

Cleveland Bay Horse Society

Premium Stallion Scheme Rules created under the By – Laws of the Cleveland Bay Horse Society.

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Introduction

The Premium Stallion scheme (the scheme) of the Cleveland Bay Horse Society (CBHS) is currently run by the CBHS in partnership with the Horse Race Betting Levy Board.

“Premium” is currently the highest status accorded to Cleveland Bay (CB) Stallions by the CBHS and achieving that status for their horse should be the aspiration of all CB breeders and stallion owners.

Each year the CBHS invites applications for entry to the scheme from CBHS Licensed Pure CB stallions aged between 4 and 17 years on January 1 in the year of application and who have pure or part bred progeny registered with the CBHS.

Entry to the scheme is not compulsory for Stallions but is strongly recommended by the CBHS. Further details of the application process including any costs and necessary forms can be obtained from the CBHS.

The following rules have been created by the CBHS to provide clarity to Stallion and Mare owners and other interested parties as to how the scheme will apply. The rules will be regularly reviewed by the Breed Committee of the CBHS and any amendments will be approved by the CBHS Council before they are applied.

The Rules of the Premium Stallion Scheme are as follows;

Rule 1

1.1. The rules of this scheme are made by the CBHS and may be changed from time to time by the CBHS without notice. Any changes made to these rules will be notified to the owners of stallions in the scheme by the CBHS within 21 days of the change being made.

1.2. Any failure to comply with these rules may result in action being taken by the CBHS against an individual and may include the suspension of any horse and/or its owner by the Council of the CBHS from this and other CBHS schemes both immediately and in future years.

Rule 2

2.1. Only Licensed Pure CB stallions aged between 4 and 17 years on January 1 in the year of application who have pure or part bred progeny registered with the CBHS are eligible to apply for Premium status.

2.2. Once a stallion has attained the age of 18 he cannot be considered for entry to the scheme.

2.3. Stallions that attain 18 years who have achieved premium status on at least 7 previous occasions prior to the age of 18, may be considered by the Breed Committee of the CBHS, on the application of the stallion owner, for recommendation to the CBHS Council for the grant of honorary Life Premium status.

2.4. Life Premium status recognises the contribution of the horse to the breed but does not otherwise involve compliance with the premium scheme rules in any other respect.

2.5 Stallions entered for the scheme in any one year are ordinarily inspected by CBHS Horse Inspectors using a criteria approved by the Council of the CBHS which assesses the qualities of the horse under inspection.

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2.6. Once that assessment is complete those stallions (normally to a maximum of 12) who in the opinion of the CBHS Horse Inspectors are thought to represent the best examples of the breed at that time, are recommended to the Council of the CBHS to be granted premium status for that year only. Those stallions that are approved by Council will be awarded Premium status from the date of that decision and their details will be published by the CBHS.

2.7. Where a Stallion considered for Premium status has been included in the scheme for three consecutive years (or alternatively in the previous year and a further two years in the previous five years), the CBHS Horse Inspectors may within their discretion use previous inspection details when making their selections and recommendations to Council rather than physically inspect a horse.

Rule 3

3.1. All stallions afforded premium status must (subject to Rule 4 below) accept all pure mares offered for covering within the stud season to which the premium applies.

3.2. For the purposes of this scheme, semen (frozen, chilled or fresh) made available by a stallion owner from their Premium stallion to a mare owner for covering a mare at location agreed between the parties satisfies the provisions of Rule 3(1) above.

3.3. For the purpose of Rule 3.1 above, the stud season commences on 1 April and ends on 31 August in any year. This period may be extended by mutual agreement between stallion and mare owners without reference to the CBHS.

Rule 4

4.1. A stallion owner may decline to accept a mare for covering (as set out in Rule 3 above) if they consider that a mare is unsuitable for covering. In such circumstances the reason for declining must be communicated in writing to the CBHS Breed Committee Chair within 7 days of the decision being taken with a copy sent to the mare owner.

4.2. Upon receipt of such communication the CBHS Breed Committee Chair shall write within 7 days to any other party to the dispute requesting their written representations on the issue. Such representations to be received by the CBHS within 7 days.

4.3. The CBHS Breed Committee will then convene to consider this issue as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within 28 days of the date of the initial communication required by Rule 4.1.

4.4. If having considered the documentation provided by any party (at Rule 4.1. and 4.2. above), the CBHS Breed Committee considers on the balance of probabilities that the actions of any party (including a refusal to supply written reasons - Rule 4.1). to have been unreasonable, it may take such action as it considers appropriate.

4.5. The CBHS may pursuant to Rule 4.4 suspend the stallion and or the mare from the scheme immediately and may forfeit all payments due to the parties under any CBHS scheme.

4.6. Written reasons for the decision and actions determined at Rule 4(4) and (5) above shall be sent by the CBHS to the parties as soon as reasonable practicable and in any event within 28 days of the decision being made.

4.7. If any party is aggrieved by the decision of the CBHS Breed Committee at Rule 4 (4) and (5) above then they may appeal against that decision by written notice to the Council of the CBHS in accordance with the procedures set out in the CBHS By- Laws as provided by the Articles of association.

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Rule 5

5.1 All Premium stallions are required to comply with the maximum stud fee in respect of live coverings for pure CB mares only. This fee is currently set at £250. This fee does not apply to Fresh, Frozen or Chilled semen supplied by a stallion owner for the purposes of Artificial Insemination which is subject to personal negotiation between the parties.

5.2 Swabbing of mares, keep arrangements and the consequences of a not conceiving are matters for agreement between the mare and the stallion owner and are not covered by these rules.

Rule 6

6.1. It is strongly recommended by the CBHS that all Premium stallion owners obtain and send to the CBHS a clean Swab test Certificate for Contagious Equine Metritis and a blood test for Equine Viral arteritis (EVA). Swabs and blood samples should be taken after January 1st in any year and before the first service of a mare. It is the Stallion owner's responsibility to notify any mare owner if this recommendation has not been complied with.

Rule 7

7.1. Every pure CB mare covered by a Premium stallion shall be provided with a covering certificate by the stallion owner showing the dates the mare was covered by the stallion by the end of the relevant stud season whether or not the mare has been tested in foal. Only valid covering certificates provided by the CBHS can be used and only these will be accepted in any subsequent foal registration. Covering certificates are issued for a specific stud year only and can be obtained from the CBHS office.

Rule 8

8.1. The CBHS does not specify the minimum number of mares each Premium stallion should cover in each stud season however the number of mares covered and foals registered in any given year or years may be taken into account when considering whether a Premium should be awarded in subsequent years.

Rule 9

9.1 The CBHS may advertise the Premium scheme and the participating stallions wherever it sees fit. Entry in the scheme implies permission has been granted for individual stallion details and photographs to be used in any such advertising without notification to the stallion owner.

Rule 10

10.1. All Premium Stallions are expected as a condition of their entry into the Premium Scheme to participate in the King George V competition which will be held each year at a venue and at a date and time to be determined by the CBHS and which will be notified to all Premium Stallion owners at least 28 days in advance.

10.2. If a Horse is not fit for any reason to attend the King George V competition then its owner must notify the CBHS immediately. In the event of a horse failing to attend this competition then all or part of the monies due under the Premium scheme may be forfeited unless a satisfactory veterinary certificate excusing the attendance of the horse is lodged with the CBHS within 7 days of the competition date starting with the date following the competition.

10.3. If a horse is unable to attend the competition for reasons other than those specified (in 10.2) above then its owner must notify the CBHS immediately. In the event of a horse failing to attend this competition then all or part of the monies due under the Premium scheme may be forfeited.

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10.4. In the event of a horse failing to attend the competition as described (in 10.2. and 10.3) above, the decision as to whether any action should be taken will fall to be decided by the CBHS Breed Committee. That Committee will consider any written evidence from the owner which explains the absence of the horse and will determine whether the absence was reasonable in all of the circumstances and if not what action if any should be taken. The outcome of that determination will be notified to the Stallion owner as soon as practicable thereafter.

10.5. A Stallion owner aggrieved by the decision of the Breed Committee can require that the matter be reconsidered on appeal to the Council of the CBHS. A notice of Appeal must be lodged in writing with the CBHS within 28 days of the date of the notification of the Breed Committee decision and that notice should set out the grounds for the appeal.

10.6. The Council of the CBHS will consider the appeal as soon as is reasonably practicable taking into account the facts of the case and the written notice and grounds of appeal lodged. The outcome of the appeal will be notified to the Stallion owner as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Rule 11

11.1. All Premium Stallions attending the King George V Competition will be presented and handled in a professional manner. Any Stallion not so presented and handled may be removed from the competition by the Judge.

Rule 12

12.1. The method and rate of payment of Stallion Premiums will be reviewed by the Council of the CBHS on a regular basis.