

# THE CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

## *Studbook and Sports Register Regulations*

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#### **1 POLICY**

- 1.1. This document contains all Studbook and Sport Register Policy and Regulations and replaces all previous regulations, including statements of policy on Forms and Certificates.
- 1.2. A pony SHALL be registered once it has met the criteria for the Studbook or Sports Register.
- 1.3. The accompanying “Notes to the Regulations” provide additional information and shall not make a pony ineligible for entry into the Studbook or Sports Register.
- 1.4. Applications for registration in the Studbook and Sports Register will be accepted from members of CPSNZ and non-members. Fees will be higher for non-members.

#### **2 STUDBOOK**

- 2.1 The CPSNZ Studbook Regulations align with the CPBS Principles and Breed Standard.
- 2.2 The Studbook consists of Purebred Connemara ponies with both parents registered in the Studbook, with a separate Class 1 within the Studbook for ponies meeting additional criteria.

## **2.3 Class 1**

Class 1 contains entire males that are a minimum of three years of age and mares and geldings that are a minimum of two years of age. These ponies must meet all of the following 6 criteria to qualify for Class 1:

- 2.3.1 Both parents must be entered in the CPSNZ Studbook or an ICCPS member society Studbook.
- 2.3.2 Measure 128cms to 148cms inclusive.
- 2.3.3 Pass a visual Inspection against the breed standard by achieving the minimum marking standard for Class 1. The minimum pass mark for entire males is 70% and for mares and geldings 60%.
- 2.3.4 Has passed the CPSNZ or ICCPS member society veterinary Inspection.
- 2.3.5 DNA profile and parent verification is filed with EPAGSC, Massey University and the CPSNZ Registrar.
- 2.3.6 Brand details and/ or micro-chip details are recorded with CPSNZ Registrar.

## **2.4 Studbook**

2.4.1 All entire males and females DNA parent verified as descending from parents recorded in the CPSNZ or an ICCPS member society Studbook are entered in the Studbook when they meet the following criteria:

- 2.4.1.1 Have met the requirements for Studbook Eligible Foals in 2.5 below.
- 2.4.1.2 Brand details and/or micro-chip details are recorded with CPSNZ Registrar.
- 2.4.1.3 DNA profile and parent verification is filed with EPAGSC, Massey University and the CPSNZ Registrar.
- 2.4.1.4 Appropriate fee paid

2.4.2 Geldings descended from parents recorded in the CPSNZ or an ICCPS member society studbook are entered into the Studbook if they meet the following criteria:

- 2.4.2.1 Have met the requirements for Studbook Eligible Foals in 2.5 below.
- 2.4.2.2 Brand details and/or micro-chip details are recorded with the CPSNZ Registrar.
- 2.4.2.3 Written notification of gelding received by Registrar (form available).
- 2.4.2.4 A DNA sample has been provided to the CPSNZ Registrar.
- 2.4.2.5 Appropriate fee is paid. If the gelding has sired a purebred foal then the registration fee will be that for an entire male.

## **2.5 Studbook Eligible Foals (progeny of two purebred parents entered in the CPSNZ Studbook or an ICCPS Studbook)**

2.5.1 Studbook Eligible Purebred foals will be issued a Foal Identity Record once the following criteria have been met: (please note the foal identity record is not a registration with CPSNZ.)

- 2.5.2 Completed Notification of Birth or Application for Foal Identity Record form, including description (photos optional), is received by the CPSNZ Registrar.
- 2.5.3 A Certificate of Service, or record of service (natural or AI) is received by the CPSNZ Registrar.
- 2.5.4 Birth Notifications or Application for Foal Identity Record received later than July 1<sup>st</sup> following the foal's birth born will be charged a penalty fee.

## **2.6 Studbook Certificates**

- 2.6.1 Studbook ponies shall receive a Studbook Certificate issued by the CPSNZ Registrar including:
- Registered Name (and, where advised, names registered with other organisations such as ESNZ)
  - Unique Life Registration Number
  - Name of Breeder, Owners and Lessees
  - Date of birth, colour (birth coat and adult coat), sex, markings, date of issue.
  - Description of pony – horse drawings with markings, or digital photographs of each side, rear and front views.
  - 3 generation pedigree.
  - Brands and/or Micro-chip details
  - DNA profile / parent verification report.
  - Date passed veterinary inspection (where applicable)
  - Date passed visual inspection (where applicable)
  - Date of gelding (where applicable)
  - Genetic Tests (where applicable)

## **3 SPORTS REGISTER**

- 3.1 Ponies are eligible for the Sports Register if the following criteria are met:
- 3.1.1 One (1) parent is registered in the CPSNZ Studbook or an ICCPS member society Studbook;  
or  
One (1) grandparent is registered in the CPSNZ Studbook or an ICCPS member society Studbook, and one parent is recorded in the CPSNZ Sports Register.
- 3.1.2 A completed Birth Notification or Application for Foal Identity Record is received by the CPSNZ Registrar.
- 3.1.3 A Certificate of Service or record of service (natural or AI) is provided for ponies claiming eligibility to the Sports Register through a Studbook or Sports Register sire.
- 3.1.4 Appropriate fee is paid.
- 3.2 Sports Register ponies shall receive a lifetime Sports Register Certificate issued by the CPSNZ Registrar including:

- Registered Name (and, where advised, names registered with other organisations such as ESNZ)
- Unique Life Registration Number
- Name of Breeder, Owners and Lessees
- Date of birth, colour (birth coat and adult coat), sex, markings and date of issue.
- Description of pony – horse drawings with markings, or digital photographs of each side, rear and front views.
- Brands and/or Micro-chip details, if provided.
- Date of gelding (where applicable)
- Genetic Tests (where applicable)

3.3 Birth Notifications or Application for Foal Identity Record received later than July 1<sup>st</sup> following the foal's birth will be charged a penalty fee.

#### **4 DNA GENOTYPING AND PARENT VERIFICATION**

- 4.1 CPSNZ shall not use or approve the use of any DNA sample or profile for any purpose other than identification or parent verification without express consent of the recorded owner of the pony.
- 4.2 Once a DNA sample is submitted to or through CPSNZ the sample and resultant profile becomes the property of the CPSNZ.
- 4.3 Access to DNA profiles will be available through the CPSNZ upon application to the Committee.
- 4.4 See Notes to the Regulations for further information.

#### **5 BRANDING**

- 5.1 The CPSNZ Registrar shall keep a register of brands used by breeders.
- 5.2 Branding Notification forms are available from the CPSNZ Registrar.
- 5.3 Send completed Branding Notification form and pony's Foal Identity Record or Sports Register Certificate to the CPSNZ Registrar for recording.
- 5.4 See Notes to the Regulations for further information.
- 5.5 The CPSNZ Shamrock brand is available for use on Studbook Eligible Foals and Studbook ponies, subject to the following conditions:
- 5.5.1 Pony has been DNA parent verified.
- 5.5.2 Left (or near) shoulder: CPSNZ Shamrock brand or CPSNZ Shamrock brand and stud brand.
- 5.5.3 Right (or off) shoulder: Individual number (allocated by CPSNZ Registrar) above the last number of the pony's year of birth.
- 5.5.4 Appropriate fee paid.

## **6 MICRO-CHIPPING**

- 6.1 Notification of Micro-chipping forms are available from the CPSNZ Registrar.
- 6.2 Send completed Notification of Micro-chipping form and pony's Foal Identity Record or Sports Register Certificate to the CPSNZ Registrar for recording.
- 6.3 Reading of micro-chips is at owner's expense.
- 6.4 See Notes to the Regulations for further information.

## **7 CPSNZ VETERINARY INSPECTION**

- 7.1 Ponies must be a minimum of two (2) years of age to be eligible for veterinary inspection.
- 7.2 The CPSNZ Veterinary Inspection form is available from the CPSNZ Registrar.
- 7.3 Send completed CPSNZ Veterinary Inspection form and pony's Registration Certificate to the CPSNZ Registrar for recording.

## **8 VISUAL BREED INSPECTION**

- 8.1 Entire males are eligible for breed inspection from three (3) years of age.
- 8.2 Mares and geldings are eligible for breed inspection from two (2) years of age.
- 8.3 Ponies must have passed the CPSNZ Veterinary Inspection to be eligible for breed inspection.
- 8.4 The owner, leasee or agent for the pony must contact the CPSNZ Registrar to initiate the breed inspection process; and provide the following:
  - 8.4.1 Inspection fee,
  - 8.4.2 Registration certificate for pony, and
  - 8.4.3 Completed veterinary inspection form, if not already provided.
- 8.5 The CPSNZ Committee will appoint three (3) inspectors for stallion inspections and two (2) inspectors for mare/gelding inspections. At least one inspector shall be a CPSNZ or ICCPS approved breed inspector.
- 8.6 The CPSNZ Committee will arrange the inspection at a mutually convenient time and location. Inspectors will be provided with marking sheets.
- 8.7 Completed inspection forms are returned to the CPSNZ Registrar, who collates the scores, updates the Registration Certificate and returns this to the pony's owner. Completed inspection forms are retained by the CPSNZ.
- 8.8 Ponies may be re-presented for inspection. Each re-presentation incurs an inspection fee.

## **9 IMPORTED PONIES**

- 9.1 A Copy of the pony's Passport or Registration document must be filed with the CPSNZ Registrar.
- 9.2 The owner shall arrange for a copy of the pony's DNA profile to be filed with EPAGSC, Massey University and the CPSNZ Registrar. See Notes to the Regulations for further assistance.
- 9.3 The owner of an 'imported in utero' foal shall arrange for a copy of the sire's DNA profile to be filed with EPAGSC, Massey University.
- 9.4 Microchips must be read by a vet on arrival in NZ at owner's expense and must match those on the pony's passport.
- 9.5 Ponies will be transferred into the CPSNZ class closest to that in their country of origin and issued with the appropriate CPSNZ papers. No fee will be charged for this transfer and issue of CPSNZ Registration.

## **10 RECORDS OF MATINGS**

- 10.1 Records of Matings (natural or artificial insemination) may be provided on a Certificate of Service, Record of Service or Application for Foal Identity Record.
- 10.2 CPSNZ requires a copy of mating records to be sent to the Registrar and to the mare owner or leasee to assist in the registration of resulting progeny.
- 10.3 CPSNZ will make available either Certificate of Service Books, template Records of Service forms and Application for Foal Identity Record forms to owners.
- 10.4 Certificate of Services, Records of Service, and Application for Foal Identity Record forms must be signed by the person supervising the mating (natural or artificial insemination) and/or in charge of the stallion.
- 10.5 A copy of technician or veterinarian documents confirming artificial insemination must be provided to the Registrar.

## **11 STUD PREFIXES & SUFFIXES**

- 11.1 All breeders must have a single word Stud Prefix approved by the committee of the Society in order to register Studbook ponies with the Society.
- 11.2 The name of the pony, combined Stud Prefix and pony name, must be less than 30 characters including spaces.
- 11.3 Connemara Sports Register ponies may be registered without a stud prefix.
- 11.4 The committee must approve any stud prefix before use, and reserves the right to reject any prefix, which is the same as, or similar to, any other approved Connemara prefix in NZ or overseas, or is unsuitable on any other grounds. Applications for recording of Stud prefix must be made on the official form, and sent to the Registrar with the current fee.
- 11.5 Owners may use their own Prefix as a Suffix in cases where they are not the breeder of the pony, but pay all costs to qualify for entry into Studbook or Sports Register.

## **12 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

- 12.1 The Registrar will record changes of ownership on Registration Certificate, Passport, Sport Register Certificate or Foal Identity Record on receipt of:
- CPSNZ Certificate or Foal Identity Record, and
  - Completed notification form (available in hard copy or electronically),  
and
  - Transfer fee (payable by vendor).

## **13 LEASES**

- 13.1 CPSNZ recommends leases of registered ponies for breeding or competitive purposes are notified to the Registrar.
- 13.2 Lease notifications can be made by providing the pony's Registration Certificate, Sport Register Certificate or Foal Identity Record; completed CPSNZ Lease notification form or copy of the lease document; and paying the required fee.
- 13.3 The Registrar will record the lease on the Registration Certificate, Sport Register Certificate or Foal Identity Record and send a copy to the lessee. The original certificate or record will be returned to the owner.
- 13.4 At completion of the lease, the lessee will advise the Registrar, who will confirm with the owner. The owner will then record the lease termination date on the pony's certificate or record.

## **14 NOTIFICATION OF DEATH**

- 14.1 Please notify the Registrar in writing of a pony's death as soon as practicable.

## **15 OTHER MATTERS**

- 15.1 A pony's owner may at any time request from the Registrar a copy of all information held regarding that pony. The owner may request, in writing, correction of any information held by CPSNZ, subject to suitable verification.
- 15.2 Any issue concerning the Studbook and Sports Register in these Regulations may be referred to the Committee for a decision.
- 15.3 The person bringing the issue to the Committee shall be provided with information and opinions gathered by the Committee in writing and be given the opportunity to provide a reply.
- 15.4 The Committee will consult with the Registrar and person bringing the issue to the Committee. The Committee may seek information and opinions from any other person or organisation that might assist in decision making.
- 15.5 The Committee shall provide their decision in writing.

## 16 SCHEDULE OF FEES

Subject to change, please check with registrar for up to date pricing.

<u>Applications for:</u>	
• Foal Identity Record (before July 1st)	No fee
• Foal Identity Record (after July 1st)	\$20
• Studbook Mare or Entire Male: <i>Members</i> (incl. DNA profiling and parent verification)	\$105
• Studbook Gelding: <i>Members (no DNA profiling or parent verification)</i>	\$25
• Studbook Mare or Entire Male: <i>Non-Members</i> (incl. DNA profiling and parent verification) *NOTE stud name prefix must also be applied for and approved.	\$150
• Studbook Gelding: <i>Non-Members (no DNA profiling or parent verification)</i> *NOTE stud name prefix must also be applied for and approved.	\$50
• Sports Register Pony (members)	\$25
• Sports Register Pony (non-members)	\$50
Transfer of Ownership	\$10
Lease	\$10
Replacement Registration Certificate or Record	\$10
Application for Stud Prefix	\$50
Application for Stud Brand	\$5
Application for CPSNZ shamrock brand	\$10
Visual Breed Inspection Fees	\$100
DNA mane sample envelope (where requested) ( <i>members</i> )	\$90
DNA mane sample envelope (where requested) ( <i>non-members</i> )	\$110
Entry of DNA profile into EPAGSC database for profiles not tested at EPAGSC (committee reserves the right to charge for this – price on application; no charge for DNA profiles of imported ponies transferred to CPSNZ and semen or embryo donors)	

## 17 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BREED (Connemara Pony Breeders Society - CPBS)

- Type:** Compact, well balanced riding type with good depth and substance and good heart room, standing on short legs, covering a lot of ground. Good temperament, hardiness, staying power, intelligence, soundness, surefootedness, with jumping ability.
- Height:** 128cms to 148cms inclusive.
- Colour:** Grey, Black, Bay, Brown, Dun (also known as Buckskin), Palomino, Dark-Eyed Cream, with occasional Roans and Chestnuts.
- Head:** Well-balanced head of medium length with good width between large kindly eyes. Pony ears, well-defined cheekbone, jaw relatively deep but not coarse.
- Front:** Head well set onto neck. Crest should not be over-developed. Neck not set on too low. Good length of rein. Well-defined withers, good sloping shoulders.

- Body:** Body should be deep, with strong back, some length permissible, but should be well ribbed up with strong loins.
- Limbs:** Good length and strength in forearm, well-defined knees and short cannon with flat bone measuring 18cms to 21cms. Elbows should be free. Pasterns of medium length, feet well shaped, of medium size, hard and level.
- Hind:** Strong muscular with some length, well developed second thigh (gaskin) and strong low set hocks.
- Movement:** Free easy and true, without undue knee action, but active and covering the ground.

## **18 TRANSITION OF PONIES REGISTERED WITH CPSNZ PRIOR TO 15 MARCH 2013**

- 18.1 Section 1 Studbook Stallions become Class 1 Studbook Stallions
- 18.2 Section 2 Studbook Mares that have passed breed inspection become Class 1 Studbook Mares
- 18.3 Section 2 Studbook Mares become Studbook Mares
- 18.4 Section 3 Studbook Geldings become Studbook Geldings
- 18.5 Section 4 Temporary Recorded Ponies:
- Meeting the Studbook Eligible Foals criteria in 2.5 become Foal Identity Recorded.
  - Meeting the Studbook criteria in 2.4 become Studbook ponies and will be issued a Registration Certificate if the owner sends the foal registration certificate to the Registrar.
  - Meeting the criteria 3.1.1 become Sports Registered. A Sports Register Certificate will be issued if the owner sends the foal registration certificate to the Registrar.
- 18.6 Sport Register Section 1 Stallions meeting the criteria in 2.4 become Studbook Stallions.
- 18.7 Ponies registered in Sports Register where new information is able to be provided to the CPSNZ committee may be brought to the committee's attention for review, see Other Matters.
- 18.8 If an owner chooses to update their pony's registration certificate then the replacement registration fee applies.

## **NOTES TO THE REGULATIONS**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That entire males are veterinary inspected prior to serving mares.
2. That records of mating are returned to the Registrar as soon as practicable each year.
3. That transfers of ownership are notified to the Registrar as soon as possible after sale.

### **DNA GENOTYPING AND PARENT VERIFICATION**

- CPSNZ provides to its members discounted testing access to the Equine Parentage

and Genetic Services Centre (EPAGSC), Massey University.

- Please contact the Registrar for sample submission envelopes. Instructions and submission envelope will be provided after confirmed payment of the current fee.
- Send submission envelopes directly to EPAGSC.
- A copy of the resulting report will be sent to the CPSNZ Registrar who will forward a copy of the report to you and retain a copy for CPSNZ database and Registration records.
- DNA profiles for non-resident semen donors, sires of imported in utero foals, and embryo donors are required to DNA parent verify progeny prior to entry into the Studbook. The owner of the pony to be registered in the CPSNZ Studbook must arrange for a copy of the pony's parent's DNA profile(s) to be filed with EPAGSC, Massey University and the CPSNZ Registrar. The protocol for accessing DNA profiles depends on the country of origin and may require contacting the Connemara Society in the country of origin or pony's parents owner or the laboratory that carried out the DNA test for the pony. Contact the CPSNZ Registrar for advice.

## **BRANDING**

- CPSNZ recommends ponies are branded and/or micro-chipped before 18 months of age.
- CPSNZ recommends members register their brands with both NZ Thoroughbred Breeders Association (no cost) and CPSNZ (fee applies, contact the Registrar).
- Branding Notification forms are available from the CPSNZ Registrar.
- Send completed Branding Notification form and pony's Foal Identity Record to the CPSNZ Registrar for recording.
- Ponies should be branded in this format:
  - Left (or near) shoulder: Stud brand or vet brand or TB brand.
  - Right (or off) shoulder: Individual herd number above the last number of the pony's year of birth.

## **MICRO-CHIPPING**

- CPSNZ recommends Purebred ponies are branded and/or micro-chipped before 18 months of age.
- Notification of Micro-chipping forms are available from the CPSNZ Registrar.
- Send completed Notification of Micro-chipping form and pony's Foal Identity Record to the CPSNZ Registrar for recording.
- Reading of micro-chips is at owner's expense.

## **INSPECTIONS**

Inspectors should give constructive feedback about the pony to the owner, leasee or agent. With the permission of the owner, leasee or agent, inspectors may discuss with any audience the qualities of the pony in terms of the breed standard.