

Australian Stock Horse
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Stud Book Changes for Discussion

WHITE PAPER

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EXISTING REGISTRATION STRUCTURE

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION (or Constitution) - RULES & REGULATIONS

The Stud Book wording in the EXISTING **Articles of Association clause 105** and the **NEW Constitution clause 11** are the same. Structure as follows:

STUD BOOK

Stud Book

OTHER CATEGORIES

First Cross

Second Cross

SUB CATEGORIES

Special Merit (equivalent to Second Cross)

BREEDING PURPOSES

ASB (Thoroughbred) - equivalent to Second Cross

EXCEPTIONAL HORSES

Horses invited by the Board - Superior ASH attributes



EXISTING REGISTRATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

EXISTING - Articles of Association as follows:

105.2 Horses registered after 1st January 2009 shall be registered in any one of the following categories of registration:

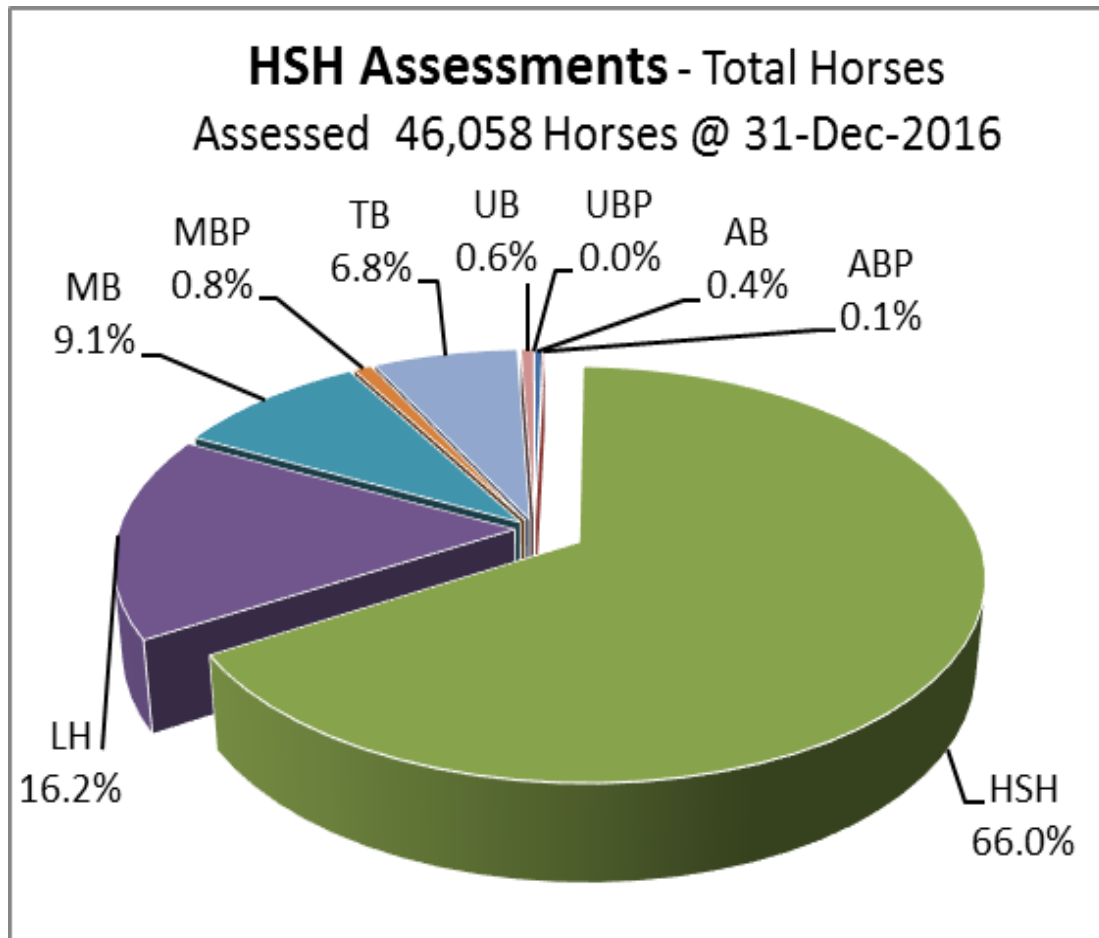
- (a) Stud Book;
- (b) Other Categories (comprising First Cross, Second Cross **and any further sub-category that may be created by the Board**);
- (c) Breeding Purposes Only; and
- (d) Exceptional Horses

105.4 A horse accepted for registration in any sub-category of Other Categories shall have Australian Stock Horses as ancestors, **to the extent determined by the Board.**

HERITAGE STOCK HORSE - PROGRESS

- ▶ With over **190,000** horses - only 45,000 (**24%**) have been assessed.
- ▶ In reviewing assessed horses, approximately **65%** are **HSH**.
- ▶ The Society continues to work in a **cost effective manner** and it will be an ongoing project for years to come.
- ▶ Members may submit an application at any time - fee \$25.

HERITAGE STOCK HORSE - STATISTICS



HERITAGE STOCK HORSE - FACTS

An Individual's Facebook post: "Heritage Stock Horses are in decline BIG time". The post seems to imply that Heritage Stock Horses have dropped by 50% (or half), when comparing the following:

- ▶ horses foaled in 2014 with **501** HSH horses, versus
- ▶ horses foaled in 2004 with **969** HSH horses.

HSH statistics when related to other data?

Year	Horses	Total	HSH	% - HSH only vs
Foaled	Registered	Assessed	only	Total Assessed
2014*	1,911	930	501	53.8%
2004	3,138	1,495	969	64.8%

* Not all members register horses as foals and these registrations will continue to be received in years to come. Manual assessments for horses foaled in 2014 have not commenced.

REGISTRATION STATUS - STATISTICS

Again, when comparing horses foaled in 2014 and 2004, Stud Book ASH Registrations remain consistently over 75%.

2014 Foals	Stud Book	1478	77.3%
	First Cross	158	8.3%
	Second Cross (incl Special Merit)	275	14.4%
	TOTAL	1911	
2004 Foals	Stud Book	2422	77.2%
	First Cross	263	8.4%
	Second Cross (incl Special Merit)	402	12.8%
	Breeding Purposes (Thoroughbred)	51	1.6%
	TOTAL	3138	

FIRST CROSS - STATISTICS

For horses registered between 1st January 2006 to 31st December 2016 (**11yrs**).
A total of **3,657** First Cross horses were registered - **2,423** mares and **1,234** geldings.

In viewing parentage, we provide the following statistics:

Total Progeny		Number of Sire/Dams	Sire/Dam with 1 progeny only
910	Unregistered Sire	379	275
2,657	Unregistered Dam	2,059	1,667
90	Registered ASH Sire & Dam - C1/C2 or C1/C1 mating		

WHITE PAPER - WHY

Stud Book Changes for Discussion

The purpose of this white paper is for the Board to access members opinions in an open forum, discuss suggested changes and gauge the potential impact to the Stud Book from a wider audience.

How does change occur and who is responsible?

Articles of Association/Constitution

- Members

Rules & Regulations

- Board of Directors

Members are not being asked to adopt changes.

The purpose of this presentation is for the Board to discuss Stud Book issues.

INTRODUCTION

The Board have discussed many aspects of the Stud Book over the last two years and **IDENTIFIED ANOMALIES** within the registration system:

- ▶ **INTEGRITY** of ownership, identification, verification of breeding records, accuracy of extended pedigrees and the like.

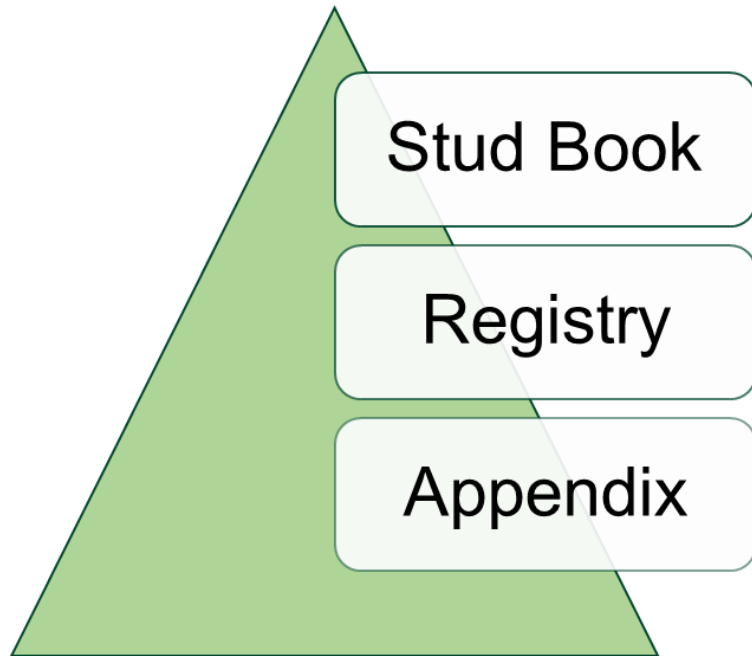
Owners of unregistered horses obtain benefits from the Society without contributing to the organisation.

The Society endeavours to grow in membership and through financial contributions, improve services and support for members.

CONCEPT FOR NEW STRUCTURE

The Articles of Association (or Constitution) consists of three main categories.
The Rules and Regulations defining the types of registration under these categories are:

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION



EXCEPTIONAL HORSE

The Board may invite horses with superior ASH Attributes

RULES & REGULATIONS

STUD BOOK

Consisting of:

- ▶ Heritage Stud Book
- ▶ Stud Book

REGISTRY

Consisting of:

- ▶ Second Cross
 - ▶ First Cross
 - ▶ Limited Cross - existing Special Merit
 - ▶ Breeding Purposes Only - ASB Thoroughbred only
- Limited Cross and Breeding Purposes equivalent to First Cross*

APPENDIX

Consisting of:

- ▶ Breeding Appendix
- Non-ASH or Unregistered Horses*

HERITAGE STUD BOOK

Introducing a registration category called HERITAGE STUD BOOK for horses with Stud Book Australian Stock Horse registration and identified as a Heritage Stock Horse.

The Board envisage the opportunity of lifting the status of Stud Book Australian Stock Horses with Heritage Stock Horse recognition into a higher level. Horses would be automatically selected by meeting the criteria of being a Stud Book ASH and a Heritage Stock Horse.

BREEDING APPENDIX

Introduce a BREEDING APPENDIX for unregistered or non-ASH horses.

Record breeding and ownership details, collect DNA, track ownership, verify breeding records, check for genetic diseases and the like.

Without registration, people have no obligation to be a member, abide by regulations and/or support the Society.

Unregistered or non-ASH horses must be registered in the Breeding Appendix for progeny to be eligible for FIRST CROSS registration.

The Breeding Appendix is positioned to maintain the integrity of the Stud Book.

FIRST CROSS STALLIONS

The registration of First Cross stallions was discontinued in July 2002.

Progeny of these horses are being registered under Special Merit without verifying records.

Consideration:
re-open registration for
FIRST CROSS STALLIONS.



LIMITED CROSS REGISTRATION

Rename Special Merit, **LIMITED CROSS**.

Accept LIMITED CROSS horses equivalent to **First Cross**.

Special Merit - change to **LIMITED CROSS**, meaning of Special and Merit as words, does not represent the horse being registered and often creates confusion.

With Special Merit, the Society has **NO RECORDS** to verify 2nd & 3rd generation ancestors, if parents are not ASH registered.

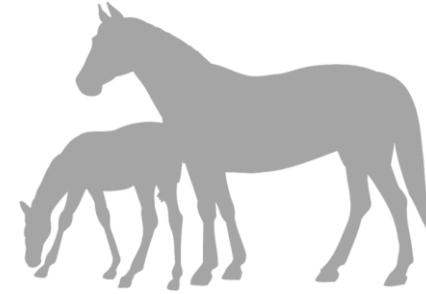
Non-members breed and sell horses **without supporting the Society**, or having any obligations.

Consideration:

Registration for new applications be reduced to **FIRST CROSS status**.

BREEDING PURPOSES (Thoroughbreds)

Thoroughbreds accepted under **Breeding Purposes Only**, be accepted equivalent to **First Cross**.



- ▶ Breeding Purposes is currently limited to Australian Stud Book (Thoroughbreds). Registration of International Thoroughbreds could be considered.
- ▶ With limited Stud Book ASH overseas, breeding programmes constantly crossing with Thoroughbred could effect ASH type in other countries.
- ▶ Should Thoroughbreds be accepted equivalent to 2nd Cross, with one generation progeny eligible to enter the Stud Book?

EXCEPTIONAL HORSE

Under **Exceptional Horse** regulations, the Board may invite horses of Superior ASH Attributes.



Currently, Exceptional Horses cannot be accepted as Stud Book, First or Second Cross. Registration is accepted as an Exceptional Horse with breeding rights equivalent to Stud Book, First or Second Cross.

Potentially easier to accept horses at any level - **Stud Book, 2nd or 1st Cross.** Registration would be determined by the Board, depending on how the horse meets Australian Stock Horse standards.

To change, a Special Resolution would need to be adopted by the members at a future meeting.

OVERALL BUSINESS BENEFITS

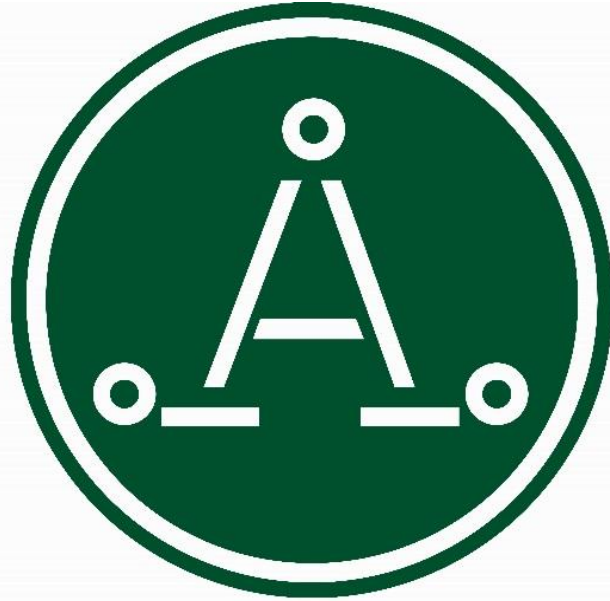


Introducing an Appendix is to ensure all persons seeking the benefits of the Society, financially contribute to the overall wellbeing. Ensures a higher level of integrity through records, ownership, identity, service and foaling details and the like.

The concept is to simplify the registration system in three main categories:

- ▶ STUD BOOK
- ▶ REGISTRY
- ▶ APPENDIX

The Stud Book would be further debated by the Board and the need for changes to the Articles of Association (or Constitution) and/or Rules & Regulations defined. Any changes would need to be developed with an implementation plan.



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