



**THE HAFLINGER SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN
RULES GOVERNING THE STUD BOOK AND REGISTERS – 2006**

1. DEFINITIONS

The 'Society' is 'The Haflinger Society of Great Britain'

The 'required standards' are those laid down by the World Haflinger Federation. (See Appendix attached to these rules)

'Inspection Panel' means a minimum of three of the Society's Inspectors, of whom at least one must have at least three years continuous experience as a full inspector.

'Blood/DNA typing' means the ascertainment and recording of an animal's identity by establishing its distinctive genetic profile at the owner's expense. The blood tissue or other genetic material must be certified by a veterinary officer, or by one of the Society's Inspectors as taken from the animal in question and forwarded to the Animal Health Trust, or such other testing authority as the Committee may in future decide. The resulting identification information will be recorded in the Society's appropriate register.

Pure bred means the pedigree of a Haflinger will go back to the Founding lines with no added inclusions of Arab or foreign blood.

2. STUD BOOK

The Society maintains a stud book in two sections. All pure bred Haflingers will be recorded in Section 1, and each will be entered in a class in that section which is appropriate to that individual animal. Section 2 will record all part-bred Haflingers in a class within that section which is appropriate to an individual animal.

a) Section 1

In order to be eligible for entry in this section a Haflinger must be pure bred as defined in Rule 1(e) above and comply with the requirements of Rules Eligibility for Registration Class 1 – All stallions and mares that have been inspected in compliance with Rules 3 & 5 and have achieved the required standard

Class 2 – All mares that have been inspected and have not met the required standards for inclusion in Class 1. This class will include mares previously registered in Section B of the Stud Book, which closed on 31st December 2000. Mares entered in the non-breeding register established on 1st January 2001 will also be included in this class.

Class 3 – All colts or stallions which have been gelded will be entered in this class.

Class 4 – All pure bred youngstock, all pure bred imported stock awaiting inspection, and all pure bred stock which does not meet the required criteria for entry into one of classes 1 – 3. This will include any animal which has not been presented for inspection as required under these Rules.

b) Section 2

In order for a horse to be eligible for entry into this section it must be possible to prove the existence of a pure bred Haflinger in the animal's pedigree. The progeny of any animal registered in this section can never be eligible for entry in Section 1.

Class 1 – Haflingers accepted into other European stud books as pure-bred, but which cannot establish that they are pure bred as defined in Rule 1 (e)

Class 2 – Any animal with haflinger blood that has not been entered in the pure-bred section of a European Stud Book.

Class 3 – Any animal containing 50% Haflinger blood (neither more nor less). The Society reserves the right to carry out at the owners expense such tests or investigations as in the Society's sole discretion may be appropriate to establish the percentage of Haflinger blood in the animal.



3. INSPECTION OF COLTS

For a colt to qualify for inclusion in Section 1 Class 1 as a stallion the following conditions apply:

The colt's dam must, at her inspection for registration, have been not less than the minimum height currently prescribed or recommended by The World Haflinger Federation and adopted by the Society's members in general meeting.

(b) The colt must be presented at one year old and again at two years old for assessment by an Inspection Panel as hereafter defined at a place and on a date to be arranged, by the Society, each such year. The opinion of the Inspection Panel as to the colt's prospective stallion qualities on the first and second year inspections will not be final but is intended to enable the Inspection Panel to assess the colt's prospects for subsequent stallion qualification and to advise the owner. This sub rule will apply to imported colts only for such annual assessments (if any) occurring after the date of importation.

(c) Colts ultimately put forward as potential stallions will be inspected at a place and on a date to be arranged, not later than 31st March in the year that they are three years old, by an Inspection Panel who with a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the Inspection Panel will together decide whether or not the colt complies with the required standards for stallion registration. A favourable decision must be unanimous.

(d) If a colt fails inspection solely because it has marginally not attained the prescribed minimum height but is excellent in all other stallion qualities and at the sole discretion of the Inspection Panel, he may be remeasured by a Society Inspector not later than 30th September in the same year. If the colt is then of the required height he may be accepted for registration. There will be no right of appeal against the final decision.

(e) A colt passing inspection as a three year old must be Blood/DNA Typed and the certified details thereof recorded by the Society's Registrar and will then be registered in Section 1 Class 1 of the Stud Book.

(f) The cost of colt inspections, including veterinary inspection and Blood/ DNA typing fees will lie with the owner and will be required to be paid with the inspection application. Owners of colts which fail will have the Blood/DNA typing fee reimbursed. Veterinary fees may be reimbursed where appropriate at the discretion of the Inspection Panel.

(g) A colt registered in Section 1 of the Stud Book but otherwise ineligible for inspection under paragraph (a) above; or not presented for inspection at the prescribed times; or failing inspection as a three year old should be gelded. Thereafter it will be entered in Section 1 Class 3 of the Stud Book.

(h) For the purposes of paragraph (a) of this Rule "currently" means "at the time of the colt's inspection"

4. STALLION OWNERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Owners of Stallions must be members of the Society. Books of covering certificates and A.I. certificates, necessary for foal registration, will be issued only to fully paid up members.

Stallion owners will be deemed responsible for:

sending annual covering returns forms to the Registrar with details of all mares covered by 31st December of that year.

providing fully completed Society covering certificates to mares whose progeny should be eligible for registration with the Society, or

ensuring that the Society A.I. certificate is fully completed and signed by him/herself and the Veterinary Surgeon in charge of insemination.

Stallion owners will be expected to advise mare owners if by the current rules the resultant progeny of their mare is likely to be unacceptable for registration in any of the Society's Registers.



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Stallion owners will be required to notify the registrar if their stallion is leased or loaned, giving name and address of lessee and must ensure that:

The lessee is a member of the Society

The lessee is conversant with and will abide by all relevant Stud Book rules.

For the purposes of paragraph (c) of this rule, 'current' means 'at the time of covering'.

5. INSPECTION OF FILLIES

For a filly to be accepted for entry in Section 1 Class 1 or Class 2 the following conditions apply:

The filly must be inspected within 14 months after 1st November in the year before it reaches the age of 3.

Inspection of fillies shall be by any one of the Society's Inspectors, at a place and on a date to be arranged.

Fillies meeting the required standards will be entered in Section 1 Class 1.

Fillies who do not meet the required standards will be entered in Section 1 Class 2.

Owners of mares not accepted into Class 2 are entitled to appeal for a second inspection.

The decision of the second inspector in FINAL and NO further appeal can be made.

Small mares inspected as three year olds are, following their inspection and with the authority of the Inspection Panel, allowed until 30 September of the following year attain the required height. The mare will be remeasured as a four year old by a Society Inspector, when she must have attained a further $\frac{1}{4}$ " above the current minimum height.

6. PROGENY OF CLASS 2 MARES

Female progeny of Class 2 mares, is sired by a stallion included in Class 1 of Section 1 may be accepted in Class 1 on attaining the required standards. Male progeny of any generation of Class 2 mares cannot be considered for entry into Section 1 Class 1.

7. INSPECTION FEES & EXPENSES

Inspectors shall at the time of inspection complete the form issued by the Registrar, sign it and return it to the Registrar along with the Passport issued under Rule 10 hereafter and the registration fee. In the case of a special private visit, travelling expenses should be paid to the Inspector by the owner at the time of inspection.

Non members will be required to pay twice the current registration fee in addition to complying with all other requirements.

8. REGISTRATION IN SECTION 1 CLASS 4

The following animals will be eligible for entry in Section 1 Class 4.

All pure bred youngstock born in the UK or an EU Country and subsequently imported.

Mares and Stallions imported from an EU country which inspects to WHF standards, provided that they hold a passport endorsed by the Society.

Youngstock entered in Class 4 may be transferred into Class 1, 2 or 3 as appropriate once they have been inspected under Rule 3 or 5.

Mares and Stallions registered in accordance with Rule 8(b) may be transferred to an alternative class once they have complied with the requirement of Rule 10(b) or (c).

9. FOAL REGISTRATION

The fully completed application forms for registration of all foals must be received by the Registrar before 1 October of the year in which the foal is born, or within one month of that birth whichever is the later, or a double registration fee is payable on subsequent notifications.

The following information must be provided.

The name and address of the owner of the animal the subject of the application with a drawing either on the Society's form or on a veterinary form showing its identification markings and whorls and a full frontal photograph of its head.

The full name of the parents and their Registration numbers

A covering certificate or an AI certificate.



10. ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION

Eligibility for registration in Section 1 of the Stud Book is subject to the following further conditions:

(i) No animal bred in the United Kingdom except as at (ii) below, is so eligible unless at the time of its conception both of its parents were inspected and registered in Section 1 of the Stud Book or would have been eligible for such registration by virtue of paragraphs (b) or (c) below.

(iii) If, in exceptional circumstances, the Society has been unable to hold a **Central Inspection** in a particular year, owners of three year old fillies may apply to the Registrar for a special dispensation for covering to take place. The Registrar will consult with the Inspection Team, before taking the mare to stud. Offspring of uninspected mares covered without written dispensation from the Registrar, dated and issued before the relevant covering, will not be eligible for registration under any circumstances.

Imported animals, which have passed inspection by the Tyrolean Haflinger Breeder's Association (The Haflinger Pferdezuchtverband Tyrol) are eligible for registration.

Any other imported animal will be eligible only if:

It can be shown to the satisfaction of the Society's Inspection Panel that it has 100% pure Haflinger blood with a pedigree originating in all ancestral lines with Austrian stock; and

Both its parents have passed inspection in their own countries up to World Haflinger Federation standards; and

It passes inspection by the Society's Inspection Panel.

Stock imported from any country that does not prove to be 100% pure bred Haflinger to the inception of the breed must be placed in Section 2 of the Stud Book. Stock that is imported from countries that do not apply or have not in the past applied the World Haflinger Federation standards must also be approved by the Inspection Panel. The Inspection Panel may call for evidence to enable a reasoned decision as to which Section of the Stud Book a horse is entered. E.g. Non EU countries.

If there is at any time any confusion with the interpretation of the Rules for eligibility then the Inspection Panel, together with, if possible, the drafters of the rule in question or failing this a Haflinger equine authority should be asked to give a definition of the Rule for consideration by the Society.

Details of imported animals must be reported to the Registrar and if not so reported within 28 days and registered within 56 days of arrival in Great Britain, a double registration fee will be payable.

d)

No foal born on or after 1st January 1994 shall be eligible for registration subsequent inspection unless its sire's blood/DNA typing has been recorded in the Stud Book.

Both parents of foals born in or after the year 2000 must have been blood/DNA typed. Owners of former registered stallions, which have covered Haflinger mares at any time and are now gelded or no longer standing at stud are invited and encouraged to have such animals tested at the Society's expense.

11. MINIMUM AGE OF PARENTS

Pure-bred progeny resulting from the mating of either a colt or filly which was then under the age of three years shall only be eligible for registration in Section 1 Class 4.



12. GELDINGS

Pure-bred geldings will be entered in Section 1 Class 3 of the Stud Book. Animals can be registered at any age, subject to proof of parentage, without inspection or having failed inspection as a colt. The Society should be notified within 28 days of castration if the animal is already entered in the Stud Book.

13. PART BRED REGISTER

Part-Bred Haflingers may be registered in Section 2 of the Stud Book. They will be entered in the appropriate class of Section 2 as described in Rule 2(b). The following information must be provided with the application for registration:

The name and address of the owner of the animal together with a drawing either on the Society's form or on a veterinary form showing its identification markings and whorls and a full frontal photograph of its head.

Details of its breeding including the full names and registration numbers of any Haflingers in its pedigree.

The breed and registration numbers (if any) of any non-Haflinger ancestors.

In the case of a foal, a covering certificate or an AI Certificate.

Registration and transfers of part-bred animals will be accepted from non-members of the Society subject to the above conditions and upon payment of double the registration or transfer fee then in force.

14. TRANSFER AND DEATHS

Notice in writing must be given by the transferor to the Society of the transfer of any animal registered in the Stud Book or any of the Society's Registers, whether by sale or otherwise and whether within Great Britain or exported, stating date of transfer and the name and address of the transferee and the appropriate fee paid; or of the death of a registered animal, stating date of death.

15. PREFIXES

The Society shall maintain a register of Haflinger Stud Prefix names in which, upon payment by the applicant of such fees as the Society may from time to time determine, a prefix may be entered by and at the discretion of the Society and the Central Prefix Register.

A Prefix so registered may be used only by the registered proprietor by whom it must be applied in the naming of all Haflingers bred by him or her.

Except as hereafter provided a registered prefix may not be transferred.

The right to a prefix registered in joint names shall pass to the survivor of them.

A prefix may be transferred by its registered proprietor or by him or her personal representative(s) (as the case may be) by written assignment or at the death either by will or by written nomination previously lodged with the Society only in either of the following circumstances and only with the consent of the Committee.

To an assignee who is either a close relative of or has been closely associated with the registered proprietor in the breeding of Haflingers for a continuous period of not less than ten years preceding such transfer; or

To any member of the Society if the registered prefix has not been used in relation to the naming of Haflingers for a period of not less than ten years immediately preceding such transfer.

16. FORMS AND PAYMENTS

The correct forms and fees MUST be received by the registrar before transfer/registration can be completed.