



# **REGULATIONS**

## **REGISTRATION REGULATIONS**

### **1. Registration Rules**

Application for registration will only be accepted from financial members of the American Shetland Association of New Zealand (Inc). Application must be made on forms supplied by the Association. All details must be completed fully, in readable print and signed. If all requirements are not met i.e. correct photos etc the application will be returned to the applicant for correction. The appropriate fees must accompany the application.

### **2. Registration Certificates**

These are issued by the Association to all members for a specific horse upon receipt of payment, photos, application form and required supporting documents. Numbers will be shown on certificates for example: PART-00001

Status will be shown on certificates as follows:-

- Purebred
- Partbred - the percentage of American Shetland blood to a minimum of 12.5%.

The expiry date will be shown on temporary certificates.

### **3. Registration (Temporary)**

For horses three years (36 months) of age and under, three photos are required (one from each side and one of the front of the head with the forelock pulled back). On reaching three years of age (over 36 months) the registration certificate will become void and the owner must apply for permanent registration.

### **4. Registration (Permanent)**

On reaching three years of age (over 36 months) the registration certificate, three current photos and an application for permanent registration are to be forwarded to the Registrar for permanent registration and a replacement certificate will be issued. Horses that are not upgraded from Temporary to Permanent within 3 months from the time of the expiry date will be revoked.

### **5. Registration Requirements**

Horses may be registered in the following categories:-

#### **5.1 Purebred**

5.1.1 Locally bred purebred horses must be from purebred parents registered with the ASANZ and DNA parent verified to both the sire and dam to confirm purebred status.

5.1.2 Imported horses must be registered with ASPC and a copy of the registration certificate included with the registration application. The registration certificate must show the pedigree of the horse naming the parents and grandparents.

5.1.3 Registration applications for foals resulting from Artificial Insemination and Embryo transplants must be able to be DNA'ed to both parents to prove legitimacy. Documentation supporting registration must include the appropriate veterinary reports, DNA reports which are able to be verified by Genome, ASPC Registration Certificates of the donating parent(s) and any other information deemed necessary to support the registration.

## **5.2 Partbred**

5.2.1 Locally bred part bred horses must be DNA tested and parent verified to at least one parent registered with the association. If both parents are registered with the Association the horse should be parent verified against both parents as this will affect the registered status of the horse.

5.2.2 Locally domiciled part bred horses that have a direct link to an ASPC registered horse may be registered providing the lineage can be proven by documented evidence including:-

- A copy of the official ASPC registration certificate of the qualifying relative(s). This could be the sire or dam or both or the grandsire or granddam or both.
- A registration certificate for the horse from an approved registry showing the horse's pedigree back to the horse(s) originally registered with ASPC. For example: AMHR, IMHR, ASPR, NSPPR.

5.2.3 Imported partbred horses must prove their lineage back to a horse officially registered with the ASPC. The following documentation is required:-

- A copy of the official ASPC registration certificate of the qualifying relative(s). This could be the sire or dam or both or the grandsire or granddam or both.
- A registration certificate for the horse from an approved registry showing the horse's pedigree back to the horse(s) originally registered with ASPC. For example: AMHR, IMHR, ASPR, NSPPR.
- The Committee reserves the right to request DNA test results proving the horse was by or out of its parent(s) in the American Shetland line. The DNA test results supplied may be verified by Genome in New Zealand prior to the acceptance of the registration. This process proves that the horse being registered and the supporting paperwork are one in the same.
- Registration applications for foals resulting from Artificial Insemination and Embryo transplants must be able to be DNA'ed to American Shetland parent(s) to prove legitimacy. Documentation supporting registration must include the appropriate veterinary reports, DNA reports which are able to be verified by Genomnz, ASPC Registration Certificates of the donating parent(s) and any other information deemed necessary to support the registration. If there is any doubt over parentage, the application will be refused.

- 5.3 The registration status of the horse will be confirmed through this process and it will be registered accordingly – e.g. 25%, 50%, 75%, 100% etc.
- 5.4 The horse to be registered must contain a minimum of 12.5% American Shetland breeding from each descendent.
- 5.5 A horse which has 87.50% or more American Shetland breeding is considered a purebred.
- 5.6 The Association reserves the right to investigate the pedigree and ownership of any horse requesting registration. Any costs associated with investigation or verification will be borne by the horse owner.
- 5.7 The Association reserves the right to accept a registration based on the information provided or to refuse registration if the parentage of the horse cannot be accurately verified or is found to be false.
- 5.8 All horses must be DNA'ed by Genomnz as part of the registration process with ASANZ so that their future offspring can be parent verified in NZ. As different markers are used by different institutions ASANZ can only accept Genomnz DNA test results for this purpose. The fee for DNA testing is included in the registration fee.

#### **5.9 Registration Examples**

**Example 1:** If the horse is 50% American Shetland bred from one 100% American Shetland parent and one non American Shetland parent the ASPC registration certificate for the 100% American Shetland parent will have to be provided to prove 50% status.

**Example 2:** If the horse is 75% American Shetland bred from one 100% American Shetland parent and one 50% American Shetland parent, the ASPC registration certificates for the 100% parent and the grandparent of the 50% parent will have to be provided. This verifies the 75% status.

**Example 3:** If the horse is 50% American Shetland bred from two 50% American Shetland parents then both grandparents ASPC registration certificates will have to be provided to verify 50% status.

#### **6. Height**

- 6.1 The height of the horse must not exceed 46" at three years (36 months) of age.
- 6.2 American Shetland horses shown at miniature horse shows must comply with the height and measuring requirements for these shows.

#### **7. Patterns and Colours**

All coat colours and patterns are acceptable with the exception that Appaloosa/Pintaloosa is not accepted in Purebreds.

## **8. Annual Stallion Returns**

Annual Stallion Returns are required and must be furnished by all registered stallion owners by 31 July.

## **9. Service / Breeders Certificates**

- 9.1 A Service / Breeders certificate signed by the owner of the stallion must be submitted with the application for registration of a foal. The certificate shall certify the date or dates upon which the service occurred. The certificate shall be presented unaltered.
- 9.2 No certificate is required where the applicant is the owner of both the mare and stallion at time of service.
- 9.3 The owner of the dam at the time of foaling is responsible for the registration of the foal.
- 9.4 The owner of the dam at the time of foaling shall be listed as the breeder for all records
- 9.5 No foal shall be accepted into the registry while either parent's papers have been revoked.

## **10. Leases**

All leases whether for breeding or showing purposes, must be signed by both lessor and lessee and forwarded to the registrar within 14 days of the starting date of the lease.

## **11. Branding or Micro chipping**

Branding (either fire or freeze) or Micro chipping is considered optional by this Association and is not a requirement.

## **12. Gelding**

When an animal is gelded such fact is to be reported to the Association. This is done by obtaining from the website the necessary Gelding Notification form.

## **13. Death**

When an animal has died such fact is to be reported to the Association.

## **14. Prefixes, Suffixes & Naming of Horses**

- 14.1 Every financial owner shall record a name when registering a horse. Once a horse is registered, the name cannot be changed either by the breeder or new owner. The maximum length of a registered horse's name must not exceed thirty seven letters including the prefix or suffix and spaces.
- 14.2 Members may register a Stud Prefix or Suffix by obtaining from the website the necessary Application for Stud Prefix or Suffix at the current fee.
- 14.3 The Association can refuse to accept names which are likely to be confused with other horse's names. A Prefix or Suffix will be required in some cases to prevent duplication of names.

- 14.4 If the horse is registered with another Association (e.g. NZMHA, AMHA, AMHR, IMHR, ASPC, ASPR) it cannot have its name changed unless extenuating circumstances warrant an exception. All exceptions must be approved by the Committee.

#### **15. Change of Ownership**

A Change of Ownership form can be downloaded from the website. The Registration Certificate must accompany the completed Change of Ownership form to the Registrar in order for the horse to be recorded in the name of the new owner. If the Registration Certificate is lost then a Replacement Registration Certificate Application and fee must accompany the Change of Ownership Request. Either the vendor or new owner is required to be a member to change ownership. When ownership of a registered animal is transferred, the vendor at the time of the transfer shall give the buyer the Registration Certificate and Transfer duly signed by him/her. Where the vendor sells a mare in foal he/she must provide the buyer with a Service Certificate. On a Change of Ownership Form of any horses registered in joint ownership, all signatures of joint owners must appear; only one is required to be a member.

#### **16. Replacement or Corrected Registration**

A Replacement Certificate is a new Registration Certificate issued when the original has been lost, destroyed or defaced. The Association to be provided with the original certificate if in existence before a replacement can be issued. A Corrected Certificate is a new Registration Certificate issued when there is a change in colour, markings, breeding details, foaling date, and change from stallion to gelding, removal or addition of scars or brands. When a registered animal dies or is sold, the owner shall notify the Association of the fact and surrender the appropriate Registration Certificate to the Association for proper notation. If requested, a cancelled Registration Certificate will be returned to the owner.

## **SHOW REGULATIONS**

### **General**

At all American Shetland Association run shows, rules will be set by the organising show committee and/or the ASANZ committee and these must be obeyed.

Registration of all horses must be current and up to date to show at any ASANZ show.

All competitors must be current financial members and horses registration must be up to date to show at the ASANZ National or Championship shows, all other shows may be open to non members with a ASANZ registered horse

A copy of the current Registration Certificate will be required with all show entries. Foal registration may be pending with the approval of the show manager who will obtain conformation from the registrar.

All American Shetland Association of New Zealand shows must comply with all American Shetland Association of New Zealand current Rules, Regulations and standards.

Judging of horses at ASANZ shows will be based on the Breed Standard of Excellence adopted by the Association.

No competitor or any person connected to a competitor to approach the judge during the course of an event until judging has concluded for the day. Infringing this rule will result in disqualification from the show and any prize-money or awards won at the show will become null and void.

### **Show heights must not exceed the following:-**

Horses 2 years and under (as at 1<sup>st</sup> August) must not exceed 44"

Horses 2 years and over (as at 1<sup>st</sup> August) must not exceed 46"

The show manager reserves the right to measure any horse in the event of a dispute over height.

### **Age of the Horse**

The age of the horse shall be computed on the basis of a calendar year starting on 1 August of the year foaled. It is a weanling during the calendar year in which foaled and yearling in the first calendar year following its foaling date, regardless of the date and year foaled *i.e. horse foaled 27 Nov 2006 or 13 April 2007 automatically become yearlings at 1 August 2007.*

### **Age of youth**

Youth age is taken from the 1<sup>st</sup> August and the 1<sup>st</sup> January. A youth will show through their 16<sup>th</sup> year as a youth, if they turn 17 after the 1<sup>st</sup> August they will continue to show as a youth until the 1<sup>st</sup> January. If a youth turns 17 after the 1<sup>st</sup> January they will continue to show as a youth till the 1 August.

## **Format of Classes**

Purebred and Partbred horses to be shown in separate breed classes as defined by the Show Committee Partbred and Purebreds are to have separate supreme winners.

Colour classes will consist of separate classes for solid and multi-coloured horses. These classes will be judged 80% on colour and 20% on conformation.

Weanlings and yearlings are to be judged 75% on conformation and breed type; 25% on performance, quality and manners. Allowances may be made for un-weaned foals.

Two year olds and older are to be judged 60% on conformation and breed type; 40% on performance, quality, and manners.

Mare and foal classes are to be judged solely on the basis of conformation and entries are not to be worked. The mare and her foal each count 50%. This class is not eligible for a Championship class.

Get of Sire -Two or more Shetlands, can be any combination of stallions, mares and/or geldings, any age, the get of the same stallion.

Produce of Dam - Two Shetlands, can be any combination of stallions, mares and/or geldings, any age, the produce of the same dam.

## **Stallions and Colts**

No Stallion or Colt is to be shown ridden or driven by any person 16 year and under. Stallions, three years and older, to qualify in breeding classes, must have all the fully developed physical characteristics of a stallion. All stallions showing in a 3 and over class must have a stallion certificate of soundness lodged with the assn to be shown in these classes.

## **Protests**

All protests at American Shetland Association of New Zealand competitions must be submitted in writing to the show Secretary no later than half an hour after the incident that gave rise to the protest. A deposit of \$50 must accompany all protests. If the protest is found to be valid the deposit shall be refunded. If a protest is found invalid the deposit shall be retained by the Association. The show Secretary may refer the matter to the Committee. Once classes commence there can be no protests based on height.

## **Competitions**

The Association may, from time to time, elect to run specific competitions including HiPoints, Breeders Awards, Gelding Incentive Program etc. The rules for these competitions will be documented, approved by the Committee and published prior to the start of the competition. Competitions will run from 1<sup>st</sup> August until the end of the show season or the 31<sup>st</sup> July the following year. Competition rules will be published on the website and in newsletters. They do not form part of this constitution.

## **Measuring**

Horses are measured at the highest point of the wither.

## **PRESENTATION AND SHOWING:**

### **Turnout**

- Shetlands should be neatly trimmed, well groomed,
- Shaving is optional on a part-bred, pure bred Ponies may have discrete shaving but excessive shaving of a pure bred is discouraged.
- Clipping is optional in both part and pure bred ponies.
- Colour enhancing products may be used but the horse may not be dyed to change a horse's body colour.
- Standard show make-up is permitted
- Hooves may be blacked or cleared.
- False tails are permissible with the exception of current season foals.
- Dress Code - It is the tradition of the show ring that handlers be appropriately attired for their classes. T-shirts and shorts are not correct attire and will not be allowed in the show ring.
- No farm, individual or animal names may be displayed on exhibitors.
- Whips may be carried with the max total length of 44 inches.
- Tack is to be a show halter or Show bridle, no pony under 2 years of age may be bitted with the exception of yearling colts.
- No item disturbing to other entries may be used inside or outside the ring while showing a pony.