach to the nomination form documentation supporting the nominee's suitability for that position, the reasons for nominating for the position and any other details that the nomination may require.
- Regulation 50:** The Committee may in its absolute discretion in any particular case waive compliance with any of these regulations and thereafter the matter shall be treated as if the said regulation(s) has/have been complied with in all respects.
- Regulation 51:** Only ponies registered in the CPBSA studbook will be eligible for entry into the led stallion and mare classes of agricultural and breed shows recognised by the CPBSA.

### **ACTIVITY GROUPS:**

Activity Groups may operate with the approval of the Connemara Pony Breeders' Society of Australia Incorporated and under its name.

- Regulation 52:** No Group may be formed without the approval of the Committee of the CPBSA Inc. and all Members of the Activity Group must be encouraged to be Members of the CPBSA Inc. Non Society members shall be charged a levy of \$10 per member per year, this fee to be paid to the parent society by the Action Group.

- Regulation 53:** The Group shall not at any time act in a way that is detrimental to the Connemara breed or to the CPBSA Inc.
- Regulation 54:** The Group shall abide by the Constitution and the Stud Book Regulations of the CPBSA Inc
- Regulation 55:** The Groups shall be self funding after the initial grant of \$200 from the Society and may charge membership or raise money by some other means to cover operational costs.
- Regulation 56:** The Society will take out Insurance Cover against legal liability for negligence in respect of Connemara Pony Breeder's Society of Australia Inc.  
Extensions:
- (a) Liability in respect of groups throughout Australia.
  - (b) Goods sold
  - (c) Hoists, cranes and unregistered vehicles.
  - (d) Member to Member liability.

Note Numbers 57-65 left for future Regulations.

- Regulation 66:** The Committee may call upon a Group to organise a function of general interest to the Society as a whole (e.g. a Field Day for an overseas visitor) and for this purpose the Society may provide funds to assist the running of such a day. However the CPBSA Inc will in no way be held responsible for funding any activity which has not been requested by the Committee.
- Regulation 67:** By the 1st September each year Activity Groups shall present a list of Office Bearers, Members, an Annual Report and a Financial Statement to the Secretary of the Society.
- Number 68 left for future Regulations.
- Regulation 69:** An Activity group has as its objective the promotion of the Connemara Pony but does not have the authority to act on Policy, Administration or like matters. All matters relating to Policy, Administration and Regulations shall be referred to the Secretary of the Society for attention by the Committee.
- Regulation 70:** A copy of any Newsletter or promotional article published by an Activity Group shall be sent to the Secretary, President and Vice-President of the society for the information of those office bearers.