

# **BREED REGULATIONS**

## **NEW ZEALAND WARBLOOD HORSE ASSOCIATION (NZWHA)**

### **BREEDING AND REGISTRATION**

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#### **BREEDING GOAL**

The aim is a noble, correctly built Warmblood horse with good rideability, capable of superior performance, a horse with natural impulsion and space gaining elastic movements, a horse which because of its temperament, character and willingness, is suited as an all round riding horse on the basis of its natural ability.

#### **2. BREEDING REQUIREMENTS**

2.1 To be eligible for Registration, a foal must be begotten by natural service or by artificial insemination (AI). The Association permits the use of transported semen (TS) in accordance with the rules already passed. Frozen semen from deceased stallions will also be permitted. (See later rules.)

2.2 Paddock breeding will be permitted provided the mare or mares are exposed to only one stallion.

2.3 If a mare is bred by more than one stallion then 45 days must elapse between the service of the different stallions.

2.4 After 1 August 1987 all new stallions registered with the Association must be DNA-typed at the owners expense prior to being used for breeding. An official copy of the DNA type will be filed with the Association by the owner or an approved laboratory. This rule will also apply to previously registered stallions which are used for AI, using TS.

2.5 In addition to the above, the Association reserves the right to request a DNA type report on any sire, mare or foal prior to registration of a foal to ascertain its parentage if there is justifiable cause to do so, in the opinion of the Committee; The expense for such a blood type is the responsibility of the foal owner.

#### **3. STALLION BREEDING CERTIFICATE**

3.1 A stallion breeding certificate, signed by the stallion stud master, shall be executed in triplicate at the time of the service on a form prescribed by the Association. If semen is transported the stallion stud master will certify to the mare owner as to the time of sending. This certificate, plus the veterinarian's insemination certificate will serve as the breeding certificate.

3.2 The first copy is for the mare owner, the second copy for the stud master and the third copy is to be sent to the Registrar at the end of the breeding season. The mare owner's copy should be submitted to the Registrar at the time of registration of the foal. No registration will be considered unless the stallion service certificate pertaining to the foal has been received by the Registrar, except for the Identifiable Register when other documentation may be acceptable.

3.3 All information contained on breeding certificates etc. shall be considered confidential. It will be available to the Committee and other Association members only on a need-to-know basis when conducting authorised business.

#### **4. REGISTRATION**

4.1 The official record book shall be divided into three sections:

- (a) The Stud Book, composed of the Stallion Stud Book and the Mare Stud Book.
- (b) The Warmblood Register.
- (c) The Warmblood Identifiable Register.
- (d) The Warmblood Pony Stud Book

4.2 The Registry Book will contain a record of all progeny of all stallions licensed with the Association providing the necessary certificates and fees have been forwarded to the Registrar. Horses imported from overseas and foals conceived overseas may also be registered in this section, providing certificates can authenticate the horse's breeding to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Where the breeding of the dam of the foal is known, and in the pedigree of the sire, horses which are thoroughbred will be designated with a double XX, the Arabian OX and the Anglo-Arab by an X following the name.

#### **5. TRANSFER**

If a horse changes ownership, the new owner shall submit the registration certificate, the Change of Ownership Form filled in by both parties, together with the proper fee. The ownership transfer will be recorded on the certificate and in the official record book.

#### **6. AGE**

This shall be the true age as today, month and year.

#### **7. DEATH**

Upon the death of a registered horse, its certificate of registration with the date of the death noted thereon must be submitted to the Registrar for cancellation and recording. The cancelled certificate will be returned to the owner.

## **8. NAMING OFA HORSE**

No horse shall be registered under a name which is a duplicate of a horse alive or dead, except for one which dies before two years of age which has already been registered in the books of the Association.

A horse already registered with an overseas Society or a breed Society recognised by the Association with a name identical with one already in the Association's register, will have the first two letters of its sire and the first letter of its dam added to the name in parenthesis. ~ Once a horse is registered under a given name, this name can only be changed to another that is not already on the register, at a fee to be set each year.

## **9. BRANDING**

### **9.1 Stud Brand**

The NZWHA will allow stud owners to use their own stud brand after verification and approval by the NZWHA Committee. The stud brand is to be registered by the NZWHA upon written application by the stud owner and published in the following Newsletter. The NZWHA Registrar is to keep a register of approved brands.

### **9.2 NZWHA Brand**

The NZWHA WV brand is to be used on the near side thigh on all other horses .

### **9.3 Numerical Branding**

Numerical branding for both stud brands will be limited to a single digit for the year of branding.

### **9.4 Breed Brands**

NZWHA to allow all recognised breed society with regard to Warmblood horses such as Trakehner, Holsteiner, KWPN, Hanoverian, Oldenburg and any other Warmblood breeds which may be recognised from time to time by the NZWHA Committee.

### 9.5 Freeze Branding

The NZWHA will allow the use of freeze branding — this will be notified to the Registrar on the return of the branding form

### 9.6 No Branding Option

The no branding option may be exercised by a horse owner but the horse must be DNA typed if it is to be registered as a warmblood horse. OR microchipped

9.7 Microchipping is also available as a means of identifying horses in the Register. The vet must accurately record all markings, scars and whorls at the time of inserting the microchip. All costs relating to both DNA typing and microchipping will be met by the owner. Horses in the Derivative Register (25% warmblood) are not branded.

### 9.8 Special Circumstances

Exceptional horses of other than approved Warmblood breed: In the furtherance of the Association's goal to develop a superior horse, the Committee may, in exceptional circumstances, empower the Registrar to accept horses of other than approved Warmblood breeds if this inclusion on the Register or in the Stud Book is deemed to contribute to the improvement of the Warmblood breed. This provision is to be used with discretion and only on rare occasions.

## **10. OFFICIAL STALLION STUD BOOK**

Stallions will only be entered if they meet certain criteria conditions or inspection standards.

10.1 Stallions registered with the Association before 1 August 1987 are considered to meet all requirements and will be included in the Principal Stud Book.

10.2 All European Warmblood Stallions approved for breeding in their country of origin i.e. they will have been inspected and licensed and subsequently passed a performance test, are eligible for inclusion in the Stallion Studbook having been approved by the Committee. Proof of such approval must be provided to the Association when the application is submitted. The Association can deny registration of a Continental European stallions because of insufficient warmblood or of characteristics deemed undesirable or detrimental in pursuit of the Association's breeding goals.

10.3 New Zealand bred stallions are eligible for inclusion in the Stallion Studbook

provided they are registered in the Registry Book, and must be out of a mare that can trace her pedigree back FOUR generations and must have only Warmblood, TB, Arab or Anglo-arab in her pedigree in the four generations. He must pass a veterinary inspection for breeding soundness (as laid down in the Veterinary report form in these regulations) and be free from hereditary diseases, carried out by a veterinarian approved by the N.Z. Veterinary Equine Assn. At the owner's expense, and a physical examination carried out by a panel of two, or preferably three, one of whom should be an overseas expert (if there is such a person in New Zealand at the time) at the age of THREE years or older. He shall gain an average of at least SEVEN in all criteria and not less than SIX IN ANY ONE CRITERIA. Stallions born after 1990 will only be eligible for inclusion in the Stud Book if their dam is listed in the Mare Stud Book.

10.4 All imported Warmblood horses must be inspected by two members of the Committee to verify brands, colour, marking and papers. They may recommend to the Committee that the horse, if a Stallion or Stud Book mare, be examined by the Inspection Panel.

## 11. STANDARDS

11.1 All stallions in the Stud Book may gain entry into the Principal Stud Book if they complete, a performance test as detailed. He must compete in ESNZ OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS AT EITHER:-

Dressage shows that the Stallions that have attained Level 5/6 dressage (30 or more points in Level 5) OR have gone double clear in the National 7 year old series in a complete season OR other I.30 meter classes of show jumping three times OR have gone double clear three times in 2 Star horse trials with a dressage score of 60% or more and a maximum of 20 time faults cross country AT OFFICIAL ESNZ COMPETITIONS IN ALL CASES (or overseas equivalent)

He may also be accepted into the Principal Stud Book at the discretion of the Committee, with a combination of these placings to be considered.

AT ANY TIME, THE COMMITTEE HAS THE RIGHT TO USE ITS DISCRETION ON THE REGISTRATION AND ELEVATION TO A HIGHER OR LOWER LEVEL OF STALLIONS IN THE STUDBOOK

11.2 A Studbook Stallion whose **progeny** perform well in Dressage, Showjumping or Horse Trials will be considered for inclusion in the Principal Stud Book. The guidelines would be for at least **SIX** of his progeny to achieve Level 6/PSG dressage (with 30 points in Level 6) OR I.40 meter show jumping double clear three times OR a placed at 2 Star Horse Trials three times ( with minimum 60% dressage score and maximum of 20 time penalties) conducted at approved ESNZ official shows or overseas equivalent .

11.3 After two or three breeding seasons of all newly-registered stallions, some or all of the progeny by him may be examined by three or more members of the inspection panel to determine whether the stallion is passing on any serious genetic defect Veterinary advice

may be sought by the panel. The young stock will also be examined for typeiness and movement. Upon the advice of the inspection panel the Committee with a two-thirds majority vote may direct the removal of the stallion from the Stallion Stud Book. The stallion's foals that have been registered up to that time and those that are in utero are not affected.

#### 11 .4 Rideability Test

At or around the time of the Horse Trials Test, the stallion will be ridden by an expert, preferably from overseas, selected by the Committee, and a report will be given on the ease of being ridden. The report will be recorded and published with the results of the performance test. A horse must have "willingness to work". A random drug test may be carried out on the stallion.

## **12. MARE STUD BOOK**

### 12.1 Foundation Stud Book Mares

Thoroughbred, Arab or Anglo-Arab mares, registered with their respective breed societies or Warmblood mares on the Identifiable Warmblood Register (25% WB). They must have a pedigree that goes back at least three generations with only WB, TB, Arab or Anglo-Arab blood. The mares can only stay in this Register. They cannot progress to become Stud Book, Principal or Elite mares. They must achieve a 60% score in the mare classification and obtain a score of not less than five in any criteria.

### 12.2 Warmblood Stud Book Mares

To be included in the Warmblood Mare Stud Book mares must be on the Warmblood Register (50% WB). She must have a pedigree which goes back four generations with TB, Arab or Anglo-Arab blood. She must achieve a score of at least 60% in the mare classification and score not less than five in any category.

### 12.3 Principal Stud Book Mares

Mares may progress to the Principal Stud Book from the Warmblood Stud Book if they have achieved the additional criteria. They must score 60% or above in the mare classification. They must either have performed well themselves in one or more disciplines, i.e. graded Elementary or above in Dressage, 1.15m or above in Showjumping and have been placed in one of the top three placings five times at this level or be placed in one of the top three placings three times at Novice Horse Trials, or at least two of her progeny must have achieved the above performance level.

## 12.4 Elite Stud Book Mares

Mares may progress to the Elite Stud Book if they have performed exceptionally well, i.e. they must be a place-getter at least once in the New Zealand International Dressage Competition or an overseas international competition at Prix St George or above, or they must be at Advanced Horse Trials and place at a CCI competition or above, or be Grand Prix Showjumping and be placed internationally or at the Horse of the Year Grand Prix competition. Equally, if a mare produces two or more progeny that have competed at this level.

## 13. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

Artificial insemination by fresh, frozen or chilled semen is permitted:

### 13.1 A Mare Owner's Responsibility

Provide identification of the mare by registration and brand number where applicable, pedigree and marking.

### 13.2 A Stallion Owner's Responsibility

Making sure the stallion is in the Stallion Stud Book.

### 13.3 Use of Frozen Semen

The use of frozen semen from stallions that have died is permitted providing that a certificate signed by the Veterinarian who carried out the collection, authenticates that the semen is from the particular stallion and a certificate from the organisation carrying out the storage of the semen authenticating that this is the correct semen. The stallion must have been DNA-typed during his life and it will be required that the foal and dam be DNA-typed before registration is permitted.

### 13.4 Embryo Transfer

Embryo transfer is permitted provided that advance approval is given by the Committee and:

- (a) A certificate is provided from the Stud Master authenticating that the semen has been collected from the stallion.
- (b) The veterinarian carrying out the procedure certifies that the embryo was flushed from the donor mare and the mare was inseminated with the semen as above, or the donor

mare may be served naturally.

(c) It will be necessary to DNA-type the foal and the donor dam before registration is permitted.

#### **14. THOROUGHBRED, ARABIAN AND ANGLO-ARABIAN STALLIONS**

The Committee MAY APPROVE the use of XX, OX and X stallions for crossing over WB mares . It is RECOMMENDED that approval be sought prior to the mating. The Committee reserves the right to have at least one classifier inspect the progeny of this mating before it can be included in the Warmblood Register. The Registrar AND Committee has the power to dictate which Register the foal will be entered into i.e. The Studbook Register or the Foundation Studbook Register.

#### **15. WARMBLOOD DERIVATIVE REGISTER**

This will be open to all horses that can prove 25% or more Stud Book, Principal Stud Book or Elite Stud Book parentage. Before horses can be registered in this section evidence must be provided by DNA typing or service certificate sighting. These horses will be identified by marking charts but will not be branded.

They will not be able to progress to the Stud Book but will be eligible for the Foundation Stud Book (providing they have a three generation pedigree and only WB, XX, OX or X blood). They will also be eligible for Warmblood competitions and Performance Awards.

#### **16. THE WARMBLOOD PONY STUD BOOK**

16.1 The Pony Stud Book will recognize only stallions from Recognised European Continental Warmblood PONY Breeds with appropriate licensing details from recognized Studbooks OR from being licensed here in New Zealand, should they meet the standards.

16.2 The Warmblood cypher will be allocated for branding the progeny on the near side thigh and a year number will be applied at the same time just below the cypher brand.

16.3 A Life height Certificate will (maximum height 148cm) will be necessary for ponies to enter shows, performance awards and similar.

16.4 Special Circumstances

Exceptional ponies of other than approved Warmblood breeding : In the furtherance of the Association's goal to develop a superior animal, the Committee may, in exceptional circumstances, empower the Registrar to accept ponies of other than Warmblood breeding if this inclusion on the Register or in the Stud Book is deemed to contribute to the improvement of the Warmblood breed. This provision is to be used with discretion and only on rare occasions

## **17. PONY STALLION STANDARDS**

### **17.1 Principal Studbook Criteria**

Dressage shows that the Stallions that have attained Level 4 dressage (30 or more points in Level 4) OR have gone double clear in I.10 meter classes of show jumping three times OR have gone double clear three times in Novice horse trials with a dressage score of 60% or more and a maximum of 20 time faults cross country AT OFFICIAL ESNZ COMPETITIONS IN ALL CASES (or overseas equivalent)

He may also be accepted into the Principal Stud Book at the discretion of the Committee, with a combination of these placings to be considered.

**AT ANY TIME, THE COMMITTEE HAS THE RIGHT TO USE ITS DISCRETION ON THE REGISTRATION AND ELEVATION TO A HIGHER OR LOWER LEVEL OF STALLIONS IN THE STUDBOOK**

17.2 A Studbook Stallion whose **progeny** perform well in Dressage, Showjumping or Horse Trials will be considered for inclusion in the Principal Stud Book. The guidelines would be for at least **SIX** of his progeny to achieve Level 4 dressage (with 30 points in Level 4) OR I.20 meter show jumping double clear three times OR a placed at Novice Horse Trials three times ( with minimum 60% dressage score and maximum of 20 time penalties) conducted at approved ESNZ official shows or overseas equivalent .

# **COLT AND STALLION CLASSIFICATION**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The New Zealand Warmblood Horse Association (NZWHA) has a classification process in place to inspect colts and stallions which are registered by the NZWHA and conform with its breeding regulations for inclusion in the stud book and the issuing of a classification certificate to enable the stallion or colt to become a licensed stallion.

Only progeny of approved and licensed stallions can be considered for inclusion in the NZWHA stud book.

It is proposed that future breeding stallions which are put up for selection are fairly inspected to ensure the highest quality horses are passed and certified for breeding.

From time to time stallions and colts purchased overseas and classified by their respective breed societies which are recognised warmblood breed organisation will be given a license to breed, pending the approval of the NZWHA Committee.

## **2. TRAINING AND TURN-OUT**

Before a colt/stallion selection inspection the colt should be trained in presentation at the in-hand and halt at the walk and trot. He should be accustomed to standing still while people move around him, pick up his feet, look at his teeth etc. They should also be familiarised with the free movement phases and should be sufficiently fit to complete this part of the classification.

Colts should be presented in the best body condition possible, neither fat nor thin, with healthy coats and well cared for hooves. Tidy pulled and plaited tails and plaited manes are customary and enhance the general impression.

Handlers should be familiar with the colt selection rules and procedural requirements. While the style of dress chosen by handlers is optional it is recommended that it be smart, neat and functional. Clothing should allow adequate freedom of movement and footwear should be sturdy and suitable for running.

## **3. COLT SELECTION REGULATIONS: ACCEPTANCE FOR SELECTION**

The NZWHA reserves the right to reject any colt either before, during or after any part of a selection process at his/her discretion if any of the requirements outlined are not met or upon recommendation of the NZWHA Committee, Classification Panel or Veterinary Surgeon. This result will be final.

#### **4. OWNERSHIP AND REGISTRATION**

All owners or lessees of colts must be financial members of the NZWHA and the horses must be registered with the NZWHA.

#### **5. APPLICATIONS AND FEES**

Applications in writing must be made to the Registrar of the NZWHA on the form supplied not later than one month prior to the scheduled selection day. The fee for the selection procedure is as determined by the NZWHA Committee from time to time (currently \$300 application and membership fee, \$100 inspection fee and \$100 DNA fee) and payable to the NZWHA. The full fee is to be paid in advance and is not generally refundable. Pedigree horses must have a minimum of four generations of proven breeding which is acceptable to the NZWHA.

Warmblood colts must be sired by approved or licensed warmblood stallions out of classified warmblood stud stock or classified mares. Identifiable register colts are **not** eligible for inclusion in the stud book.

#### **6. AGE**

Colts must be aged three years and over.

Special consideration will be given to the inclusion of colts outside the specified age range upon written request to the NZWHA Committee. The outcome of such request shall be determined at the absolute discretion of the NZWHA Committee and no further correspondence will be entered into after a decision has been made.

Colts granted permission to participate may be presented twice, i.e. at two separate classification days.

Age is as calculated from 1 August, not from the actual date of birth.

#### **7. BRANDS**

The Warmblood WV brand and/ numerical brands are to be applied prior to classification.

#### **8. VETERINARY EXAMINATION.**

The colt or stallion must be examined by a qualified Veterinary Surgeon in accordance with the standard examination procedures in conjunction with the NZWHA specifications during the week prior to or immediately after the colt classification date.

A Veterinary Surgeon may be engaged by the NZWHA for veterinary testing on the day of colt selection and, if so, must examine all colts presented on that day.

The NZWHA colt selection veterinary examination requirements must be provided by a chosen Veterinary Surgeon for this purpose. Examination is conducted at the owner's/lessee's expense.

All requirements must be met.

Colts which are not passed as free of defects and unsoundness will not be considered further.

## **9. FOREIGN SUBSTANCES**

The owners/lessees warrant that colts are presented for assessment free of prohibited substances including but not limited to anabolic steroids, pain killers, stimulants and tranquillisers. Random drug testing may be conducted at the classification.

The NZWHA reserves the right to have blood and/or urine samples taken for testing of foreign substances from any colt or stallion whose drug-free status may reasonable be considered to be in doubt at any time during the selection process at the owner's expense.

## **10. CLARIFICATION OF IDENTITY**

Colts should be presented at the selection venue in good time to have their brands and markings checked against the original registration papers which must be produced by the owner or lessee for this purpose.

## **11. FAILURE TO APPEAR**

Applicants will be notified of a date, location and time of a classification by the Registrar. Failure to present a nominated colt or stallion or to complete the test on the appointed day must be covered by a written explanation or veterinary certificate (where applicable). The NZWHA Committee has the right to decide whether the colt or stallion may be re-presented at a later date.

## **12. SELECTION PANEL**

Colts and stallions will be assessed by a panel of accredited classifiers appointed by the NZWHA Committee.

## **13. EQUIPMENT AND ASSISTANCE**

Colts should be led in a simple bridle with one bit and optional nose band. No other means of assistance, restraint or control will be allowed except for during the individual led movements and free movements when a second person and a whip are permissible. Boots and bandages are permitted in the free jumping phase of the selection process.

## **14. ORDER OF APPEARANCE**

Individual appearances for assessment purposes will be made in random order with that order advised in good time prior to presentation..

## **15. REQUESTS FROM CLASSIFIERS**

All reasonable requests made by the classification panel at any time and during any phase of the selection process must be complied with.

## **16. TERMINATION**

Either the owner, lessee or handler or the classification panel may stop the classification procedure at any stage in the event of unnecessary risk of danger to the health and safety of horse or human.

## **17. SCORES**

Warmblood colts or stallions must gain a minimum average score of 70% as per the classifier score sheets with no mark less than six.

## **18. RESULTS**

Results will be available as soon as practical after the conclusion of the classification and the final score will be communicated to the owner/lessee/handler as soon as possible. The NZWHA reserves the right to announce the results and to make all results and scores public. Participation in the classification process implies the permission of owners/lessees for the results of their colt/stallion to be released.

All score sheets are the property of the NZWHA. No unauthorised persons including owners/lessees/handlers may have access to the actual score sheets nor to the marks awarded or comments made by the classifier. These remain confidential. A copy of the results will be mailed to the owner/lessee with the original classification results held by the Association.

## **19. DNA TYPING**

After 1 August 2003 all new stallions registered with the Association must be DNA-typed, at the owner's expense, prior to being used for breeding. An official copy of the DNA type shall be filed with the Association, by the owner, or by an approved laboratory. This rule will also apply to previously registered stallions which are used for AI using TS (teaser stallions).

No certificates will be issued or progeny registered until all fees are paid and the DNA typing requirements are fulfilled.

## **20. REGISTRATION OF PROGENY**

Only progeny conceived after a colt/stallion has passed classification are eligible for registration as the get of an approved sire. Retrospective registrations will be considered on a case by case basis with proof of breeding.

## **21. FAILED COLTS/STALLIONS**

Failed colts/stallions may be re-presented for a second classification at the next available stallion/colt classification but within 24 months of the first classification. If the colt/stallion

fails for a second time any further representation for classification will be approved only on a case-by-case basis by the NZWHA Committee.

## **22. DECLARATION**

The NZWHA and individuals constituting the Association accept no responsibility in respect of any claim for damages and consequence for personal injury or property damage whatsoever included but not limited to any injury, loss or damage to any horse handler, owner, lessee, groom or spectator.

Every competitor and/or exhibitor must comply with the appropriate legislation in the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992. Each competitor and/or exhibitor must supervise and control their animals at all times and shall be liable for any hazard created, accident illness or damage caused by the action of themselves at the venue of the event

## **23. COLT/STALLION SELECTION PROCEDURE**

### **Group Presentation**

All colts and stallions will be paraded in hand at the walk at the commencement for the selection presentation.

A preliminary evaluation of their walk type and general impression will be made after which the horses will leave the designated arena area together and will be required to re-enter on the specified order for individual inspection.

## **24. INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION**

### **24.1 Static Assessment**

The first phase of the individual assessment requires the presentation of the horse in an area specified by the classification panel for evaluation of type and conformation. The handler should place the horse at a distance of 4-5 metres from the classifiers and present him so that all four legs can be seen from both sides. The classifiers will move around the horse as necessary.

### **24.2 Movement in Hand**

The first movement phase involves the horse being led first at the walk and then at the trot in a large triangle A-B-C-A. No side of the triangle shall measure less than 40 metres or more than 60 metres in length. At the discretion of the selection panel this exercise may be repeated and modified. The horse should be allowed to walk as freely as possible. To this end the handler should be someone who can move well enough themselves to show the horse to maximum advantage.

### **24.3 Canter**

The horse shall be shown in canter. This may be under saddle, on the lunge or in a free canter if conditions allow.

#### 24.4 Free Jumping

The colt shall be shown in Free jumping in a lane set up along overseas stallion testing guidelines There will be 3 jumping efforts, the first being a small upright approx 50cm. followed by an upright of approx 90cm after 2 stride (6.90m) and two strides (7.2m) to an oxer which will vary in height upwards to test technique and scope. The final oxer has no limits in height but will start at around 1.10m high and 1m wide.

### 25. CONCLUSION OF SELECTION PROCEDURE

All horses may be paraded again or as requested by the classifiers.

#### COLT CLASSIFICATION SCORING

The classification scoring is rated as follows:

- Conformation: 20%
  - Led movement type and general impression: 60%
  - Free jumping 20%
- TOTAL    100%

#### SCORING

This is done on the basis of 1 to 10 as follows:

- 10 Excellent
- 9 Very good
- 8 Good
- 7 Fairly good
- 6 Satisfactory
- 5 Sufficient
- 4 Insufficient
- 3 Fairly bad
- 2 Bad
- 1 Very bad

Specifically the classifiers will be looking for the following traits:

##### 1. Trot

Cadence (suspension of movement), elasticity, hind leg action, rhythm, front shoulder.

##### 2. Walk

The walk must be ground covering, relaxed and regular with strides being even and foot falls correct in sequence, not lateral or pacing. Freedom of shoulders and haunches and a supple back must be evident.

##### 3. Canter

Three-beat regular showing cadence and balance with suppleness in the rear quarters.

## **MARE CLASSIFICATION**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

All mares registered with the NZWHA in the main register with the required amount of Warmblood pedigree are eligible for classification.

The purpose of classifying mares is to improve the quality of female stock and hence improve the overall performance/ability of warmblood horses.

### **2. MARE CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURE**

Group presentation .All mares will be paraded in hand at the walk at the commencement for the selection presentation.

A preliminary evaluation of their walk type and general impression will be made after which the horses will leave the designated arena area together and will be required to re-enter on the specified order for individual inspection.

### **3. INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION**

#### **(a) Static Assessment**

The first phase of the individual assessment requires the presentation of the horse in an area specified by the classification panel for evaluation of type and conformation. The handler should place the horse at a distance of 4-5 metres from the classifiers and present him so that all four legs can be seen from both sides. The classifiers will move around the horse as necessary.

#### **(b) Movement in Hand**

The first movement phase involves the horse being led first at the walk and then at the trot in a large triangle A-B-C-A. No side of the triangle shall measure less than 40 metres or more than 60 metres in length. At the discretion of the selection panel this exercise may be repeated and modified. The horse should be allowed to walk as freely as possible. To this end the handler should be someone who can move well enough themselves to show the horse to maximum advantage.

### **4. CONCLUSION OF SELECTION PROCEDURE**

All horses may be paraded again or as requested by the classifiers.

### **5. DECLARATION**

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respect of any claim for damages and consequence for personal injury or property damage whatsoever included but not limited to any injury, loss or damage to any horse handler, owner, lessee, groom or spectator.

Every competitor and/or exhibitor must comply with the appropriate legislation in the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1 992. Each competitor and/or exhibitor must supervise and control their animals at all times and shall be liable for any hazard created, accident illness or damage caused by the action of themselves at the venue of the event

Horses and activities and events associated with horses are potentially dangerous and involvement in the mare classification process is strictly at the individual's own risk.

#### MARE CLASSIFICATION SCORING

The classification scoring is rated as follows:

- Type and conformation: 40%
- Led movement and general impression: 60%      TOTAL      100%

#### SCORING

This is done on the basis of 1 to 10 as follows:

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##### 3. Canter

Three-beat regular showing cadence and balance with suppleness in the rear quarters.

##### 4. Temperament

No obvious temperament or behavioral difficulties.

## **MARE STUDBOOK**

There are a number of entry points for mares into the studbook at different levels. These are as follows:

### **1. FOUNDATION STUDBOOK MARES**

Thoroughbred, Arab or Anglo-Arab mares registered with their respective breed societies or warmblood mares in the Derivative Warmblood Register (25% warmblood). They must have a pedigree which goes back at least three generations with only warmblood, thoroughbred, Arab or Anglo-Arab blood. These mares can only stay in this register. They cannot progress to become studbook principal or elite mares. They must achieve a score of 60% in the mare classification and obtain a score of not less than 5 in any one criteria.

### **2. WARMBLOOD STUDBOOK MARES**

Mares which may be entered in the Warmblood Mare Studbook must be on the warmblood register (50% warmblood).

They must have a pedigree which goes back at least four generations with only thoroughbred, warmblood or Arab or Anglo-Arab blood. She must achieve a score of at least 60% in the mare classification and a score of not less than 5 in any one criteria.

### **3. PRINCIPAL STUDBOOK MARES**

Mares may progress to the Principal Studbook Mare from the Warmblood Studbook if they have achieved the following additional criteria:

- (i) Must score 60% or above the mare classification.
- (ii) Must score no less than 6 in any one criteria.
- (iii) Must have performed well themselves in any one or more disciplines, specifically;

- Dressage : Elementary or above and have been placed in one of the top three placings five times at this level.

- 1.10m Showjumping level and be placed in one of the top three placings five times at this level.

-Horse Trials: Novice level and placed in one of the top three placings three times.

Alternatively, at least two of the progeny must have achieved the above performance criteria.

### **4. ELITE STUDBOOK MARES**

Mares may progress to the Elite Studbook if they have performed exceptionally well, i.e.:

- (i) Dressage : She must be a place-getter in either The F.E.L Dressage Competition or its equivalent or in international competition at Prix-St George or above; or

(ii) Advanced Three-Day Eventing level and be placed at a CC1 competition or above; or

(iii) Must be showjumping at Grand Prix level and be placed either internationally or at the Horse of the Year Grand Prix Competition.

Equally, if a mare produces two or more progeny which compete at any of the above levels.

