



- THE STUD BOOK -

SUPPORTING THE THOROUGHBRED BREEDING AND RACING INDUSTRY



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This department has started a process of critical self-examination so as to refocus and improve on its core functions, its service delivery as well as delivery times. An online registration system, which was recently designed and developed, will now be updated to be more automated, user-friendly as well as comprehensive in its features, and to better configure with the Horseracing database for additional functionality. Coinciding with these changes will be a restructure of the department and the introduction of an ISO (International Standards Organization) structure for quality control and auditing within key areas. Other priorities will be to improve the accuracy and timelines for the processing of payments, other requests as well as the issuing of documentation.

Your Comments, Suggestions and Feedback

A new central email studbookadmin@nhra.co.za is effective immediately. We value your experiences and we encourage all current and past problematic issues, requests, and comments are to be copied to this email in order to assist us in improving our business. This email will also monitor the progress of the request, feedback and complaints. When Stud Book staff are contacted a copy of the email must be logged to this email address.

Reminder

2016 Foal Registration Application Deadline	14 April 2017
Late registration penalty (calculated from 14 April 2017, effective from 31 July 2017)	R50 / foal / month penalty

Note that the Foal Registration Fees are as follows:

2013 Foal Registration	R 1 850
2014 Foal Registration	R 1 850
2015 Foal Registration	R 1 850
2016 Foal Registration	R 1 850

2017 Mare Registration Deadline	15 July 2017
2017 Stallion Registration Deadline	15 July 2017

Late registration penalties will apply to these deadlines and this will be formalised at a later date.

African Horse Sickness and Horse Movement

Please be aware of the notice below, to be discussed with your veterinarian if horse are moved into and in the proximity of the Western Cape.



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AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS (AHS) CONTROL POLICY:

AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS STOP-OVER QUARANTINE

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

Specific holdings, approved by State Vet Boland, will be utilized for Stop-Over Quarantine (SOQ) during the high risk AHS season, which is usually from 1 February to 30 June every year.

In order to manage the risk of introducing AHS via an infected horse, a direct movement ban is instituted each year during this time for horses moving from the AHS Infected zone (IZ) into the AHS Controlled Area in the Western Cape. The approved holdings are situated in a low risk area where there is adequate state veterinary supervision. Horses are held at the approved holding for a minimum of 14 days and tested to prove they are free of AHSV before they are allowed to move to the AHS Controlled Area.

Stud Book Calendar 2017 Attached

The attached calendar is our first effort at which we attempt to make a practical document to be used as a quick reference and reminder. Please note the timelines which are indicated and suggested. Some of these timelines will be enforced during the 2017/2018 season by means of firm deadlines and set penalties. These include:

2016 Foals:

- As soon as the data download of Foal ID information and parentage verification is done by the University of Pretoria the registration process of foals can and must start. Much of this verification will be completed during March and April 2017.
- The registration of 2016 foals must be submitted by Breeders before 14 April 2017 as a deadline. An R50/month penalty is in place should this deadline not be complied with. Registration requests can only be accepted if complete and in compliance with the required documents and payments. Incomplete requests will be rejected. This must include the covering certificates, as well as relevant payments. The registration fee of Mare Owner as well as for Annual Mares must be up to date for 2017. Stallions must be registered for the covering season.
- Prior to 31 July 2017 all 2016 foals must have received a primary course of Equine Influenza ensuring that these two vaccinations are between 4 and 6 weeks apart.
- By 1 August 2017 Stud Book must have received all completed Yearling ID's together with primary Equine Influenza and AHS vaccination certificates.
- The Yearling Identification Documents which were not sent to Breeders prior to August 2017 will be sent in bulk during August. This will ensure that the Breeders can verify the markings against the Foal Identification Certificate.
- These must be checked, verified and returned by the Breeders/Owners during September 2017. The proof of the primary vaccinations of the 2016 foals must also be supplied at that time.
- Of those 2016 Foal passports not issued by this date, as many as possible are planned to be issued during October 2017.
- The 2016 yearlings to be sold in the early scheduled sales should request the passports from Stud Book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Coverings during 2017:

- 15 July is the date for the submission of 2017 annual Breeders, Stallion owners, Mares as well as Stallion registrations.
- From September onwards, Stallion owners are to submit monthly covering reports for all Mares covered in that month before the 15th of the following month.
- Final Covering Report (due at the end of January 2018) will only be possible if both Mares and Stallions are registered.

Comments on changes within Stud Book

- It is the plan to send Stud Book notices and Newsletters, such as this current document, by email on a frequent basis, as to notify Breeders, Owners and Stud Farms of important issues.
- There is a request from this department that when payments are made to the NHA by means of EFT, that the name of the customer must not be used as the reference but the actual customer number (the account number as seen on invoices) must be specified. This will ensure that the correct allocation of funds into their accounts. It is also ideal that all correspondence in relation to accounts also refers to the customer number.
- The NHA website has now been transferred to the IT service provider Phumelela Gold Circle Enterprises (PGE). They host the SA Horseracing Database. There are many ideas to improve the Stud Book website sections (some are currently visible), to improve the online registration system (this is in the process) as well as the interaction and features of the SA Horseracing website (this is in the process).
- All procedures within Stud Book and all forms employed are in the process of being completed and formalised into documented, controlled Standard Operating Procedures as to form part of an ISO style Quality Management System. The benefits of such a system would be improved consistency, accuracy, and improved service delivery. As part of this system, there are also likely to be an improvement in the accuracy of accounting due to improved control, traceability and reconciliation mechanisms. This system will also be visible to breeders in the form of written operating manuals and operating procedures for both manual and online requests and submissions.
- We have invited the International Stud Book Committee (ISBC) to visit the NHA Stud Book at the end of March 2017. We are excited about this, as it will be an opportunity for us to learn from their experiences, ideas and advise while we will have the opportunity to ask them to assist with the design of an improved Stud Book. In the meantime, we are investigating practices and policies of the Australian Stud Book.
- Also referred to elsewhere in the document, there will be a move to encourage earlier requests for registration and passport issues. This will follow the international standard. It may be that penalties are implemented as to encourage this process.
- It is planned during 2017 to implement a website based system of recording coverings and for the issue of covering certificates.

New Guidance for Requests for Passport Issue

Please note that the request for passports will not be accepted or be processed by Stud Book unless the following information is complete:

- Foal identification has been formally recorded by the ERC, the horse has been microchipped and DNA parentage has been verified.
- Registration fees of the corresponding Mare Owner, Stallion Owner or Breeder are up to date for the current year.
- Horse registration payment has been received and the horse is in fact registered.
- Yearling ID information has been formally verified by the breeder or owner and has been returned to the Stud Book Department.
- Proof of primary Equine Influenza, as well as primary AHS vaccinations, has been received.
- Any subsequent vaccinations are up to date.
- Passport issue fees have been received (this for second issue passport requests, as well as name changes).
- Passports will be issued for an Unnamed Horse unless a specific name was supplied at the time.

Schedule of Foal ID and microchipping (2016 foals)

The Thoroughbred Identification Programme for 2017 has started with the schedule below:

NORTHERN, EASTERN, WESTERN CAPE AND KAROO FOALS

- Kimberley and Jan Kempdorp: Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 January
- Colesberg Area: Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 January
- Dordrecht and Queenstown: Wednesday 18 January
- Bathurst and Addo: Thursday 19 January
- Port Elizabeth: Friday 20 January
- Plettenberg Bay: Saturday 21 January
- George, Mossel Bay, Stillbaai: Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 January
- Hermanus: Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 January
- Cape Peninsula: Thursday 26 to Tuesday 31 January
- Piketberg: Wednesday 1 February
- Ceres, Wolseley, Wellington: Thursday 2 and Friday 3 February
- Robertson, Ashton, Bonnievale: Monday 6 to Friday 10 February
- Beaufort West: Friday 10 February

NATAL FOALS

- Natal Farms: Monday 27 February to Wednesday 8 March 2017

GAUTENG, VAAL AND NORTH WEST FOALS

- We have not scheduled dates for these farms but plan to complete them between Monday 13 March and Friday 21 April.

If you have not been contacted telephonically and have not received an email confirming the scheduled data and time to visit your farm, kindly contact the Equine Research Centre, UP Onderstepoort at horsedna@up.ac.za.