

RULES & REGULATIONS

1- ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for entry into the IR Stud Book the horse must:

- Be the product of a mating between a sire and dam both of which being recorded in a Thoroughbred Stud Book approved by the International Stud Book Committee.
- The pedigree of the horse must demonstrates eight recorded crosses consecutively including the cross of which it is the progeny, and if the case presents itself for a promotion to Thoroughbred status, it should unanimously be approved by the International Stud Book Committee.

2- REGISTRATION FOR BREEDING:

Before any Thoroughbred stallion or mare can be registered in the SBAIR as breeding stock the animal's identity must be established as follow:

- a) The completion of a registration form issued by the SBAIR, recording the animal registered name, colour, age, pedigree, present owner and previous history so far as known.
- b) The provision of current markings of the animal, taken by a veterinary surgeon or authorized agents from the SBAIR.
- c) The establishment of a DNA profile or blood type of the animal.

In the case of all animals which have been imported, an Export Certificate identifying the animal, and issued by the Stud Book Authority of the animal's country of birth, must be received from the country of export.

It is a condition of import that the horse's DNA profile or blood type, as taken at initial registration, is provided by that horse's country of origin and sent directly to the SBAIR.

3- GENERAL TERMS TO PRODUCE AN ELIGIBLE FOAL

A foal is eligible to be recorded in an approved Thoroughbred Stud Book only if the following conditions are met:

- A- The Thoroughbred must be the result of a Stallion's mating with a Mare which is the physical mounting of a Mare by a Stallion with intromission of the penis and ejaculation of semen into the reproductive tract.
- B- A natural gestation must take place in, and delivery must be from, the body of the same Mare in which the Foal was conceived.

Any Foal resulting from or produced by the processes of Artificial Insemination, Embryo Transfer or Transplant, Cloning or any other form of genetic manipulation not herein specified, shall not be eligible for recording in a Thoroughbred Stud Book approved by the International Stud Book Committee.

C- No foal conceived by artificial insemination can be recorded in a Stud Book.

D- Modification of the heritable genome of a prospective or registered Thoroughbred, during its conception, gestation or at any stage thereafter in its existence, will result in that horse forfeiting its status as a Thoroughbred.

4- FOAL REGISTRATION

In order for a foal to be eligible for foal registration it must meet the following criteria:

- a) It is the product of a natural service or covering as set out in section 3.
- b) Its sire and dam have also been registered with the SBAIR as set out in Section 2.
- c) It has been foaled in the Islamic Republic of Iran & all bred horses will be one year older on 1st January of any year.
- d) It adheres to genetic rules governing coat colour.
- e) The gestation period of its dam is within generally accepted limits (10-12months).
- f) For the avoidance of any doubt, both the details of the mating and the details of the foaling must be provided to the Stud Book Authority in order for the foal to be registered.

In order to complete a foal registration, the following information must be submitted, preferably in the year of foaling:

- (To be submitted by the owner/breeder)

- 1) Foal Registration Application Form containing the following information:
 - name of sire, name of dam, exact date of birth, colour, sex, name and address of owner, name & address of breeder of the foal who is the owner(s) of the mare at the time of foaling, country of foaling.

- 2) Mare Status\Return Form containing the following information:
mare name, parentage, covering stallion name, mare status, live foal notification, date of birth, sex, colour, twins, barren, slipped, dead at birth, died since birth, not covered, covered by non-thoroughbred stallion.

The following form should be completed for every mare, each season.

In the event of no live produce the official Foaling Report must still be completed indicating whether the broodmare was barren, aborted early or slipped, or that the produce was born dead or has died. A return should also be lodged if the mare was not covered in the previous season. Failure to report this information will result in the term "No Return" appearing on the broodmare's produce line for that year in the SBAIR. The owner should also notify the SBAIR if the broodmare has died.

3) Stallion Covering Certificate

The SBAIR issues Covering Certificates to every Stallion owner.

Stallion owners are required to:

- a) Enter on the Certificate details of the covered broodmares with all required information and declarations. In particular, if a broodmare is covered by more than one stallion, a separate certificate must be completed for each stallion.
- b) Issue a Covering Certificate to the Owner of each mare covered by their stallion.
- c) Return to the SBAIR the completed counterfoils and remaining Covering Certificates by the **30th September** in the year of covering.
- d) Certify that the mating was a natural covering and did not involve the process of artificial insemination, embryo transfer or transplant, cloning or any other form of genetic manipulation.

If a Stallion Owner does not follow these instructions, and in particular if they do not return completed counterfoils to the SBAIR, the stallion cannot be registered for following seasons

Note: In the case of a mare covered outside the I.R of Iran, an official Covering Certificate must be received from the SBA of the country in which the mare was covered.

- 4) Registration fee.
Payment of the relevant foal registration fee.

- To be completed by the officials of the SBAIR or Authorized agents.

- a) Foal Identification / Markings Certificate – to include a detailed narrative description of permanent and acquired identifying markings & a graphic description and where necessary, the broodmare and stallion, each taken by a certified veterinarian or Authorized agent.

b) Hair sample or blood sample for the purpose of parentage testing & DNA type. DNA or blood samples from the Foal, and where necessary, the broodmare and stallion, each taken by a certified veterinarian or SBAIR officials, to confirm that the mare and stallion qualify as the parents of the foal by DNA or blood typing.

DNA and blood type information is not made public but is supplied on demand when a horse is exported to the Stud Book Authority (SBA) of the importing country. All DNA and blood type details of all horses are kept confidential by Islamic Republic of Iran Thoroughbred Stud Book and not divulged except to other Stud Book Authorities.

- c) Microchip implantation (All foals born after 1st January 2003 must have a microchip inserted for identification purposes).

A microchip approved by the Iranian Stud Book must be inserted subcutaneously in the nuchal ligament in the left or near side of the foal, approximately 2 inches (5cm) below the mane, by a veterinarian or authorized official approved by the SBAIR.

Produce which are three (3) years old or older at the time of registration with late mare return & late covering certificate will be on a case by case basis and will be subject to a late registration fee.

d) Life number

All registered foals are issued with a unique international identification number (LIFE NUMBER) at the time of registration. This number is comprised of three digits identifying the country code and three characters prefix to identify the country of birth (IRN), followed by 9 numeric digits (registration number & year of birth).

5. IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT – PASSPORT

A Passport is issued in respect of each horse registered in the SBAIR. The passport is the basic identifying document of the animal for which it is issued. This document shows descriptive particulars registered in respect of the animal including details of the breeder, the owner, the microchip number as an aid to identification, a vaccination record and details of all export/import movements.

The passport is not a certificate of ownership and does not convey legal title of the horse to the holder.

The passport remains the property of the SBAIR and must be returned to the SBAIR on demand. The SBAIR officially endorses the appropriate section of a stallion or broodmares passport to confirm that they are registered as breeding stock.

All entries and changes to a passport can be only made by a person so authorized by the SBAIR or the I.R. of Iran Equestrian Federation who confirms the amendment with a signature and rubber stamp.

Registered broodmares can only be covered after the broodmare's owner shows the broodmare's passport to the stallion's owner.

The stallion owner must check the broodmare identity which he confirms with his signature on the Certificate of Covering.

Whenever a broodmare or stallion changes hands the passport must be returned to the SBAIR for endorsement with the details of new owner.

The SBAIR should be advised if a horse has acquired new markings.

In the case of a passport being lost or mislaid the owner of the horse must submit a letter confirming the facts. The SBAIR will issue the owner with a duplicate.

6- OWNERSHIP

For every stallion or mare registered as breeding stock the name and address of the animal's owner must be lodged with the SBAIR.

This requirement is necessary for the purpose of administration and in the case of a Broodmare for the recording of the breeder of the foal. It should not be construed that the records maintained by the Iranian Stud Book give the applicant legal title over the horse.

For the purpose of these Conditions of Entry ***the breeder is the person or entity who has been recorded as above as being the owner of the mare at the time that her foal was dropped.***

Owners of breeding stock are obliged to contact the SBAIR to prove details of any changes of ownership.

7- NAMING

All Thoroughbred horses that have been foaled in Iran must have their name registered & recorded with the SBAIR. The suffix (IRN) is part of the name of any registered thoroughbred horse foaled in Iran.

Applications for the naming of any foreign bred horse must be submitted to SBAIR who will apply to the Racing Authority of the horse's country of birth for the availability of the name.

When naming a horse the following Rules in compliance with the International Agreement on Racing and Breeding will apply:

- (a) It is not permitted to use the names of stallions, which have been used for covering, until a period of 15 years has elapsed since their death or last recorded covering year or 35 years of age have been attained (whichever is the soonest).
- (b) It is not permitted to use the names of mares, which have been used for covering until a period of 10 years has elapsed since their death or last recorded covering year or 25 years of age has been attained (whichever is the soonest).
- (c) Names cannot be used that are on the International List of Protected Names; this includes the names of famous stallions and mares and of the best racehorses of the countries participating in the agreement.
- (d) Names cannot be more than 18 characters (including signs and spaces).
- (e) It is not permitted to use the name of a public person, unless permission is given by them or their family.
- (f) It is not permitted to use a name whose spelling and pronunciation is close to a name already registered.
- (g) It is not permitted to use names followed by numbers.
- (h) It is not permitted to use names made up of initials, figures, hyphens, full stops, commas, signs, exclamation marks, inverted commas, forward or back slash, colon and semi-colon.
- (i) It is not permitted to use names whose meaning, pronunciation or spelling may be insulting or obscene.
- (j) It is not permitted to use a name which starts with any sign other than a letter.

8. IMPORTS/EXPORTS

a) Imported horses

It is the responsibility of each owner/breeder or their representative to notify SBAIR every time a horse arrives at their stable/farm and to state from where the horse arrived.

b) Exported horses.

It is the responsibility of each owner/breeder or their representative to notify SBAIR every time a horse departs from their stable/farm and to inform SBAIR as to the destination, preferably before departure.

The SBAIR requires the receipt of a horse's passport prior to export for endorsement. Also, if the horse is to be exported for a period of greater than nine months then an application for the issue of an Export Certificate along with a current identity certificate of the horse is also required.

The passport should accompany the horse when it travels, after it has been endorsed by SBAIR. If the horse does not travel after the passport has been endorsed, then it must be returned to the SBAIR for cancellation of endorsement.

c) All DNA and blood type details of all horses are kept confidential by the Iranian Thoroughbred Stud Book and not divulged except to other Stud Book Authorities

9. **PUBLICATIONS**

The Iranian Stud Book is published in full every 2 years with the Return of Mares supplements published annually.

