



DRAFT CONSTITUTION CHANGES – 2018 AGM PROPOSED STUD BOOK CHANGES

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 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

The recommended replacement clause is as follows:

11. INTERNATIONAL STUD BOOK
- 11.1. The Board shall keep or cause to be kept, the Stud Book of the Society in which the registration records of all horses registered as Australian Stock Horses are kept. The Board may make Regulations governing the keeping of the Stud Book and the contents thereof, the registration of horses and the eligibility criteria for registration, registration fees and procedures, but such Regulations must not be inconsistent with the Constitution and in particular, the categories of registration and the eligibility criteria for such categories as set out in this clause.
- 11.2. The Australian Stock Horse Society is the International Stud Book for Registered Australian Stock Horses. The Society aims to preserve the heritage and identity of the breed, and is responsible for the integrity and promotion of Registered Australian Stock Horses. The Society provides official documentation for identification of horses.
- 11.3. Horses registered after 1st January 2019 shall be registered in any one of the following categories of registration:
- (a) Stud Book and Heritage Stud Book
 - (b) Registry (comprising categories of: First Cross, Second Cross, and Breeding Purposes)
 - (c) Breeding Appendix
 - (d) Exceptional Horse
- 11.4. Stud Book: A horse accepted for registration in the Stud Book category shall have either two registered Stud Book Australian Stock Horses parents, or one registered Stud Book Australian Stock Horse and one registered Second Cross Australian Stock Horse as parents.
- (i) Heritage Stud Book: A Horse accepted into the Stud Book and identified as having sufficient Australian Stock Horse heritage lineage, being a descendant of the same breeds as horses ridden by the Australian Light Horse in WWI and breeds that resided in Australia prior to 1945. A Heritage Stud Book horse is acknowledged as the highest standard for Australian Stock Horse breeding.
- 11.5. Registry shall comprise of the following categories:
- (i) Until 1st January 2021, First Cross, Second Cross and Special Merit: A horse accepted for registration under these categories shall have at least one parent (or grandparent) as a Stud Book Australian Stock Horse to the extent determined by the Board.
 - (ii) From 1st January 2021, First Cross, Second Cross: A horse accepted for registration under these categories shall have the sire and dam registered with the Society with at least one parent (or grandparent) as a Stud Book Australian Stock Horse to the extent determined by the Board.
 - (iii) Breeding Purposes Only: A horse accepted for registration in the Breeding Purposes Only category shall be a Stud Book Thoroughbred. Privileges for registration are restricted under this category.
- 11.6. Breeding Appendix: The Appendix is to record information about horses that are not eligible or breeding unable to be verified for registration in the Stud Book or Registry categories. From 1st January 2019, horses shall be registered in the Appendix so progeny may be eligible in the Registry. Horses under this category will not be eligible for ASHS events, sales and awards. Any horse recorded in this category will not be eligible to be upgraded into a higher category.
- 11.7. Exceptional Horses: A horse accepted for registration in the Exceptional Horse category shall have been invited by the Board to do so because in the opinion of the Board, the horse has superior Australian Stock Horse attributes (such as type, conformation and temperament) and shall have achieved a superior performance record. * The Board may accept an Exceptional Horse into any registration category (irrespective of breeding requirements) and/or restrict registration privileges.
- 11.8. The Board may, whenever it considers it appropriate to do so, publish (by any means including electronically) the Stud Book.

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.