

# CONTINENTAL STUDBOOK

## BREEDING RULEBOOK AND PROCEDURES

### SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS

- 1.0. PRODUCTION INDICATORS (1P, 2P, 3P, 4P, 5P). The Continental Studbook uses a system based on 5 Production Indicators, the 5 P's of Pedigree, Performance, Phenotype, Physical and Progeny, to identify and highlight quality of mares and stallions. A horse may have zero Production Indicators or 1 to 5 Production Indicators which can be communicated as a 1P horse, 2P horse, 3P horse, etc. The system is detailed in the Continental Studbook document 5P PRODUCTION INDICATOR SYSTEM.
- 1.1. HORSE AGE. The age of all horses is determined by the traditional January 1 birthday for all horses born in any given calendar year.
- 1.3. Terms for status of horses with the Continental Studbook follow.
- 1.4. *CS-REGISTERED*. Refers to horse registered in the Continental Studbook at birth.
- 1.5. *CS-APPROVED*. Refers to a mare which can be used for breeding in the Continental Studbook and which has completed the Continental Studbook approval process.
- 1.6. *CS-LICENSED*. Refers to a stallion which can be used for breeding in the Continental Studbook and which has completed the Continental Studbook approval process requirements for its age.
- 1.7. *EXTRINSIC-CS-LICENSED*. Refers to a stallion not registered in the Continental Studbook and not *CS-LICENSED*, but it is a stallion that can be used for breeding in the Continental Studbook.
- 1.8. *CS-ELIGIBLE*. Refers to a horse not registered in the Continental Studbook that can be approved or licensed for breeding in the Continental Studbook.

### SECTION 2 – GENERAL RULES

- 2.0. OFFICIALS. All decisions on registrations, approvals, and licensing are made by a committee of at least three Breeding Officials of the Continental Studbook. Their decisions are final.
- 2.1. EXCEPTIONS. Exceptions to the rules and procedures due to unforeseen reasons can be requested by contacting the Continental Studbook. Any decision to grant an exception to the rules requires a unanimous consent by a committee of at least three Breeding Officials of the Continental Studbook. Their decisions are final.

### SECTION 3 – BREEDING AND REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY

- 3.0. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. Foals, mares or stallions respectively registered, approved or licensed by the Continental Studbook must first be *CS-ELIGIBLE*. Four top level requirements for 1) ORIGIN, 2) KNOWN AND TRACEABLE BLOODLINES, 3) absence of NON-ELIGIBLE BLOODLINES and 4) OWNERSHIP are necessary for a horse to achieve the status of *CS-ELIGIBLE*. The four top level requirements are detailed in the subsequent Sections 3.0.1 to 3.0.4.
- 3.0.1. ORIGIN. Only horses with an origin meeting one of the following descriptions are *CS-ELIGIBLE*:
- a) All *CS-REGISTERED* horses are *CS-ELIGIBLE*.
  - b) The horse was registered at birth in a WBFSH-member registry, and either it has a pedigree consisting of CORE WBFSH-RANKED SPORT BLOODLINES defined in Section 3.2 or it has demonstrated SUITABILITY FOR SPORT in dressage, eventing, hunter or jumping disciplines.
  - d) The horse is a Thoroughbred, and it has demonstrated SUITABILITY FOR SPORT in dressage, eventing, hunter or jumping disciplines.
- 3.0.2. KNOWN AND TRACEABLE BLOODLINES. Only horses with pedigrees originating from at least four generations of known and traceable bloodlines are considered *CS-ELIGIBLE*. All horses with unknown pedigree, certificate of pedigree or other forms of restricted registration papers are considered non-eligible.
- 3.0.3. NON-ELIGIBLE BLOODLINES. Horses with bloodlines not found in WBFSH-member registries are not eligible for registration, approval or licensing with the Continental Studbook regardless of the current registration. Examples of non-eligible bloodlines common to North America include Appaloosa, Arabian, Morgan, American Paint Horse, Quarter Horse, Saddlebred, Standardbred, Mustang, pony breeds, draft breeds and gaited trotters and pacers. Also, horses registered with the ISR book of the ISR/OLD registry are considered non-eligible. Foreign breeds such as Friesians, Fjords or any foreign drafts from WBFSH non-member registries are also considered non-eligible.
- 3.0.4. OWNERSHIP. Any horse under legal ownership dispute or without lease or ownership documentation is considered non-eligible for all Continental Studbook services.
- 3.1. THOROUGHBRED BLOODLINES. The Continental Studbook recognizes *The Jockey Club (TB, Thoroughbred)* bloodlines as *CS-ELIGIBLE*. *Performance Horse Registry (PHR)* horses with 100% Thoroughbred pedigrees traceable to *The Jockey Club* are recognized as *CS-ELIGIBLE* by the Continental Studbook. All other eligibility requirements still apply.
- 3.2. CORE WBFSH-RANKED SPORT BLOODLINES. Warmblood and sport horse bloodlines that have proven to perform at the highest levels of dressage, eventing, hunter and jumping disciplines have been founded and approved in a core group of WBFSH-member registries with a history of routinely achieving annual top 10 rankings in Olympic sports. The bloodlines originating from these ranked registries represent the majority of warmblood and sport horse

population in North America. Rather than listing specific founding horses and bloodlines by name, the Continental Studbook identifies these bloodlines as *CS-ELIGIBLE* by recognizing the registries in which they occur. The bloodlines of the following WBFSH-member European registries and the North American-based counterparts are recognized as CORE WBFSH-RANKED SPORT BLOODLINES for the purpose of determining eligibility under Section 3.0.1.b.

*Belgisch Warmbloedpaard (BWP, Belgian Warmblood)*  
*Belgian Warmblood Breeding Association (BWP-NA)*  
*Danish Warmblood Society (DWB, Danish Warmblood)*  
*North American Danish Warmblood Association*  
*Hannoveraner Verband e.v. (HANN, Hannoverian)*  
*American Hanoverian Society (AHS)*  
*Irish Sport Horse Studbook (ISH)*  
*Koninklijk Warmbloed Paardenstamboek Nederland (KWPN, Dutch Warmblood)*  
*KWPN North America (KWPN-NA)*  
*Studbook Français du cheval Anglo-Arab, (AA, French Anglo Arab)*  
*Studbook Français du Cheval Selle Français (SF, Selle Francais)*  
*North American Selle Francais (NASF, no longer active)*  
*Studbook La Silla (LS)*  
*Studbook Zangersheide (Z)*  
*Swedish Warmblood Association (SWB, Swedish Warmblood)*  
*Swedish Warmblood Association of North America (SWANA)*  
*Trakehner Abstammung (TRAK, Trakehner)*  
*American Trakehner Association (ATA)*  
*Verband der Züchter des Holsteiner Pferdes (HOLST, Holsteiner)*  
*American Holsteiner Horse Association (AHHA)*  
*Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes (OLDBG, Oldenburg)*  
*Oldenburg Horse Breeder's Society (GOV)*  
*Westfälisches Pferdestammbuch (WESTF, Westfalian)*  
*Westfalen Warmblood Horse Association of America (no longer active)*

3.3. SUITABILITY FOR SPORT. TB horses or horses registered with any WBFSH-member registry not listed in Section 3.2 may individually represent a *CS-ELIGIBLE* bloodline based on suitability for sport. Such horses are recognized with *CS-ELIGIBLE* status provided that the horses are suitable for one of the Olympic disciplines of dressage, eventing or jumping or the American hunter discipline. To be considered suitable for sport, a horse must meet one of the requirements below:

- (a) The horse has an acceptable sport record in one of the Olympic disciplines or in the American hunter discipline.
- (b) The horse has already produced successful sport horse offspring for the same above.
- (c) The horse is the offspring of a sire and dam meeting either (a) or (b) above.

Please note that the Continental Studbook does not approve or license thoroughbred racing horses off the track.

## SECTION 4 – FOAL RULES

- 4.0. FOAL BOOK AND REGISTRATION. The Continental Studbook maintains only one Foal Book into which all *CS-REGISTERED* foals are recorded. In order to be registered by the Continental Studbook, the foal's dam must be *CS-APPROVED*, and the foal's sire must be *CS-LICENSED* or *EXTRINSIC-CS-LICENSED*.
- 4.1. FOAL NAMING. The Continental Studbook database is based on the American English alphabet; therefore, foals may be named with any combination of the characters A to Z, spaces and apostrophes ('). Names may be up to 18 characters (including spaces) in length. The following foal names will not be allowed: a) matching names of obviously famous horses, b) vulgar or offensive names, c) names using foreign characters, d) names already existing in our database (except for full siblings with II, III, IV, etc., postscripts).

## SECTION 5 – MARE RULES AND PROCEDURES

- 5.0. MARE BOOK. The Continental Studbook maintains only one Mare Book into which all *CS-APPROVED* mares are recorded. A mare must be *CS-APPROVED* in order for her foals to be registered by the Continental Studbook.
- 5.1. APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MARES. To be approved and recorded into the Continental Studbook Mare Book, a mare must meet the following requirements:
- 5.1.1. GENERAL MARE APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS.
- (a) She must stand at least 15.3 hands high.
  - (b) She must be at least three years of age in the calendar year of approval.
  - (c) She must be *CS-ELIGIBLE* as defined by Section 3.
  - (d) She must have DNA-verifiable parentage.
  - (e) She must be one of the acceptable colors of bay, black, brown, chestnut or gray.
  - (f) Body markings or patterns are acceptable when composed of solid colors originating from warmblood sources (e.g., Furioso or Samber). Please note that the American Paint Horse is a non-eligible bloodline.
  - (g) She must be free from genetic defects.
  - (h) She must be free from disease or chronic lameness caused by conformational or physical flaws.
  - (i) She must have conformation and physical dimensions fitting the description of a correct warmblood horse, sport horse or thoroughbred horse.

## SECTION 6 – GENERAL STALLION RULES

- 6.0. BREEDING STALLIONS. A stallion must have a status of either *CS-LICENSED* or *EXTRINSIC-CS-LICENSED* to be used for breeding and for his foals to be registered by the Continental Studbook. In this context, "extrinsic" refers to all horses not registered with the Continental Studbook at birth regardless of origin or registration.

- 6.1. **STALLION BOOK.** The Continental Studbook maintains only one Stallion Book into which all *CS-LICENSED* stallions are recorded, provided eligibility is met.

## **SECTION 7 – *CS-LICENSED* STALLION RULES**

- 7.0. **CS-LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR STALLIONS.** To be licensed for breeding, stallions must meet the following requirements:
- 7.1. **GENERAL STALLION LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.**
- (a) The owner, either person(s) or business, must prove clear documented ownership. Stallions in ownership dispute will not be considered for licensing.
  - (b) The stallion must stand at least 15.3 hands high as determined by the Breeding Officials whose decision is final.
  - (c) He must be *CS-ELIGIBLE* as defined by Section 3.
  - (d) He must have DNA-verifiable parentage.
  - (e) He must be one of the acceptable colors of bay, black, brown, chestnut or gray.
  - (f) Body markings or patterns are acceptable when composed of solid colors originating from warmblood sources (e.g., Furioso or Samber). Please note that the American Paint Horse is a non-eligible bloodline.
  - (g) He must be free from genetic defects.
  - (h) He must be free from disease or chronic lameness caused by conformational or physical flaws.
  - (i) He must have conformation and physical dimensions fitting the description of a correct warmblood horse, sport horse or thoroughbred horse.
- 7.2. **GRADUATED AGE RESTRICTIONS FOR STALLION LICENSING.** The Continental Studbook operates an age-graduated stallion licensing and limited breeding process. This process allows early controlled evaluation of stallion production, but the stallion must meet requirements listed in Table 1 at appropriate ages to maintain licensing with the Continental Studbook. Stallions whose dams are *CS-APPROVED* mares with 2 or more Production Indicators may apply for a limited breeding license at the age of 2 years or older. All other stallions may apply for approval at the age of 5 years or older.

## **SECTION 8 – *EXTRINSIC-CS-LICENSED* STALLION RULES AND PROCEDURES**

- 8.0. ***EXTRINSIC-CS-LICENSED* STALLIONS.** Numerous stallions which are not *CS-LICENSED* can still be used for breeding to *CS-APPROVED* mares with registration of the resulting foal. In this context, “extrinsic” refers to all horses not registered with the Continental Studbook at birth regardless of origin or registration. An *EXTRINSIC-CS-LICENSED* stallion must meet requirements following.
- 8.1. **GENERAL EXTRINSIC STALLION REQUIREMENTS.**
- (a) He must be *CS-ELIGIBLE* as defined by Section 3.
  - (b) He must have unrestricted and permanent approval or licensing for breeding with a WBFSSH-member registry. Stallions approved with temporary, preliminary, provisional, limited, experimental or watch list restrictions cannot be used for breeding in the Continental Studbook.

- (c) His DNA markers must be on record with or available to The Veterinary Genetics Laboratory (VGL), School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis.
- (f) He must have a recorded height of at least 15.3 hands.
- (g) He must be one of the acceptable colors of bay, black, brown, chestnut or gray.
- (h) Body markings or patterns are acceptable when composed of solid colors originating from warmblood sources (e.g., Furioso or Samber). Please note that the American Paint Horse is a non-eligible bloodline.
- (i) He must be free from genetic defects.
- (j) He must be free from disease or chronic lameness caused by conformational or physical flaws.
- (k) He must have conformation and physical dimensions fitting the description of a correct warmblood horse, sport horse or thoroughbred horse.

### 8.3. PHYSICAL-BASED RESTRICTIONS FOR *EXTRINSIC-CS-LICENSED* STALLIONS.

Additional requirements exist for stallions per the origin or approved breeding registry of the stallion. In order to maintain health and quality within the Continental Studbook population, the process by which a stallion was approved must include veterinary examination, including radiographic examination, for health and physical defects. Certain registries do not meet this requirement, and stallions approved for breeding in those registries are recognized by the Continental Studbook as *EXTRINSIC-CS-LICENSED* stallions only on a case-by-case basis. To achieve *EXTRINSIC-CS-LICENSED* status, such stallions must satisfy the missing health requirements or be exempted from the requirements. Stallions with breeding approvals only in the following registries are not recognized with *EXTRINSIC-CS-LICENSED* status unless individually granted by the Continental Studbook.

*American Holsteiner Horse Association (AHHA)*

*American Warmblood Registry (AWR)*

*American Warmblood Society (AWS)*

*Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association (CWHBA)*

*The Jockey Club (TB)*

*Oldenburg Registry North America & International Sporthorse Registry (ISR/OLD)*

*Rheinland Pfalz-Saar International (RPSI)*

## SECTION 9 – REPRODUCTION METHODS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 9.0. SCIENCE AND METHODS. The Continental Studbook does not restrict registration, approval or licensing based on method of reproduction. All methods, including artificial insemination, embryo transfer, oocyte transfer and intra cytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) are available to breeders. Animals that are a result of the cloning process will be registered only if the cloned offspring (F1) is a male. Cloned females are not eligible due to retention of extrinsic mitochondrial DNA from the cloning process. Male and female offspring from the cloned product stallion are CS-ELIGIBLE animals, and they can be registered, approved or licensed without restrictions.

**Table 1: Cumulative Age-Graduated Requirements and Breeding Limitations for the Stallion Approval Process**

Cumulative Requirements	Age in Year of Approval				Breeding Limitations
	3	3-4	4-5	5 or older	
Ownership documentation, DNA verification, pedigree evaluation.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Limited to breeding with the owner's mares only; limit of 5 foals.
Veterinarian health evaluation, endoscopic examination, 12 view X-ray evaluation, determination of EVA status.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Conformation documentation and analysis (updated at age of 5 or older).	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Evaluation of walk and trot in hand and/or in lunge, and evaluation of free movement with addition of canter.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Evaluation of walk, trot and canter under saddle.		✓	✓	✓	Limited to 5 foals from owner's mares and 5 foals from other mares.
Evaluation of free jumping up to 3'9" height and/or evaluation of jumping under saddle up to 3'3", unless the stallion candidate is a dressage specialist.		✓	✓	✓	
Online documentation of pedigree, conformation, gaits and jumping available to breeders.		✓	✓	✓	
Evaluation of free jumping up to 4'6" height and/or evaluation of jumping under saddle up to 4' height, unless the stallion candidate is a dressage specialist.			✓	✓	Limited to 5 foals from owner's mares and 10 foals from other mares.
Presentation and report of stallion at 2 appropriate competitions.			✓	✓	
Health and defect evaluation of offspring to date.				✓	Unlimited breeding.
Performance in young horse competitions or similar level in open classes.				Opt.	
Achievement of the Performance Production Indicator.				Opt.	