

# SPORT HORSE BREEDING OF GREAT BRITAIN

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# INFORMATION LEAFLET



Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain is a Registered Charity whose objects are to develop and improve the breeding of the British Sport Horse. It's Council, elected annually by Members, consists of persons with appropriate knowledge and experience.

**The Society is committed to setting standards on providing advice and education to horse owners and members of the public interested in the principles and practices of good breeding. Certain benefits and services are provided to the public but Members of the Society are entitled to a more extensive service. As a charity the income of the Society is applied towards achieving it's aims.**

**The Society is a Full Member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses.**

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# BENEFITS OF REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP AT A GLANCE

- DEFRA and EU recognised passports that comply with all current legislation\*
- Parentage Testing using DNA analysis for all horses entered into the Stud Book \*
- Horses conceived by artificial insemination and embryo transfer are eligible for registration
- The Society maintains Stud Books and horses registered into the Stud Book are eligible for World Breeding Federation for Sport Horse awards and potential international recognition
- Eligibility for all Affiliated Showing & Performance Classes run under SHB(GB) Rules reflecting standards set by the Society. All Judges are assessed and approved by the Society.
- Print outs of all SHB(GB) Affiliated performances available FREE OF CHARGE \*
- Eligibility for horses registered in the Stud Books to compete in B.S.J.A. Young Horse Classes
- No additional charges made for naming horses at any age \*
- Affiliated to the Central Prefix Register
- Members have free entry into the Society's own shows and events
- Annual prestigious Show
- Mare Gradings held throughout the country at which Service Vouchers valued at £500, £200 & £100 are being awarded to graded mares for use on any currently registered SHB(GB) graded stallion
- Eligibility to compete for £100 Brood Mare Premiums awarded at affiliated shows
- Sales list available to anyone wishing to buy or sell their SHB(GB) registered stock (also available on the website) \*
- Stallions and mares graded by SHB(GB) promoted via Membership, advertising, website and on our Exhibition unit.

\* Denotes service available to Non Members as well as Members of the Society.

# BECOME A MEMBER

For just £45 per annum (if paid by direct debit) you can enjoy the benefits of SHB(GB) membership. The Society is one of the oldest established breeding societies in the UK with a wealth of experience in supporting breeders, owners and riders alike.

Each year you will receive a Members Handbook, including a Programme of all the Society's events and giving details of over 150 shows affiliated to the Society, together with lists of qualifying classes for the Horse of the Year Show, Royal International Horse Show and the National Hunter Supreme Championship Show. The Society's Show Rules and Regulations, list of Judges and general information on all the Society's activities are included in this useful guide.

Members also receive regular mail outs throughout the year, which include a newsletter and information on all the Graded and Approved Stallions.

Membership also entitles you to reduced entry fees for the National Hunter Show and allows you to enter horses for the Society's influential grading schemes, plus much, much more.

Don't miss out join now.

Membership fee: £50.00 **OR** £45.00 if paid by Direct Debit.

## THE BENEFITS OF REGISTERING YOUR HORSE

**AS FROM 28TH FEBRUARY 2005 EU LEGISLATION REQUIRED THAT ALL HORSES MUST HAVE A DEFRA APPROVED AUTHORITY'S PASSPORT**

Any horse provided their adult height exceeds 148cms (14.2hh) can be adequately identified on application and issued with a DEFRA and EU approved passport that will prove it's identity in cases of dispute or doubt.

The Stud Books are designed to give a structure to the future of British breeding. It is also increasingly likely that in the future competitive events will be restricted to horses with breeding documents. Mares of unknown breeding can come forward for grading and if successful be issued with a Foundation Stud Book passport. This is the first rung on the ladder for these mares and eventually the produce of these mares will have built up an authenticated pedigree in the same way as the mares in the Main and Head Stud Book, so that over a period of time the breeding of all horses will be fully documented. This will allow the identification of successful bloodlines to enable a more scientific and selective approach to breeding programmes. All the horses entering the Stud Books have to submit a sample for a DNA Profile, each individual's profile is unique and permanent. This makes the DNA profile a powerful method of identification, which can act as a deterrent against theft and easily resolve cases of disputed identity. Importantly, it also ensures that the parentage of all foals can be confirmed.

The progeny of mares entered in any of the Stud Books by SHB(GB) Graded or Approved stallions will be entitled to Full SHB(GB) breeding papers (not just identity papers) and those horses with just one eligible parent will be issued Auxiliary breeding papers. SHB(GB) is a full member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses. All successful competition horses with SHB(GB) breeding papers

qualify to go on to the WBFSH World Rankings and their breeders will be eligible for the prizes which the WBFSH awards annually. Britain has been producing top sport horses for many years but until recently the Society has been unable to emphasise the outstanding national and international influence that our stallions have had, particularly in the eventing world. As members of the WBFSH, SHB(GB) bred competition horses are now gaining the international recognition they deserve, which has allowed Great Britain to take it's rightful place in the world rankings.

**THE BREEDERS OF SHB(GB) BRED HORSES HAVE ALREADY PICKED UP FOUR WBFSH PRIZES FOR THE LEADING INTERNATIONAL EVENT HORSES IN 2000, 2001, 2002 AND 2004.**

The schemes that the Society has put in place should raise the profile of the British bred horse both at home and abroad and give British breeders some of the opportunities available to their European counterparts. All SHB(GB) registration and identity documents are acceptable for export purposes. It is hoped that those horses in possession of Stud Book papers with authenticated pedigrees and eligibility for the WBFSH will prove to be in demand and that this will stimulate a more active market place for British bred horses. If higher prices can be generated for stock this will have a knock on effect throughout the industry as a whole and hopefully be of benefit to all our members.

## THE REGISTERS

Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain is able to give owners the opportunity to have all horses properly identified, graded and registered and issued with a DEFRA and EU Approved Passport, provided that their adult height exceeds 148cm (14.2hh approx). Once registered a change of name is not permitted. Foals may be registered un-named and named at a later date free of charge.

### **FULL STUD BOOK**

Progeny which are eligible for a Full Stud Book Passport must:

- a) be by an SHB(GB) Graded or Approved Stallion **AND** out of an SHB(GB) Graded Mare
- b) submit a sample for a DNA test with relevant fee
- c) forward the covering certificate (this will be returned)

**REGISTRATION FEE:** £40.00 **or** Foals £25.00 if registered before 1st December in their year of birth

**DNA FEE:** £45.00

### **AUXILIARY STUD BOOK**

Progeny which are eligible for an Auxiliary Stud Book Passport must:

- a) be by an SHB(GB) Graded or Approved Stallion **OR**
- b) out of an SHB(GB) Graded Mare
- c) submit a sample for a DNA test with relevant fee
- d) forward the covering certificate (this will be returned)

**REGISTRATION FEE:** £50.00 **or** Foals £35.00 if registered before 1st December in their year of birth

**DNA FEE:** £45.00

**ONLY HORSES REGISTERED IN THE STUD BOOKS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RECOGNITION WITH THE WORLD BREEDING FEDERATION FOR SPORT HORSES**

### **THE IDENTITY RECORD (open to horses of unknown breeding)**

THIS DOCUMENT IS AN IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT **ONLY** IT IS NOT A BREEDING DOCUMENT. All horses are eligible for entry onto the society's Basic Identity Record, as there are no breeding restrictions on this register. If a covering certificate is not available documents will state "Breeding Unknown". The lineage of sire and dam can only be recorded if official verification of breeding, provided from a breed society, is submitted at the time of registration.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** £25.00

### **OVERSTAMPING**

In support of the policy that all horses should have only one passport and the law which came into effect on the 1st January 1998 making it an offence for any horse born after that date to be in possession of more than one passport, the Society has obtained the necessary permissions to overstamp existing passports issued by other Societies and Registration Authorities who are recognised by DEFRA, subject to them including a markings chart completed by a Veterinary Surgeon (both diagram and written markings). For horses born in or after 1998 who are registered with any other DEFRA recognised Authority, owners **MUST** select the overstamp service. Changes of name are not permitted.

**OVERSTAMP FEE:** £25.00

**DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE ON REGISTRATION FEES:** A 15% discount on registration fees is available to individual owners when registering 3 to 4 horses. A 20% discount is available on registration fees of 5 plus horses. **Discounts are not available on the DNA fees.**

### **CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP**

If you purchase a horse with an SHB(GB) Passport, then this must be returned to the Society with a signed declaration from the previous registered owner stating that the horse has been sold, together with the new owners details and fee.

**CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP FEE:** £25.00

### **SHOW HUNTER REGISTER**

All horses being shown in Ridden Qualifying Classes for the Royal International Horse Show, The National Hunter Supreme Championship Show and Horse of the Year Show are required to be entered on the Society's Basic Identity Record or Stud Book and the annual Show Hunter Register. Registrations are renewable each year and are not restricted by way of breeding etc. The current Show Hunter registration fee is £45.00 and owners and riders must be Full Members of the Society.

The Society offers a temporary registration to competitors who wish to compete at ONE qualifying show for a fee of £10. If the horse subsequently qualifies then they will need to complete their full registration before the championship and the £10 fee will be refunded.

The Secretaries of Qualifying Shows send their entries to the Society for checking and any un-registered horse is not eligible to compete.

## **MARE GRADING SCHEME**

### **BENEFITS OF MARE GRADING**

1) Up to ten top mare awards will be presented each year. The award takes the form of a **£500** Service Voucher which is valid for three years to be used only on any

SHB(GB) Graded Stallion currently registered for the year of covering. The award will be determined by the grading marks achieved throughout the year.

- 2) All mares achieving Head Stud Book status will be awarded a **£200** Service Voucher, apart from the mares receiving the top mare awards. Vouchers are valid for three years to be used on any SHB(GB) Graded Stallion or Life Approved Premium Stallion currently registered for the year of covering.
- 3) Any mare not eligible for the Head Stud Book but who achieves an average mark of 8 or above will be awarded a **£100** Service Voucher. Vouchers will be valid for three years to be used on any SHB(GB) Graded Stallion or Life Approved Premium Stallion currently registered for the year of covering.
- 4) Recognition with The World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses.
- 5) Entry into one of the SHB(GB) Stud Books and thereby progeny eligible for Stud Book papers.
- 6) All progeny eligible to compete in the BSJA age classes.

**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) If attending a Grading submit a completed SHB(GB) Veterinary Certificate carried out by a recognised specialist equine veterinary surgeon, issued no more than three months prior to closing date of entries.
- 4) Submit a sample for a DNA test for which the owner is liable for the cost once accepted into any of the Stud Books.
- 5) Be registered on the SHB(GB) Basic Identity Register, or be in possession of a Passport issued by a recognised organisation.
- 6) 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.  
Mare owners also have the option of presenting their mares under saddle in addition to the in hand assessment.

**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) If less than three generations of proven pedigree, achieve a mark of 5 or above and have achieved any of the following competitive achievements:-

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.

### **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 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.

#### **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 over stamping.

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 AN ENTRY FORM PLEASE CONTACT THE SOCIETY**

## **STALLION GRADING SCHEME**

### **BENEFITS OF STALLION GRADING**

- 1) Stallions recognised by mare owners as being of a high standard and free from hereditary diseases and defects.
- 2) Recognition with the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses.
- 3) Currently registered Graded Stallions eligible to accept Service Vouchers valued at **£500, £200, £100** and **£50** awarded by this society to Brood Mares.

- 4) Promotion of all Graded Stallions via membership, advertising website and Society's Trade Stand which attends major shows and events around the country.
- 5) Accurate covering, foaling and fertility records maintained.
- 6) Eligible to compete for the Society's trophies.
- 7) Eligible to compete as an entire under BSJA Rules.
- 8) Stock eligible for SHB(GB) Stud Book papers.

### **GRADED STALLIONS**

To be eligible to come forward for the SHB(GB) Stallion Grading, Stallions must:

- a) Be 153cm (15.0hh) or above
- b) Be 3 years old or over
- c) Have a minimum of three generations of proven pedigree. Exceptions may possibly be made for Advanced Event horses, Grade A Showjumpers or Advanced Dressage horses or for stallions who have progeny competing at these levels.
- d) Submit a Five Stage Veterinary Certificate issued not more than three months prior to the closing date of entries.
- e) Submit a sample for a DNA test. Once accepted into the Stud Book the owner is liable for the cost of the test.
- f) Be owned by a current member of SHB(GB)

### **APPROVED STALLIONS**

Stallions included on this register are **not** eligible to accept SHB(GB) Service Vouchers. To be eligible to come forward for the SHB(GB) Approved Grading, Stallions must:

- a) Be 153cm (15.0hh) or above.
- b) Be 3 years old or over.
- c) Submit a Five Stage Veterinary Certificate issued not more than three months prior to the closing date of entries.
- d) Submit a sample for a DNA test. Once accepted into the Stud Book the owner is liable for the cost of the test.
- e) Be owned by a current member of SHB(GB)

**N.B.** Thoroughbred stallions with a minimum timeform rating of 110 on the Flat or a National Hunt B.H.B. Official Handicap rating of 145 or above, may apply for Grading via an alternative system. This also applies to international competition horses. For details please contact the Office.

### **LIFE APPROVED PREMIUM STALLIONS**

Stallions who received THREE or more premiums under the old HIS scheme will be entitled to stand as LIFE APPROVED PREMIUM STALLIONS.

**FOR FULL DETAILS OF THE STALLION GRADING RULES,  
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE**

**SERVICE VOUCHERS CAN ONLY BE USED ON SHB(GB) GRADED  
STALLIONS OR LIFE APPROVED TB PREMIUM STALLIONS WHO ARE  
CURRENTLY REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR OF COVERING.**

**APPROVED STALLIONS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO ACCEPT  
SERVICE VOUCHERS.**

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT ANY OF THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES OR TO  
RECEIVE MEMBERSHIP OR REGISTRATION FORMS, PLEASE CONTACT US.**