

THE CASPIAN HORSE SOCIETY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Amended and effective from

July 2011

REGISTRATION OF STOCK

1. STALLION LICENCES

A colt must be at least 24 months old before a Stallion Licence for stud purposes can be issued. Owners must ensure that a colt has a valid Stallion Licence before he is used at stud, if any of his progeny is to be eligible for registration. A Licensed Part-Bred Caspian stallion must have at least 25% Caspian blood. A Licence for showing purposes only may be given between 1st January in a colt's second year and the date when he becomes 24 months of age. Full details and the necessary forms can be obtained from the Registrar.

Warning: See 'X-Register' below, regarding the use of an unlicensed stallion.

2. X-REGISTER

The purebred offspring of a sire which was unlicensed at the time of conception, or a foal which fails to meet the CHS requirements for registration in any other way, shall be placed in the X-register of the CHS Caspian Stud Book and subsequently in the X-register of the International Caspian Stud Book. The registration number will be prefixed with an 'X' and neither the foal nor any descendants will be admitted to the ICSB except in rarest circumstances.

3. PREFIX

To register stock, breeders must first register a unique prefix. The chosen prefix must be submitted to the CHS Registrar well before the registration application to allow time for it to be checked with the Central Prefix Register and International Caspian Stud Book. Full details and the necessary forms are available from the Registrar.

4. STALLION RETURNS

A Stallion Owner must complete and return to the Registrar a Stallion Return for that covering season by 31st December. Documentation and details are available from the Registrar. Any covering certificate signed by a minor must be countersigned by a legally responsible adult over 18 years of age. If kinship and/or affinity exist between a minor and their representative, the signatures of both must be witnessed by signature of an independent witness, above the age of 18 years old, with no kinship and/or affinity to either.

Note: The witness/es to the minor's signature are responsible for ensuring the integrity and validity of the said covering.

UNPLANNED COVERINGS: In cases where an unplanned covering results in a foal without Stallion Return or Covering Certificate to establish parentage and eligibility, DNA proof of parentage will be required, at owner's expense, with any application for registration. In the absence of such documentation, the resulting foal will be placed in the part-bred stud-book, or will be ineligible if the mare has less than 25% Caspian blood.

5. FOUNDATION STOCK

5.1. To be eligible for entry into the International Caspian Pre-Foundation Register, hereinafter called the **ICPFR**, stock must:

- have originated from Iran or bordering territories
- be DNA tested for Caspian markers by a researcher approved by the International Caspian Society e.g. E. Gus Cothran (Texas University).
- Any passport issued should include the words “Caspian, pending approval”

5.2. To be eligible for entry into the International Caspian Stud Book, hereinafter called the **ICSB**, pre-foundation stock entered in the **ICPFR** must:

- Have bred at least two foals (which may also be entered into the **ICPFR** for inspection purposes) which have passed inspection by a minimum of two representatives of the International Caspian Society. Minimal expenses of inspectors i.e. subsistence, travel and overnight accommodation, shall be borne by the person requesting admission into the **ICSB**.
- In the case of a pre-foundation mare, the foals should be by two different stallions or, in the case of a pre-foundation stallion, the foals should be out of different mares
- If one of the foals does not pass inspection for type, or in the case of doubt, a third foal by a different mare/stallion, can be inspected.
- If two foals do not pass inspection for type, then admission to the **ICSB** will be refused and any stock produced from the pre-foundation parent cannot be named as “Caspian” on their passport.*
- The minimum age for inspection of a foal from a pre-foundation Caspian is nine months.
- The ‘pending approval’ passports and registration certificates of the pre-foundation parent and the inspected offspring which have not passed inspection for type must be returned to the Registrar of the **PIO** (*Passport Issuing Organisation*) for amendment and the **ICS** (*International Caspian Society*) notified. The ‘pending approval’ passports and ‘pending approval’ registration certificates of those not put forward for assessment must also be returned for amendment. In the event of non-return of the passports the **ICS** reserves the right to make an announcement on the **ICS** website and forum to this effect.
- The assessment team shall consist of three elected officials of the **ICS**. The decision of any two assessors will count.
If approved, the foundation parent, the inspected progeny and future foals can be registered with the **designated national society and entered in the **ICSB**. If several foals exist from the same animal, the Assessors are empowered to make further recommendations regarding their approval or otherwise, including the possible gelding of a pre-foundation stallion. The original certificates and passports should be handed by the owner to the assessors at the point of approval, and shall be returned to the original issuing **PIO** for amendment, before being forwarded with the appropriate fees to the Registrar of the designated national society, for inclusion in their Stud Book.

5.3. In the case of imported animals and for the reasons given above it is strongly recommended that the importer should remain the owner of the imported stock until two foals, and one further foal, if one foal should fail a type inspection, have been type approved by a minimum of two representatives of the International Caspian Society. The parent stock and foals should ideally be kept in the same location to minimise expense and logistical problems.

5.4. Pre-foundation stallions must pass a veterinary inspection to ensure that they are sound and have no evident genetic faults. At this point they will be granted a temporary licence for use at stud. The licence may be rescinded if the stallion later produces non-typical stock. A full licence will be issued by the registering society if the stallion passes assessment.

5.5. All stock should be DNA tested and micro-chipped (parent verification will be required in the case of foals).

6. If at any time a foundation animal proves to be producing non-typical stock, the **ICS** shall be entitled to refuse entry of any further foals from the foundation parent into the **ICSB**.

**** In countries where passports are issued***

***** European Commission regulations require that any horse assessed in a country within the European Union and accepted as foundation stock, should be registered only with the Caspian Horse Society (UK) before admittance to the ICSB.***

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6. PURE BRED REGISTRATION

Owners may register their stock in the pure-bred register subject to the following conditions and upon payment of the relevant fee.

- a) Both Sire and Dam must have been registered in the International Caspian Stud Book.
- b) The Sire shall have received, prior to covering the Dam, a Licence issued by a society affiliated to the International Caspian Society.
- c) Foals should be registered and have a Micro-chip and Passport by six months of age or by 31st December in the year of birth, whichever is the later. Information and relevant forms are obtainable from the Registrar.
- d) Applications for Registration shall be by means of a signed covering certificate obtained from the stallion owner at the time of covering and duly completed by the owner of the mare.

7. PART-BRED REGISTRATION

Owners may register their stock in the Part-Bred Register using the relevant forms and subject to the following conditions and upon payment of the relevant fee.

Eligibility for Registration: Generally must have a verifiable percentage of no less than 12.5% Caspian blood.

Proof is acceptable by means of:

- a) The Dam's Registration Certificate and/or
- b) The Sire's Registration Certificate and/or
- c) Where reliance is on b), the relevant covering certificate or authenticated use of that stallion on the dam of the offspring to be registered, in the relevant covering period.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES FOR PURE AND PART-BRED CASPIANS

1. A minimum of 20 pulled mane or tail hairs (complete with follicles attached) should accompany application for Registration, in envelopes supplied by the Registrar and authenticated by a veterinary surgeon's signature.

2. Registration over 18 months of age on application in any section of the part bred register will be at the discretion of Council.

The Division of the Part-Bred Register

Section A

- i) Offspring of a registered and licensed pure-bred or part-bred Caspian stallion and a mare registered in any recognised breed society stud book or in the Riding Pony Section of the NPS Register *or* as a Section A Caspian Part-bred, or eligible for such entry.
- ii) Offspring with at least 12.5% Caspian blood, the progeny of a pure-bred or part-bred Caspian mare (min. 25% Caspian blood) registered in Section A and a licensed stallion registered in any recognised breed society stud book or the Riding Pony stud book of the NPS.

Note: A colt fulfilling the required criteria may be registered in Section A of the Part-Bred Stud Book, but will require a minimum of 25% Caspian blood if intended to be licensed as a part-bred sire (see 'Stallion Licences', p.2).

Section B

- i) Offspring of a pure-bred or part-bred Licensed Caspian Stallion and any mare not registered in any recognised breed society stud book.
- ii) Offspring of a pure or part-bred Caspian mare and any other stallion.

8. TRANSFER OF STOCK

Upon the sale, lease, loan etc. of an animal, the appropriate section of the Registration Document must be completed and sent with Passport and appropriate fee to the Registrar by the Vendor. They will be returned promptly by the Registrar.

Note: Vendors are strongly advised against parting with the Passport until the purchase fee has been cleared through their bank. If the Passport is handed over before being amended by the CHS Registrar, buyers should ensure that they obtain the updated Passport before transporting the animal from the vendor's premises.

Stallion Licences, Registration Certificates and Passports are the property of the Society and should be returned to the Registrar upon the death of an animal or the gelding of a stallion.

9. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

Registration of stock resulting from Artificial Insemination must be accompanied by veterinary and documentary evidence and will only be allowed by prior agreement with the Society.

10. EMBRYO TRANSFER

Registration of foals resulting from Embryo Transfer will only be allowed if a mare of a rare bloodline is unable to carry her own progeny successfully and then only by prior agreement of the Society.

11. GENETIC TESTING

Genetic testing of the hairs supplied at registration may be required by the Society to resolve any doubt as to the parentage or identification of a horse. Any such requirement will be at the expense of the owner and any refusal to permit testing may result in cancellation of registration. Test results will be sent direct from the test laboratory to the Registrar, who will take a copy for Society records and forward the original test results to the owner.

12. CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

The Society may cancel a registration if it is found that any information on the application for registration is false or wilfully incorrect or that the horse is found not to have met the requirements for registration.

13. DUPLICATE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

To obtain a duplicate certificate, the registered owner must supply the Registrar with a written explanation of the loss of the original certificate and indemnifying the Society against any claim resulting from the loss of the original certificate. A fee will be charged for all replacements.

14. REGISTRAR

CHS Registrars, for their own protection, shall not be eligible to sign stallion covering certificates and/or be eligible to confirm Stallion Licences of their own stock.

15. FEES

All Fees are determined by Council and published in the CHS Magazine 'THE CASPIAN' or obtainable from the Registrar.

16. MEMBERSHIP

1. The financial year of the Society shall be from 1st April to 31st March and Annual Membership shall relate to that period.
2. Annual Subscriptions are due on or before 1st April and membership shall be deemed to have lapsed if a subscription remains unpaid on 30th April. All fees must be paid in £ sterling.
3. New members joining between 1st January and 1st April shall not be required to renew their membership until 1st April in the year following that in which they joined. No refund of subscriptions shall be given upon resignation of membership.
4. Membership subscriptions shall be at the rates laid down from time to time by Council and current rates may be obtained from the Membership Secretary.
5. There will be no discrimination between members. Non-members are also eligible to register their stock in the appropriate categories as laid down in these rules, but at higher rates.
6. Full voting membership of the Society shall be open to UK and overseas residents over 18 years of age who have paid the appropriate full annual subscriptions, either as individuals or as two *Family members (*UK only), or those who have subscribed as Life members.
7. Non-Voting membership shall also be open to overseas residents.
8. Junior membership is non-voting and open to children under 18 years of age (UK only).

THE CASPIAN BREED STANDARD:

Having been granted custody of the Caspian Breed Standard, the Caspian Horse Society (formerly the Caspian Pony Society), entrusted these requirements to the International Caspian Society, so that at its foundation it reproduced the Caspian Breed Standard exactly as the CHS had received it. The CHS therefore formally agrees to abide by the Caspian Breed Standard accepted by all Caspian societies recognised by the ICS.

NO RULES OR REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY, NOR ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, SHALL BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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