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1. These Regulations apply to Breeder Members, Members and Associate Members of the Association, AND to HORSES shown in Haflinger classes or at breed shows, providing the horses annual registration fee is paid.
2. The Board, in accordance with Rule 39, may amend Regulations at any time.
3. **Definitions:-**
 - (a) "**The Regulations**" means the Regulations of the Board from time to time in force.
 - (b) "**The Stud Book**" means the Stud Book of the Australian Haflinger Horse Breeder's Association.
 - (c) "**Stud Book Numbers**" denotes the number allocated by the Association to a horse registered in the Stud Book.
 - (d) "**A Foundation Mare**" is a mare with no black or grey points, and put into foal by a purebred classified Haflinger Stallion. No Registration Certificate will be issued for a foundation mare.
 - (e) "**Foal Recorded**" denotes the progeny of a registered sire and a registered or foundation dam which progeny has been submitted for recording in accordance with the Regulations.
 - (f) "**Registered Owner**" denotes the person recorded as the owner of that horse in the Association's records.
 - (g) "**Service Certificate**" denotes the Certificate signed by the registered owner or registered lessee of a sire certifying the date or dates when a dam was serviced by the sire, registered number and description including colour markings and brands of the dam.
 - (h) "**Breeding**" by natural service, artificial insemination or foetal transplant.
 - (i) "**Date of Sale**" and "Date of Transfer" shall respectively be the date on which ownership or lease passes to the transferee provided that for the purpose of these regulations the date of sale or date of transfer shall be deemed to be that set out in the transfer submitted to and recorded by the Association.
 - (j) "**Brand**" denotes fire or freeze brand.(See Appendix III)

A Haflinger Horse is defined as:- The progeny of a registered classified Haflinger Stallion and a registered classified Haflinger mare and shall conform to the standard description.



4, Standard Description

Note: THE STANDARD, AS SET OUT BELOW IS A GUIDE TO SHOW JUDGES AND THE PUBLIC FOR PUREBRED HORSES. CLASSIFIERS ARE EXPECTED TO BEAR IN MIND THAT THEIR JUDGMENTS AFFECT THE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF THE BREED IN AUSTRALIA.

(a) Type

A body structure that is suitable for an all-round pleasure horse is desirable. A harmonious distribution of forehand, mid-section and hindquarters is ideal.

The desired appearance is that of an elegant and harmonious horse. A lean and expressive head with large eyes, a well-formed neck, a sufficiently coupled and supple mid-section, a good croup, not too divided and not too short, defined limbs with good joints. Stallions and mares for breeding should have clearly defined masculine or feminine features.

Colours from light chestnut to dark liver chestnut with white/blonde mane and tail. Colour impurities in the body base colour, as in roaning dark smudges, or white markings larger than a tennis ball are undesirable and will be judged as negative up to the point of exclusion.

Colour impurities in the mane and tail of more than 10% black or grey hairs or distinct reddish hues, are undesirable and will be judged as negative up to the point of exclusion.

Head markings are desirable, but not a prerequisite, too many markings are undesirable and can go as far as causing exclusion. White leg markings are not desirable, white leg markings above the hock or knee will result in exclusion.

A creamy frosting in the area of the lower cannon and fetlocks is normal for the breed.

The required size is from 135cm to 150 cm. Mares must be 135+cms Stallions must be 140+cms. The minimum size must be achieved, non- achievement leads to exclusion. The maximum size can be exceeded in the case of a good exterior evaluation

(b) Head

The Head should be noble and lean, the size in harmony with the horse broad between the eyes and between the branches of the jaw. The eyes should be large, the nostrils set at the end of the nose rather than underneath. The head should be well set on the neck and with correct positioning of the ears which should point forwards and be appropriately sized. Some horses have a slightly dished face.



(c) Neck

The neck should be of medium length and more refined towards the head, with neither a bulky lower line nor a swan neck. It should not be too wide vertically nor too thick laterally. The neck should be clearly defined at the throat.

(d) Forehand

A defined wither reaching well into back, long sloping shoulders and sufficient depth of girth are desirable. (170 - 190cms girth circumference). Proportionately wide between the front legs, with well sprung ribs and lung capacity.

(e) Midsection

The back should be medium length with loins well muscled, thereby creating good load bearing capacity. Too long in the back is regarded as a weakness.

(f) Hindquarters:

The hindquarters should be long and slightly sloping with a not too strongly divided croup. The tail should not be set too low.

The gaskins should be well defined and hocks let down. Ideally there should be an equilateral triangle from point of hip to point of buttock to stifle.

(g) Forelegs:

The forelegs must be perpendicular to the ground and body, with clearly defined joints, flat bone and tendons running parallel to the bone. Knees should be shield shaped. The pasterns should be of moderate length (long pasterns are weak), they should slope at between 45 and 50 deg. , but most importantly must match the angle of the shoulder and the hoof. The foreleg to cannon ratio should be 2/3 forearm, 1/3 cannon. (ie.) long forearm and short cannon is highly desirable.

(h) Hind legs:

Hind legs also must be perpendicular to the ground and body with clearly defined joints, flat bone and tendons running parallel to the bone. The hock should be clearly defined and let down, a straight line should be able to drawn from the point of buttock through the hock to the ground bisecting the leg equally in half, hind leg angle of 150 deg,(as per classification diagram in Appendix I of Regulations.)



(i) **Feet**

Hooves should be round, distinct and hard with clean open heels

(j) **Correct gait:**

The horse's gait whether free in the paddock, being led or under saddle, should be ground covering, free and forward moving. The rhythm should be pure, even and regular. Correct footfalls for each pace are mandatory. Knee and hock flexion is desirable with the general gait not too flat.

(k) **Temperament:**

The horse must show a calm, quiet and intelligent disposition

5. **Stud Book Categories**

The stud book of the Association shall consist of the following:-

- (a) **Imported Registry of Purebred Horses** - Any imported horse or donor of semen for artificial insemination or embryo transfer which is included in the Registry of a member country of the World Haflinger Federation is eligible for registration subject to the application being accompanied by the original Registration Certificate which must show that the horse has been transferred into the name of the member making the application. The horse is subject to regulations 6 and 13(d),(e). Imported semen or embryos must be accompanied by a certified copy of the donor stallion's registration certificate, and comply in all respects with regulation 7.
- (b) **Purebred or Sixth Cross** - Any horse born in Australia which is the progeny of a purebred Haflinger sire registered with the Association and a purebred Haflinger dam registered with the Association or a fifth cross Haflinger dam or fifth cross Haflo-Arab dam recorded with the Association is eligible for registration provided that it is accepted as such by the Association following progeny registration and subject to classification in the case of stallions and mares.
- (c) **Record of Fifth Cross Horses** - Any horse which is the progeny of a purebred Haflinger sire registered with the Association and a fourth cross mare recorded with the Association is eligible to be recorded in the Fifth Cross Record provided that it is accepted as such by the Association following Progeny Registration and subject to classification in the case of stallions and mares.
- (d) **Record of Fourth Cross Horses** - Any horse which is the progeny of a purebred Haflinger sire registered with the Association and a third cross mare recorded with the Association is eligible to be recorded in the Fourth Cross Record provided that it is accepted as such by the Association following Progeny Registration and subject to classification in the case of stallions and mares.
- (e) **Record of Third Cross Horses** - Any horse which is the progeny of a purebred



Haflinger sire registered with the Association and a second cross mare recorded with the Association is eligible to be recorded in the Third Cross Record provided that it is accepted as such by the Association following Progeny Registration and subject to classification in the case of stallions and mares.

- (f) **Record of Second Cross Horses** - Any horse which is the progeny of a purebred Haflinger sire registered with the Association and a first cross mare recorded with the Association is eligible to be recorded in the Second Cross Record provided that it is accepted as such by the Association following Progeny Registration and subject to classification in the case of stallions and mares.
- (g) **Record of First Cross Horses** - Any horse which is the progeny of a purebred classified Haflinger sire or a purebred classified Haflinger mare.
- (h) **Haflo-Arabs** are defined as the progeny of a purebred Haflinger sire or dam and a Purebred Registered Arab sire or dam. Grading up will be as for other crossbreds.

6. **Studbook Conditions**

Conditions for entry of horses into appropriate section of the stud book of Purebred Haflinger, Haflo-Arab, or Crossbred, are as follows:-

Application is subject to the horse's dam and sire being classified by the Association.

- (a) The name of an individual or organisation applying for registration or recording of a horse shall be the same name as appears on the Register of Members.
- (b) If the name in which the horse to be registered differs from the name of the Register of Members an additional Membership will be required.
- (c) Application for registration shall be made to the Registrar, who will inform the Board at its next meeting.
- (d) The Board may accept or refuse any application, without assigning a reason
- (e) The registration of a horse shall be effected only upon the application made by its owner or lessee and provided all fees have been paid and progeny recording has been carried out as required under the regulations.
- (f) If the Board is of the opinion there is reason to believe that application supplied by any breeder, owner, or lessee is incorrect, the Board can direct the applicant that all relevant books, receipts and documents be submitted and can direct the breeder, owner or lessee to present the horse for inspection.
- (g) In all proceedings concerned with or affecting the records of the Association and in all disciplinary actions the burden of resolving any doubt as to the true



parentage or identification of a horse shall be upon the applicant, owner, lessee or other member involved and the decision and action of the Association upon all such questions shall be final and binding upon all parties.

7. **Breeding Requirements**

- (a) All Haflinger stallions registered and classified must be DNA Typed by the University of Queensland DNA laboratory, or a laboratory approved by the Board.
- (b) Artificial Insemination: Artificial Insemination or Embryo Transfer shall only be permitted under the following circumstances:
 - (i) All semen or embryos must be stored and distributed from a centre which has been licensed by the relevant State Department of Agriculture. All imported semen or embryos must be approved by the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service.
 - (ii) All donor stallions must have been classified and registered either in Australia or by an overseas Haflinger Association which is a member of the World Haflinger Federation.
 - (iii) All collections of semen or embryos made in Australia, must be done at licensed AI Centre, by the Centre's Veterinarian, who will be responsible for processing, packing, identification and freezing of straws. He will also be responsible for all aspects of hygiene and health of animals associated with collections, in accordance with the standards set by the Department of Agriculture.
 - (iv) Prior to use, all donor stallions must be DNA or blood typed by the Australian Equine Blood Typing Laboratory, at the University of Queensland or such other laboratory approved by the Board. Overseas stallions must be DNA or blood typed by a recognised overseas laboratory acceptable to the University of Queensland or such other laboratory approved by the Board and the DNA or blood types lodged with the Registrar of the Haflinger Horse Association of Australia, and the relevant laboratory before semen or embryos are used.
 - (v) All foals born to mares inseminated by artificial means must be DNA or blood typed and a positive identification certificate issued, prior to progeny registration in the Association's Stud book.
 - (vi) The manager of licensed AI Centre must keep accurate records of all collections, and importation of semen or embryos to the Centre, and inseminations or transfers at the stud or shipments of semen or embryos elsewhere. Records to be kept for five years and available for inspection by the Board. Such records must show the batch numbers and identification of straws used, the name and number of the recipient mare, as well as dates of insemination or transfer.

8. (a) **Certificate of service by Natural or Artificial means**

The owner or lessee of a registered purebred stallion must complete a



certificate of service for each mare served by the stallion, the original copy goes to the Registrar, with a registration fee as specified in current "Fees List". The duplicate copy goes to the owner of the mare who sends it to the Registrar with the progeny recording application form.

(b) **Grading up programme**

A breeder who desires to follow a grading up programme for the purposes of eventually presenting the sixth generation offspring as Purebred, acceptable to the Association, may do so by following the procedure set out in regulation 5.

9. **Identification and Micro-chipping**

(a) **Description** - When making application for progeny recording, registration or recording of a transfer or lease, the horse must be fully and accurately described in words and diagram. A "Head On" photograph clearly showing horses white head markings, must accompany such applications.

Incomplete or incorrect description of a horse on an application form may render the horse ineligible for registration, recording or transfer.

(b) First cross progeny application must also be accompanied by photograph of near and offside of dam or sire (whichever is NOT Purebred) in addition to a head on photograph.

(c) All horses may be branded before being presented for classification or at the time of classification. Members must forward to the Registrar details of all brands put on horses. See Appendix III

(d) All foals should be microchipped at the time of progeny registration.

Young horses cannot be classified unless they have been implanted with an approved micro-chip. All horses should be microchipped by 1st July 2004 before they can be entered into shows.

The Registrar will supply microchips to members which must be implanted and verified by a veterinarian or person authorized by the Board of the AHHBA. The Australasian Animal Registry form must be sent to the Registrar of the Association.

The Registrar will arrange for the barcode number to be incorporated in the Association's records, registration certificates and for registration with the Australasian Animal Registry (Part of the RAS of NSW)

A one-time fee, **payable in advance** of \$20-00 will be charged per horse to cover the cost of the supply of a microchip (\$8.25) and the one time fee for the Australian Animal Registry (\$8-00). The balance being for the Association's costs (postage, packaging, etc.)

10. **Classification**

(a) Only Classifiers approved by the Association may classify horses.

(b) Only horses three years of age and over may be presented. (Calculated from 1st August each year).

(c) All horses will be scored and graded by the classifiers in accordance with



- the form marked Appendix I.
- (d) The Association's standard description is the MINIMUM Standard.
 - (e) All horses to be classified must be measured by an official EFA measurer or veterinarian or person approved by the Board NOT MORE THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE a classification day, the height certificate must be presented at the classification, the height recorded in centimetres by rod measure. The classifier may request a re-check on the day. Measurements recorded in hands will be converted by the Association. Rod measure is to be used on a flat concrete or similar surface.
 - (f) Minimum height for Purebred Haflinger stallions must be 140cms and Purebred Haflinger mares must be 135cms.
 - (g) Stallions must score at Class IA to pass classification.
 - (h) No minimum height is required for classification of a gelding.
Geldings may be inspected by a local veterinarian using the certificate as per Appendix II in the Regulations. The Veterinarian should complete and sign the certificate, which is to be forwarded to the Registrar with a clear photograph of the OFF side, the NEAR side and HEAD-ON showing facial markings. There will not be a point score or branding with the Edelweiss for this procedure. The Registrar will forward the photographs and Vet certificate to the Classifier(s) for approval. If acceptable, the horse is deemed to be classified for show purposes. A fee for Classification as per the current Fee List is payable. A Gelding accepted as above, may be presented at a future classification day, to be scored and branded. A second fee will be charged for presentation in this case.
 - (i) Horses must exhibit a calm quiet temperament and must be able to be closely inspected. Failure in this regard means the horse will be rejected.
 - (j) Blemishes, such as wire marks which do not affect the horses movement are not detrimental and must NOT be used to withhold classification.
 - (k) Classifiers inspecting Part bred horses may make allowances on colour on a pro-rata basis depending on generation, bearing in mind that the aim is to produce a true to type Haflinger after the 5th cross. Horses successfully inspected will be referred to as "Approved for breeding" (NOT classified)
 - (l) Application may be made for re-presentation of a horse at any of the Association's future classification days. The score achieved at the latest re-presentation is the recorded score.
 - (m) All written comments concerning scoring at classification days are to be strictly confidential to the owner of the horse, the classifier and the registrar.
 - (n) Only purebred horses are eligible to be branded with the Association's Edelweiss brand.
 - (o) Horses to be classified must be presented as for a show, clean and with properly trimmed feet. Classifiers have the right to refuse to classify a



horse that is dirty or with cracked or broken hooves

11. **Name of Horse**

Each horse for which progeny recording is supplied must be given an acceptable name which does not conflict with any other horse registered or recorded with the Association either living or dead. In accordance with International tradition, all Fillies must have a name using the first letter of her Dam's name. All Colts must have a name using the first letter of his Sire's name.

12. **Progeny Recording**

Unless otherwise determined by the Board in relation to any particular application for foal recording the following regulations shall apply:-

- (a) Application for recording will only be accepted from a full financial member of the Association.
- (b) Each application for recording shall be submitted on the prescribed form containing such information as the Board may from time to time determine.
- (c) All Foals must be recorded with the Association within three months of foaling date or in the case of imported horses, within sixty (60) days of arrival in Australia.
- (d) Penalty fees will apply for late applications for progeny recording, as set out in the current "Fees List".
- (e) Each foal born in Australia and submitted for recording in the Progeny record must be the progeny of a parent or parents which have been blood typed and are registered in the Association's Stud Book at the date of application.
- (f) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Board may insist upon inspection of any horse before accepting the application for entry in the Progeny Register and may appoint an Inspector for that purpose and the expense of the inspection shall be borne by the application for recording.

13. **Adult Registration**

Unless otherwise decided by the Board in relation to any particular application for registration or recording the following regulations shall apply to registration in the Association's Stud Book.

- (a) All horses born in Australia must be foal recorded and classified before they can be adult registered, unless otherwise directed by the Board.
- (b) Application for registration or recording will only be accepted from a full financial member of the Association.
- (c) Each Application for registration in the Association's Stud Book shall be submitted on the prescribed form containing such information as the Board may from time to time prescribe.
- (d) If born outside Australia a horse must be registered or eligible for registration in the Stud Book or Progeny Register of a country affiliated with the World Haflinger Federation. See Regulation 5 (a)



- (e) In respect of each horse imported into Australia an application for registration in the Association's Stud Book shall be made by its owner. Each horse so imported may be inspected for the purpose of verification or identification by a Classifier appointed for that purpose by the Board. No registration in the Stud Book shall be accepted until the report of such Classifier has been submitted to the Registrar.
- (f) All applications for registration of any horse in the Association's Stud Book shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- (g) Notwithstanding anything contained herein the Board may insist upon inspection of any horse before accepting the application for registration in the Association's Stud Book and may appoint an Inspector or Inspectors for that purpose and the expense of the inspection shall be borne by the applicant for registration.
- (h) The Board may refuse any application for registration, without assigning a reason.
- (i) The Board may refuse to allow any name which in its absolute discretion it considers to be misleading, misapplied or contrary to the interests of the members of the Association generally.
- (j) The name of a horse may be changed with the consent of the Board, at its discretion, provided breeders prefix is not dropped or altered.
- (k) A number shall be allotted by the Registrar to each horse upon registration in the Association's Stud Book and that **number will be irrevocable**. Numbers shall be allocated consecutively for males as well as females.
- (l) Any horse born after 1 August 1994 must be classified by the Association's Classifier, before it may be recorded in the Studbook.
- (m) Numbers allocated shall have a prefix letter as follows:
 - "BA" for all purebreds (signifies Breeder's Australian Stud Book)
 - "BHA" for all Haflo-Arabs
 - "BC" for other crossbreds

A number after the registration number indicates the generation of the cross (example "BC123 - 3" means cross bred, Reg No 123, 3rd cross).

14. **Transfer or Lease**

- (a) Upon the sale exchange gift lease or other disposition of a horse registered or recorded in the records of the Association notification of such disposition shall forthwith be given in writing by the registered owner to the Registrar and there shall be lodged by the transferor with the Registrar within thirty (30) days either:-The Registration Certificate or Foal Recording Certificate together with an application for transfer in the prescribed form signed by the transferor to be recorded in the records of the Association.
- (b) Where the registered owner sells a female registered in the records of the Association and in foal he shall furnish to the purchaser a Service Certificate.



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- (c) The transferor shall pay the prescribed fee in respect of each application for transfer and shall return the Certificate or Registration in respect of the horse to the Registrar for endorsement of the details of transfer on such Certificate of Registration.
Where the transferor is not a financial member of the Association and is not available to sign an application for transfer at the discretion of the Board the purchaser may submit an application for transfer to his/her name PROVIDED THAT where the transferor is not a member of the Association the fee to be paid on transfer shall be prescribed by the Board.
- (d) Where a horse is lent or leased by its registered owner to some other person written notification of such loan or lease shall within thirty (30) days be given to the Registrar by such registered owner and such person; each notice shall describe the horse by reference to its colour and markings and brands to its Stud Book number and shall specify the name and situation of the property upon which the horse will be pastured throughout the period of such loan or lease and upon the horse being returned to its registered owner notification of such termination and return shall be given in writing by the registered owner to the Registrar specifying the date of such return and the name and situation of the property to which the horse has been returned and upon which is depasturing.
Subject to due compliances with the requirements aforesaid the person to whom the horse was lent or leased shall be competent to sign and furnish the owner of the mare a service certificate in relation to the horse for any service effected during the period of such loan or lease upon the said property where such horse was reported to be depastured.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything else wherein or elsewhere contained or implied the Board or the relative Branch Board may insist upon inspection of a horse before accepting any application for recording of a transfer whether by way of sale, exchange, gift lease or other disposition in the Association's records and may appoint an inspector or inspectors for that purpose and the expense of the inspection shall be borne by the applicant for recording of transfer PROVIDED THAT the Board or relative Branch Board may refuse to record any application for recording of a transfer without assigning any reason therefore.
- (f) The Board may refuse any application for Transfer or Lease.
15. **Stud Book Publication**
The Registrar will be responsible for editing and collating all material prior to printing of the Stud Book annually.
16. **Classification Days**
- (a) The Registrar will be responsible for notifying members regarding classification days, the results of the inspection, and amending Registration Certificates as required.
- (b) Decisions of the classifiers at the time of inspection shall be binding.



Appeals against any decisions must be made to the Board in writing for their consideration at the next Board meeting.

17. **Replacement of lost Registration Certificates**

Certified copies of certificates may be issued by the Registrar, if approved by the Board. A fee as set out in the current "Fee List" will be payable.

18. **Showing of horses**

- (a) Only Purebred horses registered or recorded in the stud book of the Australian Haflinger Horse Breeder's Association may be shown in Haflinger Classes at Agricultural shows, or "All Breed" shows.
- (b) ALL horses over three years of age must be classified by the Association before they may be used for breeding. Unclassified registered horses under 4 years (at 1st August) may be shown in Haflinger classes.
- (c) All horses must be under proper control at all times. Horses that get loose in the ring will be eliminated.
- (d) All horses must have been trained to make turns in the ring to the RIGHT. A handler must not stand or lead a horse in such a way as to obscure the Judge's view of the horse.
- (e) Horses must be shown as naturally as possible and must be properly groomed.
- (f) Body Clipping is not permitted Removal of Facial Hairs is not permitted
Mane and tail are not to be plaited or braided
Clipping of the Bridle path is optional.
Ears may be neatened, but not clipped out
Clipping of feathers and legs below knees or hocks is optional
- (g) Handlers must be properly attired and groomed to compliment their horse.
- (h) Even though a horse may have been previously classified, it can not be shown if it has white markings above knees or hocks larger than a tennis ball or more than 10% black hairs in mane and tail.
Horses may be shown shod or unshod, but feet must be neatly and correctly trimmed.
Annual horse registration fee must be paid up to date.

19. **Video Classification** Procedure:

- (a) Horses reaching the designated age may be presented at an AHHBA classification day , or
- (b) Subject to the prior written approval of the Board for horses resident in remote or isolated areas,(defined as more than 500 Kms, as the crow flies from the location the horse is stabled or agisted. to the classification venue) a video made to the AHHBA specifications may be presented for consideration.
- (c) All horses will be graded using the numerical evaluation classification sheet

