THE RULES FOR ENTRY IN
THE PURE STUD BOOK
AND GRADE REGISTERS

1. INTRODUCTION.

In 1997 a new system of grading was introduced because it was thought that the Breed was losing good mares of pure blood because of miss marking.

Into this system was incorporated the old Grading Register for mares whose pedigrees did not carry enough Cleveland crosses for the full Stud Book and a more natural progression towards Stud Book registration was set out.

There are now 3 Grade Registers for females, A, B, and C.

Grade D is a male register into which all the male progeny of Grade Register mares are put and also any males rejected, for some reason, from the full Stud Book.

2. THE GRADE REGISTERS

2.1 Grade C

The standards for entry onto the Grade C Register are as follows:

- Only females are eligible
- Minimum age of 3 years old
- Minimum height of 16.0 hh with at least 8½ " of bone measured with a tight tape immediately below the knee at the narrowest part of the limb.
- All animals must be bay with black points and no white markings other than a small star. Roaning in the coat is not acceptable.
- The mare must be accepted by the Breed Committee as having more than 50% pure Cleveland blood (the usual figure is 75%); and the animal should normally have been entered in the Society’s Part Bred Register.
- The mare must have a traceable ancestry.

2.2 Grade B & Grade A

The female progeny of a Grade C mare by a CB stallion with a Pure Bred licence will be automatically eligible without inspection for entry onto the Grade B Register, and female progeny of a Grade B mare by a CB stallion with a Pure Bred licence will be eligible for entry onto the Grade A Register.

The female progeny of Grade A mares by a CB stallion with a Pure Bred Licence will be eligible for inspection and entry to the full Stud Book subject to the rules for entry being met as set out in paragraph 2.1:
2.3 Grade D

The male progeny of a Grade Register mare by a CB stallion with a Pure Bred licence will be eligible for entry onto the Male Grade Register D; Grade D males will, if retained entire, be eligible for a Part Bred licence only.

The male progeny of a Grade Register mare or Stud Book mare by a Grade D stallion will only be eligible for entry onto the Grade D Register.

The female progeny of any Grade Register mare or Stud Book mare by a Grade D stallion will only be eligible for entry onto the Grade C Register subject to the normal inspection rules.

2.4 Full Stud Book

All progeny of Stud Book mares by a CB stallion with a Pure Bred licence are eligible for entry onto the full Stud Book subject to the following:

- The Breeder (and the current owner) must sign the original application form.
- The application must be completed in full to the satisfaction of the Breed Committee.
- All animals must be bay with black points and no white markings other than a small star but subject always to the discretion of the Breed Committee. Roaning in the coat is not acceptable.
- Other matters of confirmation and hereditary disease will be at the discretion of the Breed Committee.
- Fillies with white markings, that are rejected for the Stud Book but otherwise would have been acceptable, will be eligible on inspection for the Grade Register and their female progeny only will be eligible for the full Stud Book under normal rules of inspection. The Breed Committee would have discretion to recommend fillies for acceptance within the Grades under this rule; owners of rejected fillies may appeal to Council.

All applications for the Grade Registers or the full Stud Book must be accompanied by the current fee.

3. APPEALS PROCEDURE

Any applicant may appeal to the Council of the Society against a decision of the Breed Committee subject to the following rules:

- The appeal must be made in writing and sent to the Secretary of the CBHS.
- The appropriate fees must be paid in advance.
- The Council's decision is final and binding on all parties.

4. RULES FOR SHOWS

The rules recommended to Show Societies for showing in Pure Cleveland Bay classes are as follows:

- Animals that are eligible:
  - All females entered in the Society's Stud Book or Grade Register, and their foals if they are eligible for entry into the Stud Book or Grading Registers.
  - All males entered in the Society's Stud Book.
  - Colt foals that are eligible for Grade D may only be shown in purebred classes as foals. As yearlings or older they remain eligible for partbred classes.

![Image]( Rococco II Partbred by Wigginton Antonio. Owned and ridden by Alexandra Wheeler. Winner of the Tyrell Trophy for the Highest Placed British Bred Mare at the Novice Dressage Nationals 1999. Photo: Joanna Prestwich)