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STUD BOOK – WHITE PAPER

Breeding Appendix – Vision, Integrity & Principles

Currently the Board are reviewing ways of improving the integrity of the Society's Stud Book. Part of these discussions include a vision to introduce a Breeding Appendix for mares and stallions. As a result of these discussions, a special resolution will be presented to Members at the 2018 Annual General Meeting to remove **Clause 11, STUD BOOK of the SOCIETY'S CONSTITUTION** in its entirety and a replacement clause has been drafted and is currently available for Members to review.

The replacement clause is available to be viewed at:

- www.ashs.com.au/downloads/Rules_Regs/2018/Press_Release_Draft_Constitution.pdf

The current Constitution for The Australian Stock Horse Society can be viewed at:

- www.ashs.com.au/downloads/Rules_Regs/2017/ASHS_Constitution_2017-2018.pdf

Further information in relation to the introduction of a Breeding Appendix, including the key points, are as follows:

The Breeding Appendix is a registration system for breeding purposes only, at Appendix level, being the lowest level of registration. The Breeding Appendix is for horses that cannot be registered under our current rules and regulations, for example: station bred horses, horses with no (or limited) pedigree, or horses of other breeds.

Horses in the Breeding Appendix will have no ASH competition or sale rights, including all events, prizes, awards or sales restricted to Registered Australian Stock Horses. Horses accepted into the Breeding Appendix (BA-) must always be advertised as Breeding Appendix, if at any time privately sold or used at stud.

Horses registered in the Breeding Appendix will be able to be advertised at Stud in the Australian Stock Horse Journal and recorded in results for non-ASH events in the Australian Stock Horse Journal.

Progeny of unregistered or non-Australian Stock Horses will not be eligible for First Cross ASH registration unless the unregistered or non-Australian Stock Horse has been registered in the Breeding Appendix. If the unregistered or non-Australian Stock Horse has NOT been registered in the Breeding Appendix, progeny will only be eligible for the Breeding Appendix (no ASH competition or sale rights), not First Cross.

When a Breeding Appendix horse is bred to a Stud Book ASH, the progeny may be eligible under the First Cross regulations, after passing inspection by a Society Inspector as a mare or gelding. Stallions will remain ineligible for First Cross registration (unless this change is adopted by Members at the AGM - see below) and may be registered under the Breeding Appendix.

The Breeding Appendix will enable the Society to record the horse's details, pedigree, identification and ownership. All horses being considered for the Breeding Appendix must be DNA tested for genetic disorders and proven as negative (or a non-carrier) before the horse is registered with the Society.

All horses in the Breeding Appendix must have a DNA profile recorded with the Society for parentage and/or progeny testing. Applicants will also require a breeding certificate signed by the Stallion Owner. Proof of breeding must be provided, otherwise the pedigree will be listed as unknown.

All horses in the Breeding Appendix must pass inspection by a Society Inspector for ASH type, have good conformation, intelligence with an alert and calm temperament, height between 14-16 hands and show overall balance. Horses should have an even gait and straight action. Horses with hereditary faults, undesirable characteristics or abnormalities would not be acceptable.

Owners must be Financial Members of the Society for the horse to be eligible for registration in the Breeding Appendix. Registration, inspection and DNA fees will apply for each application in the Breeding Appendix. Advantages include:

- Better integrity for the Stud Book
- Reduce risk of genetic disorders
- Clarity for buyers and breeders regarding pedigree
- Re-introduction of horses that missed a generation of proven breeding
- Bigger genetic pool available to breeders
- Increase in Membership
- Increase in registrations

Other changes being discussed by the Board under the rules and regulations, includes the phasing out of Special Merit registration and re-introduction of registration of First Cross stallions. At the 2018 Annual General Meeting, members will be given the opportunity to vote on the re-introduction of First Cross stallions under the regulations. Additionally, other changes to the regulations currently being investigated by the Board include:

- Breeding Certificates must be completed within the breeding season the mare was served.
- Progeny will only be eligible for registration if the sire was Sire Registered at time of service.
- The Registered Owner (or Lessee) of the stallion must be a Financial Member at time of service.

The draft changes to the Constitution will be finalised at the May Board Meeting as a Special Resolution for the 2018 Annual General Meeting. **Any members wishing to submit feedback on the draft proposal must provide it in writing to the Registrar (info@ashs.com.au) by 26th April 2018 with concerns and/or solutions for the Boards consideration at the May Board meeting.** The resolution adopted by the Board at the May Meeting will be presented to the Members at the 2018 Annual General Meeting for Members to vote.