



## SPECIAL MERIT ASH REGISTRATION

- Horses eligible for Special Merit registration must have Registered Australian Stock Horses with Stud Book status on both sides of the horse's pedigree within two generations. The Australian Stock Horse breeding must appear at least twice on one side of the pedigree and once on the other side.
- Special Merit horses will only be accepted as Second Cross status and the registration number will be identified as "C2-".
- Under Special Merit registration, performances are not considered.
- Eligible horses may be registered at any age and must pass inspection by a Society Inspector. The Society Inspector will consider the horse for ASH type, conformation, movement, colour, height, temperament, overall appearance and the like for acceptance or otherwise.
- The horse must be CLEARLY BRANDED with a stock brand, identification number and foaling season year number.

Registration is limited to **FINANCIAL MEMBERS** of the Society. If you are not already a member, you may download a Membership Application from the Forms page on the Society's website. Membership fees for 2019 are **\$190.00** for adults and **\$90.00** for youth under 18 years (per calendar year). Your membership application may be submitted with the horse's registration.

In relation to the horse, you must complete an **APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION**. This form may be downloaded from the Horses or Forms page on the Society's website. If the dam is ASH Registered, the Breeder's Declaration or a Transfer Application must be signed by the registered owner of the dam (at time of foaling) to confirm the foaling records. **PROOF OF SERVICE** is required and parentage is unable to be accepted as unknown, unless approved by the Board. Proof of service is required as specified under the regulations and one of the following requirements are essential:

### NATURAL SERVICE

- ASH Breeding Certificate signed by the Stallion Owner is **compulsory** – The original or a copy of the ASH Breeding Certificate must be attached to the Application for Registration when lodged with the Society.
- DNA Testing and Sire Verification (not compulsory) compares the progeny's DNA with the alleged sire's DNA.

### ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

- DNA TESTING and sire verification (sire only) is **compulsory**. The Society must have a DNA profile for the sire.
- From 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016, in addition to DNA testing; an ASH Breeding Certificate signed by the Stallion Owner is **compulsory**.

### EMBRYO TRANSFERS

- DNA TESTING and parentage verification (sire and dam) is **compulsory**. The Society must have a DNA profile for the sire and dam.
- From 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016, in addition to DNA testing; an ASH Breeding Certificate signed by the Stallion Owner is **compulsory**.

For **ASH Breeding Certificates**, it is an agreement between the stallion and mare owner as to who purchases the certificate from the Society - cost **\$17.00** per certificate. The Society is unable to determine if a parentage or progeny discrepancy exists, as the Society is reliant on the documentation provided by the Member. For **DNA Testing**, submit the Application for Registration with payment of the registration and DNA fee - **\$95.00** (per horse). A kit will then be issued by the Society for collection of a hair sample by the owner. DNA testing is the most accurate method of parentage verification.

**GENETIC DISORDER TESTING** (OLWS, HYPP, HERDA, PSSM1, MH, GBED): GDT Fee - **\$225.00 (\$130 GDT, plus \$95 DNA)**. All female and entire progeny born prior to 1st August 2020, being progeny of horses testing positive to a Genetic Disorder (carrier or affected), must be tested and the results will be NOTED on the horse's registration and Online Stud Book. All female and entire progeny born after 1st August 2020, being progeny of horses testing positive to a Genetic Disorder (carrier or affected), must be tested for Genetic Disorders and results must be NEGATIVE to be accepted for registration.

After the Application for Registration is completed, arrange the **HORSE'S INSPECTION** as follows:

- Members are able to contact Society Inspectors to arrange a mutually acceptable time and place to carry out the inspection, ie, inspector's or horse owner's residence, local event and the like. The Society Inspectors are listed on the HORSES page of the Society's website - name, location and contact telephone numbers. The Inspection Report is included on the Application for Registration. Recommended inspection fee **\$30.00** per horse, plus **78c** per kilometre travelled.
- Alternatively, if the inspector is not available or resides outside your area; video footage on DVD or USB can be submitted with the Application for Registration for inspection purposes - **\$20.00** video inspection fee. Further details relating to video requirements are provided with the inspectors list.

When everything has been completed, submit the application to the Society with your payment. **REGISTRATION FEES** are as follows:

Mares and Fillies .....	<b>\$215.00</b>
Geldings .....	<b>\$150.00</b>
Stallions and Colts .....	<b>\$785.00</b>

If the progeny is being registered by the membership that owned or leased the dam at time of foaling; or the progeny is under 365 days old and is being registered by the member who purchased the dam with the progeny as a foal at foot, no transfer fee will apply. Otherwise, should the progeny owner and mare owner/lease be different, a transfer fee of **\$50.00** will apply.

All horses accepted for Special Merit registration will have **FULL COMPETITION RIGHTS**, providing the owner remains a financial member of the Society. Horse registrations are **SUSPENDED** if the Registered Owner **DOES NOT** remain a Financial Member, or the horse is sold and not officially transferred. All stallions or colts being Sire Registered will require 6 panel Genetic Disorder testing. Any horse that returns a Positive Test as a carrier or affected for a Genetic Disorder will be REJECTED for Sire Registration.

Further information on the Society's Regulations, registration categories, procedures, fees and forms are available on the Society's Website – Horses page.

**Fees quoted are effective until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

- An Application for Registration will be determined in accordance with the rules and eligibility criteria at date of application. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all requirements for registration are submitted. Any member submitting an incomplete or incorrect application will be charged an administration fee. Any application not finalised within twelve months will be cancelled and no refund will apply.
- In relation to a cancellation request, if the application is unprocessed; the registration fee less an administration fee will be refunded. If the application has been processed (completed, incomplete or incorrect letter), no refund will apply.
- The owner must advise the Society of any errors within 30 days of processing, with identification or anomalies that are inconsistent with the application - no charge.

**Complete ASH Rules & Regulations are available on the Society's Website**