



Australian Sports Pony Registry Inc.

BY-LAWS FOR ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION OF PREMIUM AND PRELIMINARY GRADE PONIES

BY-LAWS FOR RE-ASSESSMENT AND BREEDING LICENSES

Premier – pony must achieve an assessment score of 80 or above out of 100

First Premium - pony must achieve an assessment score of 70 and under 80 out of 100

Second Premium - pony must achieve an assessment score of 60 and under 70 out of 100 (*Females and Geldings only eligible for Second Premium Grading – Entirets ineligible*).

Premier *, **First Premium ***, **Second Premium *** grading is applicable to ponies that complete ALL four (4) phases of the assessment (ie: in hand, at liberty, under saddle and jumping (free or ridden))

Premium & Premium * Grading

- ◆ Minimum age three years as at 1st August preceding assessment date
- ◆ Maximum height is 148 cms without shoes
- ◆ There is no maximum age on eligibility for Premium Grade assessment.
- ◆ Assessment in hand and at liberty is compulsory. Under saddle and jumping (free or under saddle) assessment is by owner's choice.
- Ponies presented for Premium Grading **must** be a minimum of 4 years of age (as at 1st August preceding assessment date) in order to be **ridden under saddle for the jumping phase**. 3 year old ponies to be assessed for jumping may be **free jumped only**.
- ◆ Ponies successfully completing an ASPR assessment will be issued with a Premium Grading, dependant on their scores, and which phases are completed, as above.
- Ponies that are assessed/licensed with a studbook or registry recognised by the ASPR Inc. should apply to the Federal Office.
- ◆ A height measurement certificate **MUST** be supplied with application for Premium Grade assessment and registration as per below :
 - A current (less than six months old at assessment date) certificate from E.A., or
 - A current (less than six months old at assessment date) certificate from a National Show Horse Council, or
 - A current (less than six months old at assessment date) certificate from a Royal Agricultural Show Society, or
 - A Lifetime Height Certificate from EA or a National Show Horse Council
- ◆ If any of the above cannot be provided, then the measurement taken by the ASPR on assessment date will be the ponies official measurement, until such time as a height certificate as per above, is provided to and accepted by the ASPR.
- ◆ If a height certificate is submitted and indicates that the pony is over 148 cms without shoes, a second certificate cannot be submitted within 9 months of the date of measurement unless the certificate is the result of a protest or a required re-measurement.
- ◆ Following acceptance of the pony for Premium Grade registration, an annual height certificate (as per above), **MUST** be supplied if the pony is aged eight (8) years or under (calculated from 1st August).
- ◆ The Annual height certificate must be received between the 1st of January and the 31st of March each year and must be no more than six months old as at the 1st January in that year.
- ◆ Failure to provide an annual height certificate for ponies aged eight (8) years or under, will result in the pony being ineligible to compete in Premium Grade High Point Awards or to accumulate Roll of Merit Award Points for that year.
- ◆ Annual Height Certificates for Premium Grade ponies that are over the age of eight (8) years (calculated from 1st August) are not required.
- ◆ The height stated on the measuring certificate for ponies eight (8) years of age and over will be that recorded for life on the pony's official ASPR registration certificate.
- ◆ Any pony presented for Premium Grading **MUST** be microchipped on or before assessment date
- ◆ If a pony has been microchipped before assessment date, a veterinary certificate stating the microchip number must accompany the registration application.
- ◆ The microchip number will be recorded on the Premium Grade Registration Certificate.

Preliminary Premium Grade

- ◆ Only ponies under the age of three years of age as at 1st August preceding assessment date are eligible for Preliminary Premium Grade assessment.
- ◆ Ponies eligible for Preliminary Premium Grading will be assessed in hand and at liberty only. (NB : Premium * grading does not apply to Preliminary Graded youngstock).
- ◆ Pedigree may be known or unknown.
- ◆ Preliminary Premium Graded ponies are ineligible to compete for High Point or Roll of Merit Awards.
- ◆ A height measurement certificate is not required, however, the pony will be measured on assessment date and the height noted on the Preliminary Premium Grading Certificate.
- ◆ Microchipping is not compulsory for Preliminary Premium Graded ponies. Preliminary Premium Graded ponies may be microchipped by request of owner (and upon payment of the prescribed fee) by ASPR assessors on assessment date and the microchip number will be recorded on the Preliminary Premium Grading Certificate.
- ◆ If a pony presented for Preliminary Premium Grading has been microchipped prior to assessment date a Veterinary Certificate (stating the microchip number) must accompany the Registration application. The microchip number will be recorded on the Preliminary Premium Grading Certificate.

Re-assessment

Any pony that has successfully passed a Premium Grading assessment may at any future assessment day be presented for re-assessment if the owner is not satisfied with the first score achieved. Any previous assessment score will be discarded. If the pony achieves a higher score at re-assessment the higher score will be recorded. If the pony achieves a lower score at re-assessment the lower score will be recorded. A pony being presented for re-assessment will be assessed on confirmation and performance in hand, at liberty and under saddle (if applicable) & jumping (if applicable). No part of a previous score can be brought forward to a future assessment.

The owner of a pony that is presented for re-assessment of a Premium Grading score MUST pay a current assessment fee and an administration fee (as determined from time to time by the ASPR).

The Premium Grade Registration Certificate and the ASPR Stud Book will record ALL prior assessment scores and dates.

Stallion Breeding License

A Premium Grade Stallion Breeding License is issued additional to the Premium Grading.

To attain an ASPR Breeding License, a Premium Grade registered Stallion must produce progeny that are subsequently assessed and registered in the ASPR Stud Book as per the following :

- A **Premier or First Premium** registered stallion must produce six (6) progeny that are assessed and registered in the ASPR Stud Book as either First Premium or Premier ponies. In order to be eligible, progeny must complete the in-hand (conformation), at liberty and under saddle sections of the assessment. NB : Preliminary Premium graded progeny are not counted for the Stallion Breeding License.