



# 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

### BY-LAWS FOR FOAL RECORDING

**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 – Entire's 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 optional.
- ♦ 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 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.
- ♦ If any of the above cannot be provided, then the Registration Certificate will not be issued until such time as an official measurement certificate is provided to and accepted by the ASPR.
- ♦ Where a complaint is lodged with the Federal Office about the height of a pony and a current measurement certificate cannot be produced to verify the height, the ASPR **may** suspend the pony's registration until such time as a current measurement certificate is supplied.
- ♦ 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.

## Re-assessment

Any pony that has 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. 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.

## 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.

## 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.*

## Foal Recording - New By-Law

- ◆ Foal Recording is optional.
- ◆ Application must be made and approved within twelve (12) months of date of birth.
- ◆ Owner must be a current financial member of the ASPR Inc.
- ◆ Foal does not have to be the progeny of registered and assessed ASPR Premium Graded sires and/or dams.
- ◆ Pedigree may be known or unknown, dam at least must be disclosed on the application form and certified by the current breeder.
- ◆ Application for foal recording must be made and payment received within twelve (12) months from the date of birth.
- ◆ Foal **must** be presented for assessment on an ASPR assessment tour within **two (2) years** of the date of the foal recording, otherwise the foal recording certificate expires and must be returned to the Registry upon demand.
- ◆ A changeover certificate fee (from Foal Recording to Preliminary Premium Grading) is applicable upon assessment.
- ◆ Foal Recorded ponies/horses completing an ASPR assessment will be issued with a Preliminary Premium Grading, where the score received exceeds 60%
- ◆ Foal Recorded ponies/horses presented for Preliminary Premium Grading are subject to Preliminary Premium Grading By-Laws.
- ◆ Fees payable for foal recording are not refundable and the eligibility to receive an assessment two (2) years from the date of recording remains with the foal registered and is not transferable to another pony, horse or foal.
- ◆ Change of ownership does not prohibit a foal from being assessed on its foal recording certificate, where the new owners membership is current and the new owner remains a financial member of the ASPR at the date of the selected assessment tour.