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MARE GRADING RULES

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BENEFITS OF MARE GRADING

- 1) The top three mares will receive a voucher valued at £400, £300 & £300, which can be redeemed on the registration of a foal by an SHB(GB) Graded Stallion. Valid for 3 years. The award will be determined by the grading marks achieved throughout the year. The Robert Warden Memorial Trophy will be awarded annually to the owner of the mare that receives the highest marks.
- 2) Apart from the mares receiving the top mare awards, all mares achieving Head Stud Book status will be awarded a voucher for a free foal registration (including DNA). Vouchers are valid for two years, to be used on any SHB(GB) Graded Stallion currently registered for the year of covering.
- 3) Recognition with The World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses.
- 4) Entry into one of the SHB(GB) Stud Books and thereby progeny eligible for Stud Book papers. The progeny must be by an SHB(GB) Graded or Approved Stallion or the sire must be registered as a breeding stallion with another official breed society. The progeny of SHB(GB) Graded Mares by unregistered stallions will not be eligible for the Stud Book.
- 5) All progeny eligible to compete in the BS age classes.

ELITE MARES

Mares will be granted the title ELITE if either they or their progeny fulfill the following criteria:

DRESSAGE - Placed at a CDI*** Competition at Intermediaire I/II or Grand Prix Level.

EVENTING - Completed a CCI**** and/or placed in top twelve of a CCI*** Event.

SHOWJUMPING - Placed in Grand Prix at a CSI or CSIO Competition and/or competed on a Nations Cup Team.

RACING - Have a BHB Timeform rating of a minimum of 110 on the Flat or a National Hunt BHB Official Handicap rating of 145 or higher, or have progeny competing at any of these levels.

1. GENERAL RULES APPLYING TO ALL MARES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MARE GRADING MARES MUST:

- 1) Be 148cm or above.
- 2) Be 3 years old or over.
- 3) Submit a sample for a DNA test for which the owner is liable for the cost once accepted into any of the Stud Books.
- 4) Be registered on the SHB(GB) Basic Identity Register, or be in possession of a Passport issued by a recognised organisation.
- 5) Be owned by a current member of the SHB(GB).

ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF THE STUD BOOK WILL BE DECIDED BY:

- 1) Grading status with the former NLHBS **OR**
- 2) Grading status with other breed societies **OR**
- 3) Number of proven generations of pedigree and marks awarded at grading.

Mares presented for SHB(GB) Mare Grading will be required to be shown in hand to assess conformation and paces following an initial trot up on a hard surface. All mares must be presented in bridles and foals must be led at all times.

Mares which are not sound must submit a letter from a Veterinary Surgeon stating the reason for the unsoundness. This will be taken into account when their final mark is calculated.

Mare owners also have the option of presenting their mares under saddle in addition to the in hand assessment. Mares who satisfy the judges as to their rideability in this way or can provide proof of ridden competition success in sport may be awarded the complimentary initial R (for Ridden) in front of their graded status.

Mares who are transferred from another Stud Book may also be awarded the complimentary initial R if they can provide proof of ridden competition success.

If following grading, a mare or her progeny go on to compete successfully, it may be possible for her to upgrade to a higher stud book. Please contact the office for further details.

2. HEAD STUD BOOK

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR HEAD STUD BOOK MARES MUST:

- 1) Be a Grade I NLHBS Mare **OR**
- 2) Have three generations of proven pedigree and be a Head, Select or equivalent status mare in a recognised Sport Horse or Warmblood Stud Book, either in the UK or abroad **OR**
- 3) Have three generations of proven pedigree and achieve a grading mark of 8 or above at an SHB(GB) Mare Grading **OR**
- 4) If less than three generations of proven pedigree, achieve a mark of 8.5 or above and have a B.H.B. official handicap rating of 80 or higher on the Flat, or a National Hunt B.H.B. official handicap rating of 100 or higher, or be an Advanced Eventer, Grade A Showjumper or Advanced Dressage mare, or have progeny competing at any of these levels **OR**
- 5) Reach the required level of performance to be Elite or have progeny that meet the criteria and achieve a grading mark of 5 or above at an SHB(GB) Mare Grading.

3. MAIN STUD BOOK

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MAIN STUD BOOK MARES MUST:

- 1) Be a Grade II NLHBS mare **OR**
- 2) Have two generations or more of proven pedigree and be a Main or equivalent status mare in a recognised Sport Horse or Warmblood Stud Book either in the UK or abroad **OR**
- 3) Have two generations of proven pedigree and achieve a grading mark of 6.5 or above at an SHB(GB) Mare Grading **OR**
- 4) Have less than two generations of proven pedigree and achieve a grading mark of 8.5 or above at an SHB(GB) Mare Grading.

4. FOUNDATION STUD BOOK

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FOUNDATION STUD BOOK MARES MUST HAVE:

- 1) Foundation Book or equivalent status in a recognised Sport Horse or Warmblood Stud Book either in the UK or abroad **OR**
- 2) Achieve a grading mark of 5 or above at an SHB(GB) Mare Grading.

NLHBS PREVIOUSLY GRADED MARES:

Grade I and Grade II NLHBS mares will be transferred onto the appropriate SHB(GB) Stud Book for a transfer fee of £5.00 inc. VAT. These mares do not need to appear at an SHB(GB) Grading, but must provide a sample for a DNA test together with the relevant fee.

MARES GRADED WITH OTHER SOCIETIES:

These mares do not need to appear at an SHB(GB) Mare Grading and will be entered into the appropriate Stud Book according to their current graded status. There will be a fee to overstamp their recognised Passports and they will have to submit a sample for a DNA test with the relevant fee.

MARES ON THE BASIC IDENTITY RECORD:

These mares will be required to come forward to an SHB(GB) Grading and if successful submit a sample for a DNA test together with the relevant fee.

MARES NOT REGISTERED WITH SHB(GB):

These mares will need to be registered on the Basic Identity Record and will be required to attend an official SHB(GB) Mare Grading before being entered into the appropriate Stud Book and if successful submit a sample for a DNA test together with the relevant fee.

PLEASE NOTE:

For breeding to be accepted as “proven” mares must be registered with an official breed society and her papers must be submitted to SHB(GB) for overstamping.

If the mare has not previously been registered an official breed society covering certificate will be required. The lineage of her sire and dam will only be accepted if verification of their pedigrees is supplied from an official breed society.

NB: Progeny foaled in the UK out of an SHB(GB) Graded Mare sired by a stallion standing abroad that fulfills the SHB(GB) criteria for a Foreign Graded Stallion will be eligible for registration in the SHB(GB) Full Stud Book, so long as a DNA profile is available for the sire to allow for parentage verification of the offspring.

Foreign Graded Stallions must be fully graded with a Society that is a Full Member of the WBFSh and have a performance test result of 100 or above or have raced and have the equivalent of a BHB Official Handicap rating of 80 or above on the Flat or 100 or above National Hunt.

**FOR DETAILS OF MARE GRADING VENUES AND ENTRY FORMS
PLEASE CONTACT THE SOCIETY**