

Studbook Rhineland Riding Horses

Annex Constitution Hannoveraner Verband

Preamble

- (1) The breeding program includes all measures that are appropriate in order to improve the breed when it comes to the general breeding aim. This particularly includes the topics of judgement of conformation, performance tests and selection. Besides the results of own breed evaluations, results of other breeding associations or official results may also be considered.
- (2) The basics of running this studbook are laid down in the annex to the “Studbook Regulations for Rhineland Riding Horses” and are part of the Constitution of Hannoveraner Verband e V.
- (3) The Rhineland riding horse is predominantly bred in the Rhineland breeding area. The Hannoveraner Verband runs the studbook of the breed “Rhineland Riding Horse” in accordance with the stipulations of the EU and German Animal Breeding Law.
- (4) The owners of the stallions and mares registered with “Studbook Rhineland Riding Horses” shall also become regular members of the Hannoveraner Verband e. V.

Regulations for “Studbook Rhineland Riding Horses”

The Hannoveraner Verband runs the studbook “Rhineland Riding Horses”, based on the merger contract between Rheinisches Pferdestammbuch e. V. and Hannoveraner Verband e. V.

§ 1

Breeding aim (including breed properties) for the breed “Rhineland Riding Horse”

The basic breeding aim is defined as follows:

Goal is to breed noble, big-framed and healthy, fertile horses with a perfect conformation and powerful, ground-covering and elastic movement that are suitable for all equestrian purposes when it comes to temperament, character and rideability.

The following properties have to be considered so as to reach this basic breeding aim:

External appearance

Colour: all colours

Height: at least 158 cm

Type:

The goal is to breed a noble, big-framed and harmonious riding horse, featuring a dry and expressive head with big eyes, well-shaped muscles and correct, clear limbs. Breeding stallions and mares are meant to show clear gender features.

A rough, crude and unharmonious conformation including course head, an unclear shape, unclear joints and – with breeding animals – missing gender features are not desired.

Body shape:

A harmonious conformation, suitable for all kinds of equestrian disciplines, is desired. This includes: a neck of medium length, tapering to the head, wide open throat latch, a big, gently sloping shoulder, long and pronounced withers reaching into the back, deep chest, a long, well-muscled, slightly angled croup, a harmonious body, divided evenly into three parts: forehand, middle section and hindquarters.

Further desired are an appropriate and dry foundation with correct, big joints, medium-long pasterns and well-shaped hooves to expect longevity. Also, a correct limb position, when

viewed from behind, straight forelegs seen from the side view and hocks with an joint angle of 140°, as well as a straight toe axis with an angle of approx. 45° and 50° to the ground. Not desired is an inharmonious conformation, particularly a short, heavy or deep neck, a small, steep shoulder, a short or insufficiently pronounced wrist, a short or too long back, a tight or swollen kidney area, a short or straight croup with a high-set tail, a narrow chest and ragged flanks with short back ribs as well as incorrect limbs; this includes: small, narrow or restricted joints, weak cannon bones and short, upright or too long soft pasterns as well as too small hooves, particularly with inward pointing heels.

Further not desired are the following limb positions: toes out, toes in, wide, narrow, calf-kneed, upright or sickle-shaped, cow-hocked or bow-legged limb positions.

Movement basic gaits:

Eager and ground covering, free movement, always maintaining the rhythm (4-beat walk, 2-beat trot, 3-beat canter) are desired. The walk should be supple and energetic with clear up and down of feet. The trot and canter should be elastic, powerful, light-footed and with a natural cadence and balance with a clear suspension phase. Impulsion should be developed from an actively working, clearly stepping hindend and be transferred over a supple swinging back to the forehand with an unrestricted shoulder. Some "knee action" is desired.

Undesired are particularly short, flat, inelastic and restricted movement with a stiff back as well as sluggish or arrhythmic movement or falling on the forehand; waving and swaying or obvious paddling, twisting, base narrow, pigeon-toed, base wide or toed out movement.

Show jumping

Skilful jumping capabilities of scope and potential are desired, revealing composure and intelligence. Obviously accepting weight when approaching the jumps, quick take-offs, quick and pronounced bending of limbs (if possible horizontal position of lower arm over the fence), an arched back with pronounced withers and downward sloping neck while slightly opening hind legs (bascule) is desired. The fluency of movement and the rhythm of the canter should be maintained.

Not desired is an uncontrolled or hesitant jumping style with hanging legs, high head over the obstacle, combined with a hollow back whilst losing rhythm of movement and canter.

Inner qualities / performance capabilities / health

Desired is an uncomplicated, easy to handle, but at the same time willingly working and reliable horse with strong nerves, creating an alert, intelligent impression with its appearance and behavior revealing a relaxed, well-balanced temperament.

Horses that are difficult to handle, nervous or violent are not desired.

An easy to ride, willingly working horse with an all-round potential, suitable for all kinds and levels of equestrian disciplines and tournaments is desired, particularly for dressage, show jumping and eventing.

Sound health, excellent physical and mental strength, natural fertility and the lack of genetic faults are desired.

§ 2 Breeding Method

(in the sense of breeding association regulations)

The breeding aim is to breed pure horses. The selection on pure breeding performances is effected by means of an open breeding population, which means that stallions and mares from other breeding areas are accepted with the purpose of refining the breed. Mares and stallions of the following breeds are accepted for this purpose:

AES riding horse, Argentinian riding horse, American warmblood, Anglo-Arabian thoroughbred, Anglo-Arabian, Australian warmblood, Baden-Württemberger, Bavarian,

Belgian warmblood, Brazilian riding horse, British Warmblood, Bulgarian warmblood, Chilean warmblood, German sports horse, Danish warmblood, English thoroughbred, Finnish warmblood, Hanoverian, Hessen warmblood, Holsteiner, Irish sport horse, Italian warmblood, Croatian warmblood, Latvian warmblood, Lithuanian warmblood, Lusitano, Luxembourg riding horse, Mecklenburger, Mexican riding horse, New Zealand warmblood, Dutch warmblood, Oldenburger, Oldenburger jumper, Austrian warmblood, Polish warmblood, Pura Raza Espanola, Thuringian, Romanian warmblood, Brandenburger, Saxon, Swedish warmblood, Scottish sports horse, Swiss warmblood, Selle Francais, Slovakian warmblood, Spanish sports horse, Saxony-Anhaltiner, Trakehner, Czech warmblood, Hungarian warmblood, Ukrainian riding horse, Westphalian riding horse, Zangersheide warmblood, Zweibrücker riding horse.

Stallions and mares of above-mentioned breeds can be entered into any division of the studbook "Rheinisches Reitpferd". Besides, the Delegate Conference can decide on additional breeds or riding horse populations if they match the basic breeding aim and if it is approved by the corresponding legal authorities.

§ 3 Studbook Keeping

The studbook is run in accordance with the stipulations as laid down in §§ 34 to 43 of the Constitution of Hannoveraner Verband e. V.

A breeding certificate resp. certificate of origin I or Ib shall be issued for each foal whose sire is entered in the stallion book I or Ib and the dam in the main studbook or studbook. A certificate of birth shall be issued for foals whose parents are entered into a special division (pre-book). Breeding certificates and certificates of birth shall carry the following title: Hannoveraner Verband e. V. – Zuchtbuch für Rheinisches Reitpferd (Studbook Rhenish Riding Horse)

Zuchtbuch für Rheinisches Warmblut (Studbook Rhenisch Warmblood)

Breeding certificates for horses registered with the pre-book for stallions and mares shall carry the title „Breeding Certificate for an animal, registered with a special division“.

§ 4 Identification and Protection of Identity

Identification and protection of identity of the horses has to be effected in accordance with the stipulations as laid down in §§ 43 to 47 of the Constitution of Hannoveraner Verband e. V.

The figures 7 and 8 of the registration number of the horses entered into the studbook "Rheinisches Reitpferd" are different compared to the registration number of the Hanoverian studbook. The figure "31" is replaced by the figure "43".

Horses registered with the studbook "Rheinisches Reitpferd" shall carry the Deer's Crown on the left back thigh as brand mark.

§ 5 Division of studbooks (in the sense of regulations on breeding organizations)

1. The studbook is separated into a main and a special division, the main division one more time in paragraphs as shown below:

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Division	Stallions	Mares
Main division	Stallion Book I (HB I)	Main Studbook (H)
	Stallion Book Ib (HB Ib)	Studbook (S)
	Stallion Book II (HB II)	

Special division

Pre-book (HBV)

Pre-book (V)

The main division for stallions is divided into the divisions Stallion Book I, Stallion Book Ib and Stallion Book II, for mares in the divisions Main Studbook and Studbook. There is a Special Division for both, mares and stallions.

2. Entry regulations for the studbooks (in the sense of regulations on the breeding organizations)
 - 2.1 Studbook for stallions
 - 2.1.1. Stallion Book I

Stallions with a minimum age of three are entered into the Stallion Book whose sires and sires of dams, granddams and great-granddams on the maternal side (four generations) are registered with the main division or a corresponding division of a studbook of a breed and whose dams are registered with the main division or a corresponding paragraph of the studbook of the breed and

- who are accepted resp. licensed by the Hannoveraner Verband, an approved branch studbook resp. before January 1, 2015 by Rheinisches Pferdestammbuch for the breed "Rhineland Riding Horse"
- who were rated with a breed value for dressage or show jumping of at least 80 points and a weighted final mark of at least 7 or who achieved a final "dressage score" resp. "show jumping score" of at least 8 in a stationary stallion performance test (70 days) or a final score with emphasis on dressage or jumping of at least 7.8 in the stallion performance test (50 days) or the following competition results in the disciplines dressage, show jumping or eventing:
 - five placements 1 – 3 in advanced level dressage or show jumping competitions
 - or
 - three placements 1 – 3 in a medium or advanced level eventing competition
 - placement in the final of the Bundeschampionat for German dressage, jumping or eventing horses
 - placement in the final of the World Championships for young dressage, jumping or event horses.

At the age of three a stallion is "preliminary registered" in Stallion book I after completing a suitability test with a weighted final score of 7.5 or with a weighted final score of 8.0 in either the dressage or the jumping part of the test.

Four-year-old stallions that have not yet completed a stallion performance test, but that comply with the other stipulations, can be entered into the Stallion Book I if they passed a suitability test with a breeding value of at least 80 for dressage or show jumping and a weighted final mark of at least 7 or a dressage mark resp. show jumping mark of at least 8 or better.

At the age of four a stallion is "preliminary registered" in Stallion book I after completing a suitability test with a weighted final score of 7.5 or with a weighted final score of 8.0 in

either the dressage or the jumping part of the test and after, also at the age of four, completing the competitive sport test for stallions with a final score of 7.5.

Five-year-old stallions that have not accomplished a stallion performance test, but a suitability test in accordance with above mentioned stipulations, shall be registered if they scored at least 7.5 in novice level dressage, show jumping or eventing horse ability competitions at the age of four or a suitability class or if they qualified for the Federal Championships for German Riding Horses.

At the age of five or older a stallion is “preliminary registered” in Stallion book I after completing a suitability test with a weighted final score of 7.5 or a weighted final score of 8.0 in either the dressage or the jumping part of the test and after either completing the competitive sport test for stallions with a final score of 7.5 at the age of five or qualifying for the German Bundeschampionate for dressage, jumping or eventing.

Six-year-old and older stallions that have not accomplished a stallion performance test, but a suitability test in accordance with above-mentioned stipulations, shall be entered if they qualified for the Federal Dressage, Show Jumping or Eventing Championships at the age of five or six.

Stallions bred for racing horse purposes comply with the stipulations for performance tests for riding horses if

- they have achieved a weight surcharge of at least 70 kg in flat races
- or at least 75 kg in jumping races
- or at least 65 kg in flat races, 70 kg in jumping races in at least 20 races in three seasons in total

- stallions that do not comply with the breeding and health requirements as stated after vet check and that do show negative health properties as stipulated in § 28 2.11 of the Constitution of Hannoveraner Verband, are basically excluded from being entered into the Stallion Book I. This also applies for stallions of refining breeds as mentioned in § 2 of this enclosure.

2.1.2 Stallion Book Ib

Stallions of refining breeds as mentioned in § 2 of this annex shall be entered into the Stallion Book who

- are not licensed by Hannoveraner Verband, an accepted branch studbook or Rheinisches Pferdestammbuch, but by another breeding association approved by the animal law act,
- are registered with the Stallion Book I or a corresponding division of the studbook of their breed
- whose sires and sires of the dams on the maternal side, granddams and great-granddams (four generations of ancestors) are entered into the main division or a corresponding division of the studbook of the breed and whose dams are entered into the main division or a corresponding division of the studbook of the breed
- who comply with the performance requirements of the Stallion Book I.

2.1.3 Stallion Book II

Stallions with a minimum age of three are entered

- whose parents are registered with the main division of a studbook or a corresponding division of the main studbook of their breed

2.1.4 Pre-Studbook

- Stallions with a minimum age of 3 can be entered who are not entitled to be registered with the main division of the Stallion Book, but who comply with the breeding aim of the Rhenish riding horse, who are identified and who were rated with a final mark of at least 5 for their conformation with no partial scores of less than 4 and
- who comply with the breeding and health requirements as stated after vet check and who do not show any negative health properties as laid down in § 28 2.11 of the Constitution of Hannoveraner Verband
- progeny of pre-stallion book stallions are entitled to be entered into the Stallion Book II if they scored at least 6 for their conformation and if their dams are registered with the main studbook.

2.2 Studbook for Mares

2.2.1 Main Studbook (H)

In general, three-year-old and elder mares shall be entered who

- a) descend from dams who are registered with the main division of the studbook of the approved breed. The sire as well as the sires of the dam, granddam and great-granddam on the maternal side have to be registered with the Stallion Book I of the corresponding breed (four generations of ancestors) or have to match corresponding features as long as they belong to an accepted refining breed (see § 2 of this annex)
- b) who were rated with a mark of at least 5 in the partial evaluations a – d, f and h and who achieved a final score of at least 6 for conformation as laid down in § 24 (4) of the Constitution of Hannoveraner Verband.

2.2.2 Studbook (S)

Three-year-old and older mares shall be entered whose parents are registered in the main division of the studbook of the accepted breed.

2.2.3 Pre-Studbook

Mares who are not entered into the main division of the studbook for mares, but who comply with the breeding aim of the Rhenish riding horse, who are identified and who scored a minimum mark of 5 for conformation with no partial marks of less than 4 and who do not exhibit health-restricting properties as laid down in § 28 2.11 of the Constitution of Hannoveraner Verband e. V. shall be registered with the pre-studbook.

Progeny of pre-studbook mares shall be entered into the studbook if they scored at least 6 for conformation and if their sire is registered with the Stallion Book I.