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Eligibility Rules, Fees and Guidelines for completion of Applications for Registration

1. ELIGIBILITY RULES - Criteria for Entry in the British Riding Pony Stud Book

General Criteria which must apply for all registrations:

- a) The sire must be licensed (Stallion Licence number to be stated on the application form) or possess an approved Veterinary Certificate as being free from hereditary diseases, as applicable to certain Mountain & Moorland Ponies and Thoroughbreds in excess of 15hh, or be listed as a SHBGB (HIS) Life Approved Stallion.
- b) If the foal is conceived by natural covering a service certificate must be provided unless the sire and the dam were owned by the same person and that person signs the form in lieu of a service certificate.
- c) If the foal is conceived by AI then a DNA parentage test is required unless:
 - The insemination took place using chilled semen at a location where both the sire and dam were present OR
 - The foal is gelded prior to registration
- d) If the sire and/or dam are registered with the NPS then their NPS ownership records must be up to date and reflect the ownership on the registration application form and the service certificate, unless a loan/lease agreement has been lodged with the NPS.
- e) The breeder and the owner must sign the Registration Application Form
- f) If a Prefix is being used this must be the breeder's Prefix and registered for use with the NPS. However, if the pony is a gelding then the breeder's Prefix doesn't have to be registered with the NPS.
- g) The pony must have been born in the United Kingdom (except for the International Stud Book – see below).
- h) The pony must not be expected to exceed 153cm/15hands at maturity (except for the Larger Height Stud Book – see below).
- i) The pony must be microchipped.

British Riding Pony Stud Book (BRPSB) – Criteria for Entry

- a) The sire and dam must be registered in either the British Riding Pony Stud Book or Register, the main section of one of the Mountain and Moorland Stud Books, the General Stud Book, or the Arab or Anglo Arab Stud Books.
- b) Pure bred ponies are not eligible. Therefore the sire and dam may not both be registered in the same Mountain and Moorland Stud Book, the General Stud Book, the Arab or Anglo Arab Stud Books.
- c) Ponies to have three generations of proven, acceptable, registered pedigree on both the sire and the dam's side.

Limitations:

- Ponies with Welsh Stud Book Foundation Stock (WSB 0000 FS) somewhere in their three generations of pedigree are restricted to the British Riding Pony Register (see below).
- Ponies with a dam in the British Riding Pony Appendix are restricted to the Appendix (see below).
- Ponies with a sire or dam solely registered with one of the coloured societies e.g. CHAPS or BSPA, are restricted to the Appendix unless that sire or dam's pedigree meets the British Riding Pony registration criteria.

British Riding Pony Register (RPM/RPC/RPS/RPG) – Criteria for Entry

The criteria are the same as for BRPSB registration except that the ponies need only have one generation of proven acceptable registered pedigree.

Notes:

- i) The female progeny of an Appendix Mare Register mare (RP.AMR see below) sired by a registered, licensed, acceptable stallion move up the tiers and are registered in the British Riding Pony Register (RPM).
- ii) The entire male progeny of an Appendix Mare Register (AMR) mare may, by exception, be considered for registration in the British Riding Pony Register, providing they are by a registered, licensed, acceptable stallion and conform to other eligibility criteria in force at the time of registration. These criteria may include an assessment of the pony's type and suitability, in accordance with the British Riding Pony Breed Standards, and an approved Veterinary Certificate indicating the pony is free from hereditary diseases.

British Riding Pony Appendix Mare Register (RP.AMR) – Criteria for Entry

Female progeny of an Appendix Mare (RP.AM) sired by a registered, licensed, acceptable stallion move up the tiers and are registered in the Appendix Mare Register (RP.AMR).

British Riding Pony Appendix (RP.AM/RP.AG) – Criteria for Entry

- a) Fillies, mares and geldings will be considered for registration in the Appendix. Colts are not eligible until castrated.
- b) The sire must be registered and licensed as for the BRPSB but the dam may be unregistered or known by name only. Equines in the Weatherbys Non Thoroughbred Register (NTR) are considered as unregistered.
- c) Entry may be restricted to the Appendix if the sire or dam is a part bred and not registered with the NPS. Registration and overstamping of the passport of the sire or dam can make it possible to register the offspring in the BRPSB or the Register.
- d) Colt foals from mares in the Appendix (RP.AM) or the Appendix Mare Register (RP.AMR) must be gelded before they are eligible for entry in the Appendix.

British Riding Pony Baseline (RP.BL) – Criteria for Entry

The baseline section of the British Riding Pony Stud Book was established as a place to register offspring from a British Riding Pony sire and dam where the offspring doesn't meet the criteria for entry in any of the other tiers.

The main situations where this occurs are as follows:

- The sire is not a licensed stallion or
- The pony is a colt foal and based on its breeding it is only eligible for the Appendix. Because the Appendix is only open to mares and geldings, these colt foals are provided with a Baseline passport and upgraded to the Appendix once gelded.

The Baseline is not open to stallions therefore colt foals registered in the Baseline must be gelded before they are two years old.

Criteria for Entry in the Supplementary Sections

The supplementary stud books accommodate specific types of ponies that are the offspring of British Riding Ponies and of similar type but are not eligible for the main British Riding Pony Stud Book. The tiers are the same as for the main stud book. The criteria for entry in each of the supplementary stud books are defined here.

British Riding Pony International Stud Book (INT.SB / INT.R / INT.AM / INT.AG)

As for the main British Riding Pony Stud Book, except the pony is born overseas. These ponies may result from exported ponies, semen or embryos. Four generations are considered and exported ponies that were registered in either the British Riding Pony Stud Book or Register, the main section of one of the Mountain and Moorland Stud Books, the General Stud Book, or the Arab or Anglo Arab Stud Books.

British Riding Pony Sports Categories Stud Book (SCSB / SCR / SC.AM / SC.AG)

As for the main British Riding Pony Stud Book except the ancestry includes ponies registered in a Continental or Sports Stud Book. Part of the ancestry must be registered in the British Riding Pony Stud Book or Register or the main section of one of the Mountain and Moorland stud books, the General Stud Book, or the Arab or Anglo Arab Stud Books. Ponies may be expected to attain a life height up to 158 cms (15.2 hands).

British Riding Pony Larger Height Stud Book (LHSB / LHR / LH.AM / LH.AG)

As for the main British Riding Pony Stud Book, except the pony is expected to attain a life height between 153 cms (15hands) and 158 cms (15.2 hands). If a larger height pony is imported it is put in the International Stud Book.

NOTES ABOUT OTHER PONY PASSPORTS:

1. If your pony is not eligible for registration with the National Pony Society, the NPS can issue you a passport for a non-registered pony to comply with EU regulations. Please look on the NPS website or apply to the NPS for a Non-registered application form and guidelines.

2. If your part bred pony already has a passport you may want to register it with the NPS to comply with showing or breeding requirements. In this case the NPS registers the pony and overstamps its Breed Society passport. Please look on the NPS website or apply to the NPS for an Overstamping form and guidelines.

3. If your pony has a passport that doesn't show its breeding but you can prove its breeding and would like an NPS registered passport you can ask for the current passport to be rescinded and replaced with an NPS one. Please contact the NPS office for more information.

3. GUIDELINES FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE APPLICATION FORM

You should use these guidelines in conjunction with your Application Form. Incomplete and incorrect forms will be returned and will result in an unnecessary delay in processing your application. PLEASE help us to help you.

N.B. The person submitting the form should record their name and if a member of the NPS, membership number in the first box. This is the person to whom we will address any queries.

1. PONY DETAILS

1.1 Prefix

The breeder's registered Prefix should always be used, the breeder being defined as the owner of the dam at the time of foaling. No un-registered Prefixes can be used. The Prefix needs to be registered with the Central Prefix Register (CPR) and for use with the NPS. However, if the pony is a gelding then the breeder's Prefix doesn't have to be registered for use with the NPS.

1.2 Name

The name of the pony, usually used in conjunction with a PREFIX.

1.3 Stallion/Colt/Mare/Gelding

Always ensure that you have denoted the sex of the pony.

1.4 Date of Birth

The date should be day, month and year and must also correspond with the covering date on the Stallion Service Certificate.

1.5 Colour

The animal's body colour should be noted e.g. bay/chestnut/black. It should match the colour written on the markings diagram

1.6 Expected Height at Maturity.

This should be 153cms (15 hands) or under; if between 153 (15 hands) and 158 cms (15.3 hands) the pony will be entered in the Larger Height Stud Book. Animals expected to exceed 158 cms will not be registered by the NPS.

1.7 Country of Birth

Enter the Country of birth. Ponies born outside the United Kingdom will be entered in the International Stud Book.

1.8 Microchip Number

The pony must have been microchipped, insert the microchip number here. Microchipping is compulsory for all ponies being submitted for registration after the end of June 2009.

1.9 Is the foal by AI?

Tick the box for AI if it is an AI foal. Foals conceived by AI will need to have a parentage test unless gelded prior to registration or the insemination took place using chilled semen at a location where both the sire and dam were present. Parentage testing involves a DNA sample being taken from the foal (hair sample) and compared with the DNA of the sire (which would have been taken when he was licensed) and the dam, which may have been taken previously but if not will need to be taken in order to register this foal. DNA kits are available from the NPS office at a cost of £50 each pony, this includes the parentage test. For foals conceived by AI the NPS forms A, B and C, used to control the semen, should also be submitted if possible.

Otherwise a service certificate should be provided signed by the stallion owner; alternatively please see section 4 which can be signed by the breeder if he/she owned the sire and the dam.

1.10 Is the foal a result of an Embryo Transplant?

Tick the box for ET if it is an Embryo Transplant foal. Embryo transplant foals must be parentage tested. Parentage testing involves a DNA sample being taken from the foal (hair sample) and compared with the DNA of the sire (which would have been taken when he was licensed) and the dam, which may have been taken previously but if not will need to be taken in order to register this foal. DNA kits are available from the NPS office at a cost of £50 each pony, this includes the parentage test. Please note that in Section 2 Breed Details the Dam that is entered there must be the mare that provided the embryo, not the mare that gave birth and it is the mare which provided the embryo that is DNA tested. The breeder recorded in section 3 is the owner of the mare that provided the embryo. The details of the mare that gave birth and her owner are not recorded on the form but should be provided in a letter attached to the form.

1.11 Freeze Brand

If the pony has a freeze brand the characters on that brand should be entered here and the brand should also be shown on the Description and Markings Diagram.

2. BREED DETAILS

2.1 Sire and Dam

Enter the name of the sire and dam and the name of the Stud Book in which they are each registered as well as the Stud Book number.

The Stallion Licence number must also be included with the society who licensed him.

2.2 Ancestry Details

If the sire and or dam is not registered with the NPS please enter details of their second and third generations. Include the name of the Stud Book as well as the Stud Book number for each pony.

3 BREEDER'S CERTIFICATE - *Owner of the Dam at the time of foaling*

3.1 Name and Membership Number

The Breeder's full name, and membership number if an NPS Member, should be completed

3.2 Address

The Breeder's full address should be completed, with Post Code and Telephone Number.

3.3 Breeder's Signature(s)

The breeder must sign and date the application form to confirm the breeding details. If the dam is jointly owned both parties should sign

3.4 Prefix Owner(s) Signature(s)

The owner(s) of the Prefix, if different from the breeder(s), should sign and date the application form to confirm agreement to use of their Prefix.

4. SERVICE CERTIFICATE

4.1 Certificate

A Service Certificate must accompany the application form unless the sire is recorded in the ownership of the Breeder at the time of covering (or on a loan/lease) or the foal was conceived by AI. Please ensure that the Service Certificate is complete in all aspects and signed by the stallion owner..

4.2 Signature

The Breeder must sign here if both the sire and dam are owned by the breeder and no Service Certificate is being submitted and the foal was not conceived by AI.

5. OWNER CERTIFICATE

If the breeder is also the first owner then the breeder should just sign this section.

Otherwise the owner(s) should enter their name, membership number (if they are a member), address and phone number and sign this section. Please note that for welfare reasons the NPS doesn't allow people under the age of 18 years to be the sole owner of a pony, they can however be joint owners with an adult.

The passport will be sent to the Breeder, rather than the Owner, unless an alternative is requested. (Ponies should travel with their passports).

6. KEEPER INFORMATION

If the pony is kept at a location different from the address given above for the owner, it is important that you give keeper details here.

7. CHECKLIST

Please use the checklist to ensure you have provided all the required details.

8. SECTION 1 - DESCRIPTION AND MARKINGS DIAGRAM

Please read the accompanying Guidance Notes to ensure that the Description and Markings Diagram is completed in accordance with current DEFRA and NPS regulations.

GUIDELINES FOR THE COMPLETION OF SECTION 1 - DESCRIPTION AND MARKINGS DIAGRAM

The format of Section 1 is a DEFRA standard. It will be scanned and included in your pony's passport so should be completed carefully and clearly.

- Please complete using **capital letters and black ink only**
- Please do not write or make markings outside the given boxes. These will not be picked up by the scanner and important information could be lost
- Sex: Enter M for mares/fillies, G for geldings, C for colts
- Date of Birth: Should match that entered in Section 1 of the form.
- Unique Life Number: The last few boxes should be left blank for office use
- Transponder Code: The vet who microchips the pony should enter the microchip number here or stick a microchip sticker
- Reading System: This is not essential information
- Alternative Method of marking (2 boxes): This is not essential information
- Name & Address: Enter the name and address of the breeder/owner to whom the passport is to be sent
- Height should be the expected height at maturity in cms.
- Written descriptions must agree with the markings diagram, all whorls and markings must be shown. Where there are no markings please write 'nil' or 'no markings'. Do not leave the spaces blank. All white markings must be hatched (filled in with diagonal lines) not coloured in
- Name: The pony's full name including prefix should be entered in the box under the silhouette

DEFRA now requires that all ponies are microchipped prior to initial registration. The actual markings and description can be completed by a veterinary surgeon or by another competent person by following the instructions provided below. The vet that inserts the microchip must check the markings diagram and do the following

- Mark the position of the microchip on the silhouette (circle with an M in it)
- Record the microchip number in the Transponder Code box in Part A
- Sign in the box at the centre of the form to confirm the pony has been microchipped and there is no evidence of a previous microchip

Please use the terminology described below which is in accordance with DEFRA's standards

WHORLS (change of hair direction) should be marked with an X on the diagram and their exact position described in writing. The hair in a whorl is generally in a simple spiral pattern, but it may extend away in a straight or wavy direction and this should be marked in the diagram as a line, and described as feathering in the description.

Whorls on the neck should be described as *anterior third of crest whorl* (upper crest), *mid crest* or *posterior third of crest* (lower crest).

Whorls at inside of upper front leg/chest should be described as *bilateral whorls at axilla*

Whorls at stifle fold should be described as *bilateral stifle fold whorls*.

WHITE MARKS. All areas of white must be shown by marking their extent and filling the area with diagonal lines.

Fleshmarks should be filled in completely.

Marks on the head should be described in relation to the position of the eye, nostril or other landmark. Always say if the white is in the midline or to one side. A blaze or stripe may end above the nostrils or go into one or both. Draw and describe this. A small white area in the region of the nostrils is known as a *snip*. Other white areas are called *marks*.

White on the limbs should be described in relation to the bones and joints and **the terms 'stocking and socks' should not be used**. For instance describe as *white to below fetlock* or *white to mid cannon* and indicate if it is higher on inside or in front etc. The colour of hooves should be described and any stripes drawn and described as *striped hoof*.

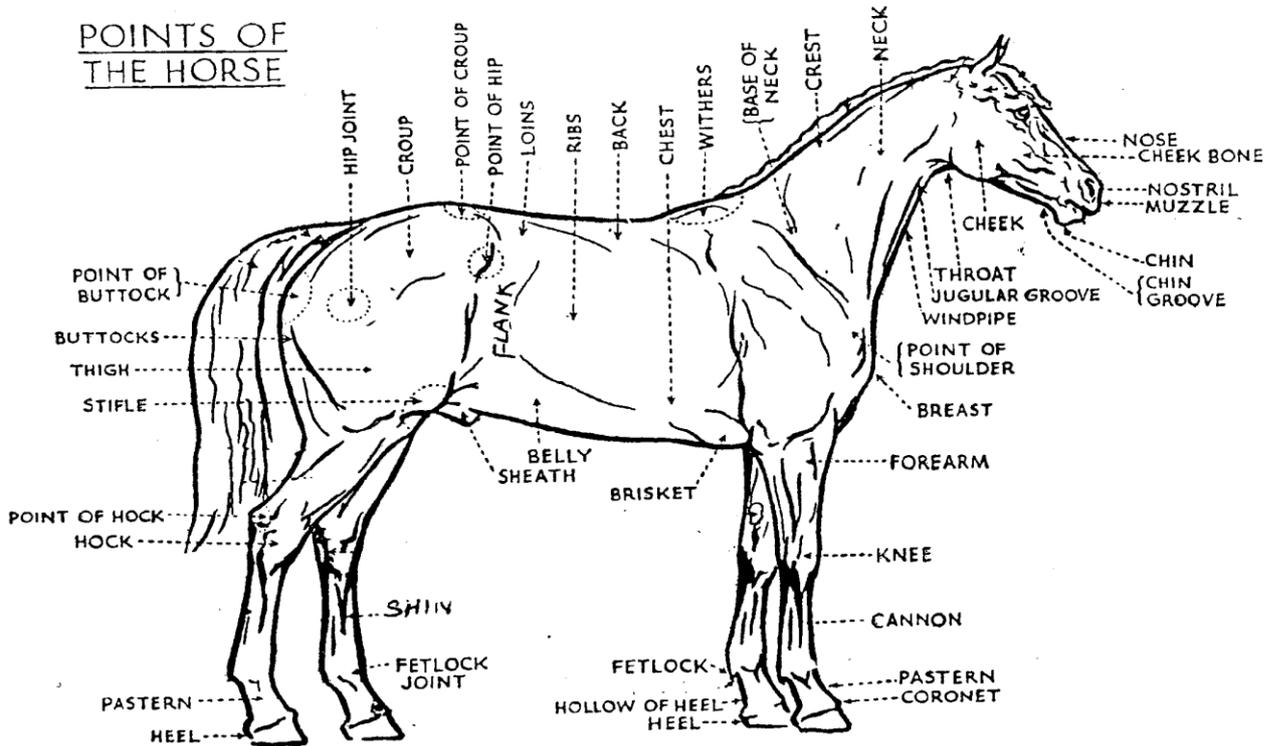
TRANSPONDER. The vet who inserts the microchip should indicate its position on the diagram.

SCARS. These must be indicated by an arrow pointing to the site of the scar.

BRANDS. These must be drawn on the diagram and the details included in the description.

DESCRIPTION AND MARKINGS

WHEN COMPLETING YOUR REGISTRATION APPLICATION PLEASE USE THE
INFORMATION PROVIDED BELOW AS A GUIDE.



WHITE
PASTERN



WHITE
HEEL



WHITE TO
FETLOCK

WHITE
HOOF



WHITE
CORONET

STRIPED
HOOF