



Australian Stock Horse  
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## BRANDING POLICY

### BRANDING REQUIREMENTS

The Society records the brands of individual horses for identification purposes; it does not have a brand register. Every horse for which an application for registration is made with the Society, must be clearly branded in such a way that the horse can be positively identified. The Society will accept freeze or fire brands.

For registration purposes, horses must carry a **Stock Brand** and numeral brands, consisting of an **Identification Number** (top number) and a **Foaling Season Year Number** (bottom number) with the foaling season year beginning 1<sup>st</sup> August. It is recommended that the Stock Brand is placed on the near shoulder and Numeral Brands on the off shoulder; or in accordance with the relevant state/territory authority where the branding takes place.

Microchips do NOT waive the ASH requirement of having a horse branded for registration purposes.

### Stock Brands

The Society will accept any stock brand. Registration of a stock brand with a Department of Agriculture is not compulsory, as brands for registration purposes are only regarded as an acquired marking for identification purposes. Stock brands may be known as a cattle brand, symbol brand, three-piece brand, board brand or the like.

### Identification Number

The identifying number signifies the order in which horses born in the same foaling season were branded with the same stock brand. If a number of horses are being branded with the same Stock Brand and Foaling Season Number "3", the horses would be branded 1 over 3, 2 over 3, 3 over 3, etc.

### Foaling Season Year Number

Foaling season is defined as a twelve-month period starting on 1st August and is abbreviated to a single digit which relating to the foaling season year the horse is born, not the calendar year. For example: a foal born between 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013 and 31st July 2014 would carry a foaling season number of 3.

Examples as follows:

Foal Born	Foaling Season	Year Number
12/9/2011	2011/12	1
30/4/2008	2007/08	7
20/3/2013	2012/13	2
15/8/2013	2013/14	3
<b>1st Foal Branded for the 2013/14 Foaling Season:</b>		1
		3
<b>3rd Foal Branded for the 2012/2013 Foaling Season:</b>		3
		2

Complete ASH Rules & Regulations are available on the Society's Website