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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GENERAL REGISTER

The Australian Stock Horse Society has a Stud Book and a General Register which Members apply to register their ASH horses in.

The ASHS Board has resolved to propose changes to be made to the rules governing registration in the General Register only.

Members will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed changes at the 2026 Annual General Meeting which is being held in Melbourne on Saturday 30 May 2026. Members will be able to vote in person at the meeting or by proxy in advance.

Further information about the AGM including attendance, voting and the full agenda will be provided to Members closer to the date.

If adopted by Members at the 2026 AGM, the operative date for these changes will be 1 October 2028, allowing for a long lead-time including the 2026/27 and 2027/28 breeding seasons.

In the meantime, and in order to allow for meaningful consideration by Members, the Board has prepared this document to provide an insight into the proposed changes.

All horses registered currently, and those registered up until the proposed date of change 1 October 2028, will not be impacted in any way – they will retain their registration status and owners will continue to enjoy the same benefits that they do today.

The proposed changes will not affect the registration of any horses registered in the Stud Book, nor in the Breeding Purposes or Base Registry categories of the General Register.

These changes will only affect future applications (on or after 1 October 2028) to register horses in the First Cross and Second Cross categories of the General Register.

Owners of some horses currently registered in the Base Registry of the General Register may be eligible to apply to upgrade their registration status if this proposal is adopted by Members, and after the implementation date of 1 October 2028.

The Directors welcome feedback and any questions from Members in advance of the AGM, which can be addressed to the Board via email to ceo@ashs.com.au



Proposed Changes to the GENERAL REGISTER

So, what is changing?

The recommendation provides a mechanism to ensure ALL future applications for Second and First Cross horses for eligibility purposes have a level of Heritage Stock Horse ancestry.

Currently the Base Registry works in this way. By implementing an evaluation process for Second and First Cross horses in the same way, it will ensure ALL horses in the General Register are accepted in accordance with an improving level of heritage lineage as per the categories.

The main objective is to improve the categorization of horses in the Base Registry, First and Second Cross, by endorsing a registration system for the GENERAL REGISTER (not Stud Book) which considers the amount of HERITAGE STOCK HORSE ancestry a horse carries. With consideration of your mating choices, members can breed eligible descendants. Through generational breeding, progeny may be, or descendants may become, eligible for Stud Book registration.

At this point in time, Stallions are not eligible for First Cross registration, whilst stallions are eligible in the Base Registry. ASH registered Base Registry stallions have limited to significant levels of Heritage Stock Horse breeding. Under this proposal, whilst the Base Registry will not change, stallions with significant Heritage Stock Horse ASH Registered parentage would be recognized at a higher level of registration, including acceptance as a First Cross stallion.

Eligibility for registration will only affect NEW Applications for Registration under the General Register of Second Cross, First Cross and Base Registry categories. Horses registered in these categories are not eligible for upgrade to Stud Book. When breeding any horse (registered or unregistered), you can breed horses eligible for Australian Stock Horse registration, by selecting a mating which would result in progeny registration.

The change to the Society's General Register (if adopted by the members) will be consistent with the Society's Aims by preserving heritage bloodlines and improving the value of the Society's heritage bloodlines for future registrations. Members are assured, this proposal does NOT affect the eligibility of Stud Book horses, the STUD BOOK will continue to remain as it currently exists.

As a Board, we believe the change is essential to the Society and we RECOMMEND members adopt the Constitutional change in relation to the Registration of Horses and General Register at the 2026 AGM.

ELIGIBILITY - STUD BOOK

STUD BOOK PROGENY must have Registered Australian Stock Horse parents, as defined in the Society's Constitution for eligibility in one of the following registration categories:

- STUD BOOK, or
- HERITAGE STUD BOOK

Registered Stud Book Australian Stock Horses, recognised as a Heritage Stock Horses, are HERITAGE STUD BOOK horses. Horses may be recognised as a Heritage Stock Horse if it exhibits a minimum of 87.5% Australian Stock Horse Heritage lineage.

Sire must be Sire Registered for progeny to be eligible for STUD BOOK registration.

	SIRE	SIRE
	<u>STUD BOOK</u>	<u>SECOND CROSS</u>
DAM	PROGENY	PROGENY
<u>STUD BOOK</u>	STUD BOOK	STUD BOOK
	SIRE must be Sire Registered	SIRE must be Sire Registered
DAM	PROGENY	PROGENY
<u>SECOND CROSS</u>	STUD BOOK	<u>GENERAL REGISTER</u>
	SIRE must be Sire Registered	HSH ancestry essential

ELIGIBILITY - GENERAL REGISTER

GENERAL REGISTER PROGENY must have Heritage Stock Horse ancestry, as defined in the Society's Constitution for eligibility in one of the following registration categories:

- SECOND CROSS,
- FIRST CROSS, or
- BASE REGISTRY

GENERAL REGISTER PROGENY must satisfy a Heritage Stock Horse ANCESTRY requirement for eligibility under one of the below categories and will be acceptable as a Mare, Filly, Stallion, Colt or Gelding:

Registration Category	Registered HSH ancestors	Minimum HSH lineage
BASE REGISTRY	2 nd or 3 rd Generation	25% HSH
FIRST CROSS	1 st or 2 nd Generation	50% HSH
SECOND CROSS	1 st and 2 nd Generation	75% HSH

Progeny with the following parents, or progeny NOT eligible for STUD BOOK registration, may be considered under the General Register: Registered ASH Sire as parent (Sire Registration not compliant)

- Second Cross ASH parent
- ASH Breeding Purposes ONLY parent
- First Cross ASH parent
- Base Registry ASH parent
- Unregistered parent
- Non-Australian Stock Horse parent.

BASE REGISTRY Minimum 25% HSH lineage within 2nd or 3rd generations

ELIGIBILITY – progeny shall satisfy one of the following:

- one registered Australian Stock Horse grandparent denoted as Heritage Stock Horse; or,
- two registered Australian Stock Horse great grandparents denoted as Heritage Stock Horse.

Two examples of BASE REGISTRY horses:

PARENTS	GRANDPARENTS	
Extra generations ARE required		
SIRE	
Breed: No:	
DAM	HORSE NAME - HSH	
Breed: No:	

PARENTS	GRANDPARENTS	GREAT GRANDPARENTS	
Extra generations ARE required			
SIRE	
Breed: No:	HORSE NAME - HSH	
DAM	
Breed: No:	HORSE NAME - HSH	

FIRST CROSS Minimum 50% HSH lineage within 1st or 2nd generations

ELIGIBILITY – progeny shall satisfy one of the following:

- one registered Australian Stock Horse parent denoted as Heritage Stock Horse; or
- two registered Australian Stock Horse grandparents denoted as Heritage Stock Horse.

Two examples of FIRST CROSS horses:

PARENTS		
SIRE HORSE NAME - HSH		
Breed: ASH No: 123456		
DAM		
Breed: No:		

PARENTS	GRANDPARENTS	
Extra generations ARE required		
SIRE	
Breed: No:	HORSE NAME - HSH	
DAM	HORSE NAME - HSH	
Breed: No:	

SECOND CROSS Minimum 75% HSH lineage within 1st and 2nd generations

ELIGIBILITY – progeny shall satisfy one of the following:

- two registered Australian Stock Horse parents denoted as Heritage Stock Horse,
- one registered Australian Stock Horse parent denoted as Heritage Stock Horse and one Registered Australian Stock Horse grandparent denoted as Heritage Stock Horse on the other side of the pedigree; or
- three registered Australian Stock Horse grandparents denoted as Heritage Stock Horse.

Three examples of SECOND CROSS horses:

PARENTS
Extra generations ARE required

SIRE HORSE NAME - HSH
Breed: ASH No: 123456

DAM HORSE NAME - HSH
Breed: ASH No: 123456

Second Cross – HSH
applies when both parents are HSH and parentage is as follows:

- Sire is **NOT** Sire Registered and both parents are registered (any category) and are HSH,
- Both parents are Second Cross - HSH, or
- One or both parents are Base Registry - HSH or First Cross - HSH.



PARENTS
Extra generations ARE required

SIRE HORSE NAME - HSH
Breed: ASH No: 123456

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HORSE NAME - HSH

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DAM

Breed: No:



PARENTS
Extra generations ARE required

SIRE

Breed: No:

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HORSE NAME - HSH

HORSE NAME - HSH

HORSE NAME - HSH

DAM

Breed: No:



Summary - Notes

GENERAL REGISTER - ELIGIBILITY

- ALL General Register horses must pass inspection by a Society Inspector, mares & fillies must be Herda tested and stallions & colts 6 panel Genetic Disorder tested.
- If the sire is NOT ASHS Sire Registered, progeny is not eligible for STUD BOOK ASH registration. The GENERAL REGISTER may be applicable, if progeny has a minimum of 25% Heritage Stock Horse ancestry, as defined.
- Progeny with less than 25% Registered Heritage Stock Horse ancestors within three generations will not be eligible for ASH registration in the General Register under any category.

HERITAGE STOCK HORSE - Any registered Australian Stock Horse may be recognised as a Heritage Stock Horse if it exhibits a minimum of 87.5% Australian Stock Horse Heritage lineage. The registration category of Second Cross, First Cross or Base Registry will not change.

COMPETITION - Once progeny are ASH Registered as STUD BOOK or GENERAL REGISTER (except Breeding Purposes), the horse will be eligible for ASH competitions and prizes providing the Registered Owner is a Financial Member of the Society.

THOROUGHBREDS - Thoroughbreds registered in the Thoroughbred Stud Book may be eligible for Breeding Purposes ONLY category under the General Register. Thoroughbreds are accepted equivalent to Second Cross and remain NOT eligible for ASH competitions and prizes.

Progeny of horses previously registered as Breeding Purposes ONLY have been accepted as equivalent to Stud Book or Second Cross. For mating purposes, the category the horse is accepted as sire or dam would be utilised when considering progeny eligibility as Stud Book. If not eligible in the Stud Book, the progeny must have 25% Heritage Stock Horse as defined in this document.