

CASPIAN HORSE SOCIETY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Amended and effective from
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REGISTRATION OF STOCK

1. STALLION LICENCES

Pure-bred and part-bred Caspian colts 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 issued by the Caspian Horse Society (CHS) or other approved Caspian Society 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 issued 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 Section 2, 'X-Register' below, regarding the use of an unlicensed stallion.

2. X-REGISTER

The pure-bred Caspian offspring of a pure-bred Caspian stallion which was unlicensed at the time of conception, or which fails to meet the CHS requirements for registration in any other way (see Section 6), 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 of its 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 and the CPR website.

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.

Documentation of artificial inseminations If the covering takes place via artificial insemination using fresh, chilled or frozen semen (whether transported or not) the covering certificate must be accompanied by an insemination certificate signed by the inseminating veterinary surgeon only. Certificates signed by semen technicians are not acceptable (see also Section 8 Artificial Insemination)

Unplanned coverings: In cases where an unplanned covering results in a pure-bred or part-bred Caspian foal without a Stallion Return or Covering Certificate to establish date of conception and/or birth, the resulting foal can only be considered for Registration if application is made while the foal is still with the mare and the sire was already licensed by the CHS or other approved Caspian society at the time of conception. In exceptional circumstances other documentation to verify date of birth may be considered. If the sire was unlicensed and both parents are in ICSB, the foal, and its descendants, will be placed in the X-Register (see Section 2 above).

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

- must be DNA tested for Caspian markers by a researcher approved by the International Caspian Society (e.g. E. Gus Cothran (Texas University)).
- must have the words “Caspian, pending approval” on any passport issued

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 must also be entered into the **ICPFR** for inspection purposes), which have passed inspection by a minimum of two approved members of the inspection panel of the International Caspian Society. Minimal expenses of inspectors (i.e. subsistence, travel and overnight accommodation etc.), 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, may 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 9 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 pre foundation 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 regarding assessment.

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 in order to produce the required number of foals for Assessment. 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 where appropriate).

5.6. 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. Subsequent foals may be registered within the territory of birth.**

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6. PURE-BRED REGISTRATION

Owners may register their stock in the pure-bred register of the CHS 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 microchip and passport by six months of age or by 31st December in the year of birth, whichever is the later. This is a DEFRA/EU legal requirement. Information and relevant forms are obtainable from the Registrar. All late applications will require the relevant documentation and will be subject to higher fees. Registration over of animals over 2 years of age on application in any section of the Stud Book will be at the discretion of Council. In order to comply with EU regulations, as from 1 January 2016 any animal (of whatever age) accepted for this late registration will automatically be issued with a passport marked Duplicate (even though it is the first one issued) and automatically signed out of the human food chain for life.
- d) Applications for Registration shall be by means of a signed covering certificate (accompanied by a correctly signed insemination certificate where appropriate) obtained from the stallion owner at the time of covering and duly completed by the owner of the mare.
- e) DNA proof of parentage is required from 1st January 2015. A minimum of 40 pulled mane or tail hairs (complete with follicles attached) should accompany every application for Registration, authenticated by a veterinary surgeon's signature. These will be sent to the Animal Genetics Laboratory at Texas A & M University for parent verification for purebred registration. Breeders in other EU countries that already use an approved EU lab to DNA parent verify their horses may continue to do this, and send a copy of the results with the application.
- f) Registered pure bred Caspians will be entered into the International Caspian Stud Book.

7. PART-BRED REGISTRATION

Owners may register their eligible stock (see below) 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, part-bred Caspians 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.

7.1 Registration procedures for part-bred Caspians

- i) A minimum of 40 pulled mane or tail hairs (complete with follicles attached) should accompany every application for Registration, authenticated by a veterinary surgeon's signature. These will be stored in case of any future dispute over parentage.
- ii) Registration over 2 years of age on application in any section of the Stud Book will be at the discretion of Council, will require the relevant documentation. Late applications will be subject to higher fees. (see also Section 6 c above for current EU regulations on late registrations.)

7.2 The Divisions of the Part-Bred Register Section A

This is open to:

- 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 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.

Note: Part-bred Caspian colts 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 Caspian sire (see Section 1 Stallion Licences').

Section B

This is open to:

- 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 registered pure or part-bred Caspian mare and any stallion not registered in any recognised breed society stud book.

8. TRANSFER OF STOCK

Upon the sale of a pure-bred or part-bred Caspian, a Transfer Form should be obtained from the Registrar by the new owner, completed and returned to the Registrar with the Passport, Registration Certificate, Stallion Licence if applicable and the appropriate fee within 30 days of acquiring the horse. Amendment of the Passport within 30 days is an EU requirement and owners should note that a horse should not travel within the EU unless accompanied by its passport.

Note: Vendors are strongly advised against parting with the passport until the purchase price has cleared through their bank.

Stallion Licences, Registration Certificates and Passports are the property of the Society and must be returned to the Registrar for invalidation or amendment within 30 days of the death of the animal or the gelding of a stallion (EU regulation).

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. Further details are available from the Registrar (see also Section 4 above).

10. EMBRYO TRANSFER

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

11. 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.

12. DUPLICATE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES AND PASSPORTS

To obtain a duplicate Certificate of Registration / passport, 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 duplicates.

13. REGISTRAR

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

14. FEES

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

15. NON DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT OF BREEDERS

Organisations shall not discriminate against breeders. Animals shall be entitled to entry into the Stud Book where they conform to the criteria laid down in Commission Decision 96/78/EC.

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