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## **HHA CLASSIFICATION FAQ'S**

**Q:** I want to present a foal for approval, what do I need to do?

**A:** You need to let your area/state co-ordinator know that you have a horse you wish to have presented.

1. Fill out the Trans Tasman Classification Tour application form (you can download it from the website).
2. Fill in an Application for Registration including the section of foal sighting and attach the relevant Service Certificates.
3. Send copies of both, with payment, to your co-ordinator.
4. If your foal is out of a Thoroughbred, Anglo or Warmblood mare, with appropriate papers (registration with another approved Horse Association) your foal will be eligible for the Association's Studbooks, either Holsteiner, Holsteiner Warmblood or Warmblood. The mare will also need to be registered and classified as a foundation mare.
5. If your foal is out of a mare which does not have a provable pedigree and your foal is a filly, then it may be registered as a Foundation Mare Derivative. This does not involve an Association brand.

A filly in this category can then breed a Studbook foal when mated to a registered stallion.

**Q:** Can derivative female foals still be assessed?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** What happens on the day, how do I present my foal?

**A:** The Classification/approval process is a little like doing a led class at a show. You should present all horses in a clean and tidy fashion, with suitable headgear. Plaiting is not compulsory but can add to the overall picture.

### **FOALS:**

Foals are easiest to present when they are on their dams. Classifiers will look at the foal standing, at walk, trot and canter. They will sight the foal on the dam for you and sign/initial in the appropriate section on the Application for Registration.

Foals are looked at in two sections:

1. Type/conformation
2. Movement

They will receive a score out of 10 for each section.

Foal Scoring: 10 -12 is a Pass

13 – 14 is Merit

15 + is Premium Rating

### **YEARLINGS AND OLDER HORSES:**

These are led in hand on a 20 -30m diameter triangle at walk and trot and then be let go free in an enclosed area to see the horse's movement unencumbered. Yearlings and 2 year olds will be assessed in the same manner as foals.

### **BRANDING/MICROCHIPPING**

Foals must have the stud brand and numerical brands before being presented for approval or classification will not be done.

All horses, excluding foals, become eligible for the Association Brand upon completion of the Approval/Classification.

All horses should have a stud brand on the near shoulder AND the foal number and year of their birth numeral on the off side.

If microchipping, a find verification form from a vet must be presented before branding.

If you wish to have a horse sedated for an association brand, the owner must arrange to have their vet there on the day.

Handling and haltering of the foal is advised to make classification and branding easier.

#### **SCORES**

You will be told your horse's scores on the day and may discuss your foal with the classifiers.

*The final paperwork will be forward to you shortly after the end of the Tour.*

#### **STALLION AND MARE CLASSIFICATION**

**Stallion Classification Requirements** (refer to the website classification section)

**Mare Classification requirements** (refer to the website classification section)

**General:** all adult horses are looked at and scored out of 10 in the following areas: type, topline, front legs, hind legs, walk, trot and canter. To pass, horses must receive 5 or above in each section.

The total points gained through classification determines in which breed studbook the horse shall be placed.

**Appendix Studbook:** 35 - 41 points

**Full Studbook:** 42 – 45 points

**High Studbook:** 46 – 50 points

**Premier Studbook:** 51 + points

#### **FREEJUMPING**

The free jumping component of Classification is compulsory for colts completing their Colt Classification and is optional for Mares and Geldings. The minimum height for Colts is 1.4metres.