

# **RULES MADE BY THE TRAKEHNER BREEDERS' FRATERNITY**

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## **1 - DEFINITION OF A TRAKEHNER HORSE**

- 1.1 A Trakehner horse is bred from:
- two pure bred Trakehner horses both of whom are Graded and Registered for breeding with the Trakehner Verband or one of its associated (approved) bodies.
  - one pure bred Trakehner, accepted for breeding as above, and one pure bred Registered Arab, Anglo Arab or Thoroughbred approved for breeding by the Trakehner Verband or its associated (approved) bodies.
- 1.2 All Trakehner stallions must be Performance Tested within 2 or 3 years of Grading. All pure bred foals sired by stallions, between the stallion's Grading and Performance testing, will be accepted for registration regardless of the outcome of the Performance Testing.
- 1.3 The above describes 'Main Stud Book Pure Bred Trakehners'. Provision is also made within these rules for the registration of Trakehner horses into the Stud Book, Preliminary Register, and for the recognition and registration of Part-bred Trakehners

## **2. GENERAL RULES RELATING TO STUD BOOKS AND REGISTERS**

### **2.1. Interpretation**

Trakehner means a horse registered with the Trakehner Verband or one of contracted associate organisations in the Main Studbook or Studbook.

Thoroughbred means a horse registered with Wetherby's and covered by valid papers.

Arab, Anglo Arab means a horse registered with the Arab Horse Society and covered by relevant valid papers.

"Graded" or "selected" refers to the process of examination and marking carried out by an official committee of the TBF under contract with the Verband.

"Main Stud Book"; "Stud Book"; Preliminary Register" and "Part Bred Register" all have the meanings given to them within these rules.

The "Full Trakehner Brand" is as shown below:



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The "Half Brand" is as shown below:



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The "Registration Brand" is as shown below



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## 2.2. Stud Books and Registers

The Stud books and Registers are as follows:

- Main Stud Book containing stock as defined by these rules, divided into Breeding Stock and non-breeding stock.
- Stud Book containing details of stock as defined in these rules, divided into Breeding Stock and non-breeding stock.
- Preliminary Register of horses which do not qualify for the stud book or main stud book, but which have the qualifications set out in these rules.
- Part Bred Register for those horses which have at least 25% blood of Trakehner origin.

## 2.3. Eligibility

2.3.1 The following horses shall be eligible for registration in the **Main Studbook**:

*Trakehners* whose dams are registered in the Main Studbook or Studbook with the TBF as selected or graded breeding stock **and** whose sire is a stallion graded with the Trakehner Verband or associate societies

*Thoroughbred, Anglo Arab and Arab horses* who have been graded by a Grading Commission.

*Any horse* graded by a Grading Commission of the Trakehner Verband, or one of the recognised 'daughter societies' as Main Stud Book Breeding Stock will be entered as such into the TBF Main Stud Book

2.3.2 The following shall be eligible for entry into the **Stud Book**:

*Trakehners* whose dam is registered in the main studbook, studbook or the preliminary register of the TBF, **and** whose sire and the sire of their mothers and grandmothers are stallions who graded with the Trakehner Verband or their associate societies.

*Thoroughbred, Anglo Arab and Arab mares* who achieve marks at their grading with a minimum average score of 6 and no single mark below 5.

*Progeny* of Stud Book mares, by Graded Stallions

2.3.3 The following shall be eligible for entry into the **Preliminary Register**:

Trakehner mares, Thoroughbred, Anglo Arab and Arab mares, as well as their crossbreeds who cannot enter into one of the above mentioned studbooks.

2.3.4 The following shall be eligible for entry into the **Part Bred Register**:

Any horse with at least 25% blood of Trakehner origin.

## **2.4 Breeders' Prefixes**

- 2.4.1** After 12th October 2002 (the date of this rule). the only prefixes that will be recorded within the stud books and registers of the TBF are those which have been requested from the breeder of the horse concerned, and the prefix concerned must be one which has been registered in the registrant's name with the Prefix Register.
- 2.4.2** After registration of the horse's name, including a breeder's prefix, neither the prefix, or the name, can be changed without the agreement in writing of the breeder *and* the Registrar, and on payment of the fees then in force.
- 2.4.3** Should an owner request the change of a name and/or prefix, and the breeder concerned is unavailable or unwilling for whatever reason to exercise his or her discretion on the matter, then the Committee may decide the case on its merits. In such cases the Committee will be guided by matters relating to breed development, and not those of a commercial nature, and its decision will be final.
- 2.4.4** The registered name and prefix of a horse, as it appears within the stud books and registers of the TBF, will be that which is used on all official documentation, show entries and catalogues and any like publication. This does not preclude the use of other designations in other competition spheres, or commercial transactions not associated with the TBF. Designations registered before the making of this Rule remain unaffected.

## **3. RULES RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF STALLIONS & PERFORMANCE TESTING**

### **3.1 Definitions and Preamble**

- 3.1.1** For the purpose of this rule, 'grading' means the selection of a stallion for the purpose of breeding within the Trakehner breed, and the entry of the progeny into the relevant stud book or register, according to the rules of the TBF, and entirely in accordance with the Contract with the Trakehner Verband, and the Memorandum and Articles of the TBF.
- 3.1.2** The definitions of Trakehner, Arab, Anglo-Arab and Thoroughbred in Rule 2, apply.
- 3.1.3** The age of a horse in the Trakehner breed shall be calculated from its birth.
- 3.1.4** NaStA means the National Stallion Association
- 3.1.5** 'Other approved Performance Test' includes any test carried out under German Law and approved by the Trakehner Verband.

### **3.2 Eligibility**

- 3.2.1** The following horses may be presented for selection:
- Trakehner colt of at least two years of age, branded with an approved Trakehner brand, and registered in the Main Stud Book. A colt must achieve at least 49 marks out of 70 to be considered by the Grading Commission for entry into the Breeding Section of the Main Stud Book.
  - Thoroughbred, Arab or Anglo Arab colt of at least two years of age which satisfies the Committee in accordance with the following conditions:
    - a) Any stallion approved should consolidate and develop the characteristics of the Trakehner herd.
    - b) If four or more years old the potential stallion must pass the Performance test at Class II before being able to be presented for grading.

### **3.3 Performance Testing**

- 3.3.1 A stallion selected for breeding at the grading must be presented for the NaStA or other Approved Performance Test within two years of being graded. If the stallion is not presented for the Performance Test within two years its approval for breeding will be withdrawn and all members of the TBF will be notified. If the stallion fails at the Performance Test its approval for breeding will automatically be withdrawn and members of the TBF notified accordingly.
- 3.3.2 If for reason of ill health or injury a stallion is unable to be presented for the Performance Test, full details must be provided to the TBF Committee as soon as practicable. Any failure to present such a case within a reasonable time before the due date of the Performance Test will automatically invoke rule 3.3.1.
- 3.3.3 On receipt of an injury or ill health report the TBF Committee may take such Veterinary advice it deems appropriate, and call for further examinations at the owner's expense. It may then:
- a) issue a delayed Performance Test Approval, with or without conditions
  - b) in exceptional circumstances issue an exemption certificate
  - c) revoke the stallion approval.

## **4. RULES RELATING TO THE SELECTION & PERFORMANCE TESTING OF MARES**

### **4.1 Eligibility**

- 4.1.1 The following mares shall be eligible for presentation for possible grading into the Stud Book from the Preliminary Register:
- Mares out of ungraded thoroughbred, Arab and Anglo-Arab and any mare which has been entered into the Preliminary Register because of the previous use of an ungraded stallion but which now can prove at least four consecutive generations from the use of a graded Trakehner sire, or by use of a sire or sires selected under the rules for stallion grading. (The *ungraded* sire rule).
  - Mares out of ungraded Trakehner mares (who have not been presented for grading but registered in the Preliminary Register) whose dams are registered in the Main Studbook or Studbook with the TBF and whose sire and the sires of the mothers, and grandmothers are stallions who are graded with the Trakehner Verband or associate societies. (4 consecutive generations of pedigree)
- 4.1.2 Any mare entered into the Stud Book may be presented at any Grading with a view to seeking upgrading into the Main Stud Book. The Grading Commission may make any stipulations it sees fit as to the circumstances under which this may occur, or apply conditions to any decision.
- 4.1.3 There can be no movement of a mare or its progeny registered in the Part Bred Register into either the Preliminary Register or Stud Book except where the antecedents have themselves been moved into another part of the studbooks or registers.
- 4.1.4 Rule 4.1.3 does not apply to a mare registered in the Part Bred Register before the formation of the Preliminary Register, if it qualifies for entry to that Register.

### **4.2 Pass Marks**

- 4.2.1 The pass marks for mares shall be as follows:

#### *Main Stud Book*

Potential Premium mare 53 or more marks out of 70

The Premium is confirmed when the mare achieves a pass in the Mares Performance Test. Mares with 54 or more marks merely have to reach the pass mark. Mares receiving 53 or 53.5 marks may also achieve Premium status if they pass the Mares Performance Test with a higher mark.

Mare	Minimum of 42 marks out of 70, with no mark below 5
Thoroughbred, Arab and Anglo Arab mares must achieve	48 or more marks to be entered in the Main Stud Book

#### *Stud Book*

Trakehner mare	Minimum of 35 marks out of 70, with no mark below 4
TB, Arab/AA	Minimum of 42 marks, with no mark less than 5

### **4.3 Performance Testing**

4.3.1 The performance testing of mares is not mandatory, except for the award of the title Premium Mare, but is highly recommended by the Committee, and the results of a performance test will be entered into the Main or Stud Book and on the mare's papers.

### **4.4 Elite Mare**

The designation *Elite Mare* may be conferred upon a mare registered in the Main Stud Book that has met the following criteria to the satisfaction of the Committee:

- a) have received an average mark of *at least 7* at her grading
- b) have bred at least two foals **PLUS**
  - have achieved first second or third place at show jumping Grade C, or Advanced Medium Dressage, or Intermediate eventing **OR**
  - a minimum of three offspring have achieved the following:
    - bred a graded and performance tested stallion *and/or*
    - premium graded mare *and/or*
    - significant points/money won competing at or above advanced/medium dressage, Grade C show jumping or Intermediate Eventing

## **5. GENERAL RULES ON THE CONDUCT ETC. OF GRADINGS**

### **5.1. Grading and selection**

- 5.1.1 The TBF shall, at least once per year appoint a Grading Commission and arrange a Grading for the purpose of grading and selection of stock into the Main Stud Book or Stud Book. [It will be for the Verband to decide the German judges that it places on the Grading Commission under the contract between the TBF and the Verband.]
- 5.1.2 The procedures to be followed at the grading will be decided by the TBF or the Grading Commission and will be conveyed to the Members at the appropriate time. Reference should be made to separate Rules on Stallions and Mares.
- 5.1.3 The date, time and place of the grading or gradings will be advertised to all members at least two months in advance, together with suitable blank entry forms.
- 5.1.4 The decisions of the Grading Commission are final and the TBF and the Grading Commission may make any reasonable provisions for the organization of the Grading, but nothing in these rules shall be taken to mean that a horse may not be re-presented at a later date.

## **5.2 General Rules**

- 5.2.1 The owner of a horse presented for grading must be a full member of the TBF, and thereafter the recognition of the horse as approved for breeding is conditional on current membership.
- 5.2.2 The fee for grading will be in accordance with the schedule currently in force. Any unsuccessful horses at the grading will have that portion of the fee which is sent to the Verband returned to the owner.
- 5.2.3 Entry for grading will be made to the Show Organizer as set out in the entry form for the annual grading. The entry will consist of photocopies of the original pink papers related to the horse, its ownership, and the required fee. In the case of Thoroughbreds, Arabs and Anglo-Arabs the entry will be accompanied by the original papers from the registered breed society. Passports must be taken to the grading and handed in for examination, and annotation. They will be returned for travel.
- 5.2.4 (This rule deleted in 2006..)
- 5.2.5 Owners are responsible for ensuring that the horse is presented to the Grading Commission at the correct times as set out in the schedule for grading.
- 5.2.6 Marks will be awarded to horses according to the marking scheme in place at the time of the grading, and will include half marks .. The marks will be deemed confidential to the Owner, Grading Commission and TBF Committee.
- 5.2.7 Any horse not selected for breeding may be re-presented by making a request in writing to the Committee stating the reasons for the re-presentation.
- 5.2.8 In entering a horse for grading the owner accepts all risks, including third party risks, and absolves the TBF of any responsibility for loss or damage.

## **5.3 The Grading Commission**

- 5.3.1 The Grading Commission will comprise: representative or representatives from the Trakehner Verband and persons appointed by the TBF Committee.
- 5.3.2 A grading may only take place if at least one representative of the Trakehner Verband is present. On all occasions the representative(s) of the Trakehner Verband will have an excess vote over the TBF appointed judges
- 5.3.3 No person may judge a horse at the grading in which he or she has a financial interest or if he or she owned or bred the horse. The person concerned will not participate in any part of the grading, the selection or the or the awarding of marks to the horse in question and will leave the place of judging at all times the horse is being considered.
- 5.3.4 The Grading Commission will decide on the order in which it will see horses and the manner in which they will be shown. [The normal procedures will be set out in guidelines available to all TBF members.]
- 5.3.5 The Grading Commission and the veterinary surgeon have right of access at any time to all horses at the place of grading. The owner or their representative must facilitate all examinations by the Grading Commission or the veterinary surgeon, by attending the horse when required or exercising the horse as requested by the Grading Commission or veterinary surgeon. The veterinary surgeon may take samples of any substance which is deemed appropriate.

## **6. RULES RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION & BRANDING OF MAIN STUD BOOK AND STUD BOOK HORSES**

TBF Approved Stallion owners who are current members of the TBF and who have paid the fee for entry into the Covering Plan and met the requirements set out below, will be issued with books of covering certificates, (including registration forms, identity forms and membership forms). Stallion owners will issue covering certificates to mare owners.

Stallion owners or keepers must submit annually to the Registrar a veterinary certificate that the stallion(s) concerned are free from CEM, the previous covering year's covering returns, (where relevant) and the appropriate fee. CEM swab certificates may be waived in the case of a stallion not standing at public stud.

- 6.1 In the case of a stallion which is 'approved', but not being stood by an approved stallion owner, mare owners must check with the Registrar that the stallion's Stud Book approval is current, and obtain a TBF covering certificate, at the appropriate charge. Part-bred Register Progeny will be documented by covering certificates available from the Registrar.
- 6.2 An owner must be a current member of the TBF to register a horse.
- 6.3 The completed Covering Certificate, Registration Form, Identity Form and when necessary, Membership Form must be sent to the Registrar within 28 days of the foal's birth. Failure to do this will result in the mare and foal having to be DNA tested at the owner's expense.
- 6.4 All the relevant forms must be fully completed and the instructions followed. Failure to follow these instructions will result in the forms being returned to the owner for proper completion.
- 6.5 Only the original TBF (or parent or sister association's) registration forms will be accepted for registration.
- 6.6 Foals conceived by artificial insemination (AI) with frozen semen will be subject to DNA testing i.e. the mare and foal will be cross-matched to the stallion at the owner's expense. All inseminations including chilled (sometimes called 'fresh') semen must be covered by Insemination Certificates signed by the stallion owner, the attending Veterinary Surgeon or approved Inseminator, and the owner. In the case of imported semen, full Importation Certificates for animal health must be included.
- 6.7 Foals born by embryo transfer will be subject to DNA testing i.e. the real dam, recipient mare, and foal cross matched to the stallion at the owner's expense.
- 6.8 Twin foals will need two sets of Registration Papers and the Registrar should be contacted concerning the despatch of the additional papers.
- 6.9 Foals must not be weaned before branding has taken place. Failure to comply with this rule will result in DNA testing having to take place at the owner's expense prior to the branding.
- 6.10 Pink Papers will not be processed by the Registrar until the current registration fees have been received.
- 6.11 Payment of the current fee must accompany any request for DNA testing. Sample kits will only be available from the Registrar. No kits will be sent to owners until the fee is received.

## **6.2 Branding Rules**

- 6.2.1 All horses registered in the Main Studbook or Studbook must be branded with the appropriate brand as designated in these rules. [does not apply to horses that have been specially selected for breeding purposes from the Studbooks of Thoroughbred, Arab, or Anglo Arab.]
- 6.2.2 The appropriate brand shall be fixed on the left hindquarter of the horse.
- 6.2.3 After scrutiny of the stallion returns, the Committee will, each year, notify all TBF members as to the dates, times and places at which branding of foals will be carried out by the Registrar. In doing so the Committee will attempt to reduce to a minimum the need to transport mares and foals. Separate brandings will be carried out entirely at the discretion, and by arrangement with, the Registrar.
- 6.2.4 The charge for branding and the issue of papers will be in accordance with the fees currently in force. The Committee may apply travelling costs where a separate

journey has to be made by the Registrar if the owner could have attended a pre-arranged session.

- 6.2.5 Owners must send a foaling return to the Registrar before the branding date. Owners must also inform the Registrar of any stillborn foals or any foal which dies before the branding date.
- 6.2.6 Foals must be presented for branding at foot with their mother, before weaning. If for any reason the foal is presented for branding without the foal's mother being present, the Committee or the Registrar, acting on behalf of the Committee, will require satisfactory evidence to be available as to identity before branding. This may include when specified by the Registrar DNA testing of the mare and foal. The responsibility for satisfying the requirements and the paying costs rests with the owner.
- 6.2.7 In presenting a horse for branding the owner accepts all risks, including third party, and absolves the TBF of any responsibility for loss or damage.
- 6.2.8 A branding book should be held by the Registrar and each branding recorded in the branding book.

## **7. RULES RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION & BRANDING OF PRELIMINARY REGISTER & PART BRED REGISTER STOCK**

- 7.1 The registration of Preliminary Register and Part-bred Trakehner horses will generally follow Rule 6, but all documents should be sent to the to the *Assistant Registrar* within 6 months of birth.
- 7.2 If either the sire or the dam is not registered with the TBF, then a copy of her papers must be sent with the registration application

### **7.3 Branding**

- 7.3.1 Any horse in the Preliminary Register or Part Bred Register is eligible to receive the TBF Registration Brand. (see Rule 2)
- 7.3.2 Branding of a Preliminary Register or Part-bred horse is not obligatory, but the brand can be applied at any age, and if applied to the horse will only be placed on the left hindquarters.
- 7.3.3 The registration papers must accompany the horse at the branding. Without the relevant papers no branding will take place. The identification of the horse will be confirmed by the Registrar or Assistant Registrar. In the case of foals an application for registration must have been received by the Assistant Registrar and accepted for registration before the branding can take place.
- 7.3.4 The branding of Preliminary Register and Part bred Register horses will only be undertaken at recognized branding sites, published by the TBF. The appropriate fee for branding must be paid the Registrar or Assistant Registrar at the place of branding prior to the branding taking place.
- 7.3.5 After the branding has taken place the Registrar or Assistant Registrar will mark the Papers to indicate that the horse has been branded.
- 7.3.6 In presenting a horse for branding the owner accepts all risks, including third party, and absolves the TBF of any responsibility for loss or damage.
- 7.3.7 A branding book should be held by the Registrar and each branding recorded in the branding book.