

## **Kerry Bog Pony Co-operative Society**

### **Comharchumann Chapailíní Phortaigh Chiarraí Teoranta**

## **Studbook Rules and Registration Procedure**

### **INDEX**

#### **Contents**

1.	Objectives of the Society .....	2
2.	Breeding Objectives .....	2
3.	Characteristics of the Breed .....	2
4.	Division of Studbook .....	3
5.	Registration Procedure for the Kerry Bog Pony Co Operative Society and Horse Sport Ireland .....	4
6.	Suspect Pedigrees or Misrepresentation of Records .....	6
7.	Replacement Passport .....	6
8.	Transfer of Ownership .....	7
9.	Naming.....	7
10.	Inspections .....	7
11.	General.....	8
12.	Appeals Procedure .....	9
13.	Non-discrimination .....	9

## **Studbook Rules of the Kerry Bog Pony Co-operative Society**

### **1. Objectives of the Society**

The Kerry Bog Pony Co-operative Society, hereafter known as the Society shall:

- Maintain a register of the particulars of the pedigree, status and performance of registered Kerry Bog Ponies; hereafter known as the ‘animals’.
- Include such information as the management committee may from time to time decide.
- Promote the breeding of the Kerry Bog Pony in order to safeguard the conservation of this native Irish breed.

### **2. Breeding Objectives**

To encourage the continued improvement and upgrading of the Kerry Bog Pony by advocating the careful selection of mares and stallions so as to conserve genetic diversity and minimise inbreeding.

### **3. Characteristics of the Breed**

The characteristics of the Kerry Bog Pony (KBP) are as originally defined in 1994 and as re-affirmed unanimously as the Breed Standard at the First AGM of the Co-op held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2005. Metric measurements were inserted in 2005. The characteristics are as follows:

- Size: This is a small pony evolved as such because of its use as a draught animal in the bogs of Kerry over the centuries. Thus, the height of the Kerry Bog pony is 10 to 11.2 Hands High for Stallions and Geldings and 10 to 11 HH for Mares. [That is 102cm to 117cm for stallions and geldings, and 102cm to 112cm for mares]
- Colour: Any strong whole colour is to be found, but colour is generally brown or brownish black and bay. Some chestnut, grey and dun colours are also to be found.
- Coat: The coat of the KBP is long and dense and easily capable of withstanding harsh winter conditions without shelter.
- Head: The head is pleasant plain and of average size and rather dish-faced. Ears are small and pointed. Nostrils allow large air intake relative to body size. The jaw is strong and well formed with excellent dentition to facilitate grazing on heath, gorse and heather.
- Body: Neck is strong and medium length. The shoulder is rounded and muscular. The body is strong and compact. The chest is deep with well-sprung ribs and good girth. Loins are powerful and the hindquarters are strong and well-formed. The tail is full, abundant and well set and well carried.
- Legs: Forelegs are strong and muscular with a strong forearm. Hind-legs are muscular and powerful. The cannon bone is short with flat hard bone of good size. Pasterns are short and the hooves upright and wide open and well formed of hard horn requiring very little trimming.

- Action: The KBP is a powerful pony with good bone and great weight and strength relative to its size. This together with its excellent conformation gives the pony a lovely straight and level action with good balance. This intelligent pony is sure-footed and well capable of thinking for itself in the soft underfoot conditions of Kerry bogs.
- Temperament and Character: This pony, while kind, sensible and confident and well mannered also possesses great courage and endurance. Viciousness or nervousness has been bred out of the KBP at a much earlier stage. Soundness is also a feature of the KBP; hereditary unsoundness is extremely rare and because of the pony's innate strength and toughness it scarcely ever develops any unsoundness. The animal's constitution is also first class, being possessed of large heart and lung room which in turn enables it to thrive well in spite of harsh weather or other difficulties. The excellent temperament of the pony allows it to be easily trained to harness or saddle and it can be easily worked as a children's riding pony.

*[Original signed by Timothy G. Clifford, MVB, MRCVS]*

The Breed description (characteristics) of the Kerry Bog Pony can only be amended by means of a Special General Meeting of the Kerry Bog Pony Co-operative Society convened specifically for that purpose alone and by a two third ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority of in-benefit members present at the meeting.

#### **4. Division of Studbook**

To qualify for entry into the main section of the studbook an animal must:

- Be descended from parents entered in the main section of the studbook of the breed or any other EU approved studbook for the breed.
- Have a pedigree established according to the rules of the breed.
- Be identified as a foal at foot according to the rules of the studbook.

The studbook consists of a main section only and is divided into four classes:

- Class 1 is for ponies that pass inspection for classification.
- Class 2 is for ponies that fail to be included in Class 1 when inspected only because they are outside the height limits (102cms-112cms for mares and 102cms – 117cms for stallions).
- Class 3 is for animals that do not meet the criteria for entry into class 1 or 2. Any pony showing visible signs of broken colour (e.g. white body flashes); one or two wall eyes; pink pigment around the eyes, will be placed in class 3. Progeny of ponies that did not meet the criteria because of broken colour when inspected, and were subsequently placed in class 3, must submit hair samples at the time of inspection for a genetic colour test. The cost of the test is to be borne by the owner.
- Class 4 [Un-inspected Ponies] is for un-inspected foals and all other animals that have a legal right of entry into the studbook but have not been inspected.

Animals registered in Class 4 of the main studbook can be inspected from age 2 onwards for placement in Class 1, 2 or 3 as appropriate. The Society reserves the right to re-classify animals following any further inspection that may be arranged by the Management Committee. Animals may be re-classified in a higher or lower class following such an inspection. Any foals out of uninspected (Class 4) mares and/or stallions born after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 will remain in Class 4 and will not be eligible for inspection until **both** parents are inspected.

**Derogation:**

In order to safeguard the conservation of this native Irish Breed as outlined in the Studbook Rules, a temporary derogation will be in place for a period of 2 years, from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019; that will allow the inspection for classification of Class 4 ponies, which are the progeny of uninspected Class 4 parents.

Animals registered in other daughter Kerry Bog Pony studbooks will be registered in the class whose criteria they meet in the studbook in Ireland.

## **5. Registration Procedure for the Kerry Bog Pony Co Operative Society and Horse Sport Ireland**

**(a) General**

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) maintains the Kerry Bog Studbook on behalf of the Kerry Bog Pony Co-operative Society.

**(b) Covering certificates**

Each year HSI sends a book of covering certificates to the owners of each Class 1 stallion. Class 2, 3 and 4 stallions are issued with a certificate upon request by the stallion owner. The covering certificates are sent directly to the stallion owner. No fee applies for this service. Passports cannot be issued without a Covering Certificate being submitted.

**(c) Registration of foals**

The following registration procedure will be followed for foals eligible for entry in the studbook:

- a) A covering certificate is sent by the stallion owner to HSI by 1<sup>st</sup> October in the year of covering.
- b) HSI sends a marking chart and a DNA kit to the mare owner.
- c) The mare owner's vet inserts a HSI issued microchip, records the microchip number on the marking chart, records the markings of the foal, and takes hair samples for DNA parentage testing.
- d) The marking chart is returned to HSI along with relevant fee (as outlined on foal chart) in the envelope provided by October 31<sup>st</sup> in the year of foaling or else a late fee will be incurred. The hair samples are sent by the vet to Weatherbys' laboratory for testing.
- e) When the parentage results are confirmed by Weatherbys directly to HSI the passport will be issued by HSI to the KBPS Registrar. The Registrar will then check that the pedigree details are recorded correctly, and the correct registration fees are paid (i.e. Member/Non Member), before forwarding the passport to the applicant. If there is a difficulty with the passport, the Registrar will contact the

applicant and/or HSI as appropriate in writing within five working days and clearly outline the difficulties with the passport application and how the difficulties can be remedied. Where there is no problem with the passport, the Registrar will forward the passport within five working days to the owner.

Any foals out of uninspected (Class 4) mares and/or stallions born after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 will remain in Class 4 and will not be eligible for inspection until **both** parents are inspected.

#### Derogation

In order to safeguard the conservation of this native Irish Breed as outlined in the Studbook Rules, a temporary derogation will be in place for a period of 2 years, from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019; that will allow the inspection for classification of Class 4 ponies, which are the progeny of uninspected Class 4 parents.

#### **(d) Registration of Adults with Pedigree Recorded**

The following system applies to adult animals eligible for registration in the studbook.

- a) A DNA kit and Kerry Bog Pony marking chart is obtained directly by the applicant upon request from HSI.
- b) Applicant's vet takes the DNA samples, the markings of the pony and inserts a HSI issued microchip (if a microchip is not already inserted).
- c) Applicant then sends the DNA sample with the marking chart (with microchip number recorded), covering certificate from the stallion owner if not already entered against the mare and the relevant fee to HSI. HSI will issue the passport to the KBPS Registrar. The Registrar will then check that the pedigree details are recorded correctly, and the correct registration fees are paid (i.e. Member/Non Member), before forwarding the passport to the applicant. If there is a difficulty with the passport, the Registrar will contact the applicant and/or HSI as appropriate in writing within five working days and clearly outline the difficulties with the passport application and how the difficulties can be remedied. Where there is no problem with the passport, the Registrar will forward the passport within five working days to the owner.

#### **(e) To register an animal which was part of the original foundation stock or is a descendant of two original foundation stock**

- a) A DNA kit and Kerry Bog Pony marking chart is obtained directly by the applicant upon request from HSI.
- b) Animal must be marked by applicants' vet to ensure that there is a current marking sheet (i.e. markings taken during previous 6 months). The vet will take a DNA sample and insert a HSI microchip (if there is not already one inserted).
- c) Applicant sends the DNA sample with the marking chart (with microchip number recorded) to HSI. HSI checks the DNA result with Weatherbys to ensure that the recent DNA sample matches the original DNA foundation animal on file with Weatherbys. A passport will be issued and sent to the KBPS Registrar. The Registrar will then check that the pedigree details are recorded correctly, and the correct registration fees are paid (i.e. Member/Non Member), before forwarding the passport to the applicant. If there is a difficulty with the passport, the Registrar will contact the applicant and or HSI as appropriate in writing within five working days and clearly outline the difficulties with the passport application and how the

difficulties can be remedied. Where there is no problem with the passport, the Registrar will forward the passport within five working days to the owner.

Note:

- (a) A hair sample must be taken from the animal when being marked by the vet as outlined above. This hair is used to DNA type the animal against the original foundation stock and/or sire and dam, as appropriate. The DNA results must concur with the original DNA information held on file in Weatherbys, from when the animal was DNA typed as one of the original foundation stock and/or their descendants. The two DNA results must concur.
- (b) Progeny of deceased KBP's must match stated parent DNA. Progeny ponies are subject to normal registration and inspection fees.
- (c) Animals will be first registered in class 4 of the main studbook. If they are presented for inspection they will be classified in the appropriate class.

Ponies must be registered within the year of their birth or within 6 months of their birth, whichever date occurs later. Any equines identified outside this timeframe will be marked "Not intended for human consumption" in the Passport. This is a requirement of E.U. and National legislation.

## **6. Suspect Pedigrees or Misrepresentation of Records**

All animals with pedigree recorded will be DNA typed. In the event of an animal not having its parentage verified, the management committee may then decide to have all animals proposed for registration by the breeder blood typed or DNA profiled for a period of two years. The Management Committee also reserves the right to request an owner to re-DNA type an animal where there is a query regarding the validity of the pedigree/parentage of an animal. If Weatherbys have more than 1 DNA profile on record for the same animal, the KBPS reserves the right to have these DNA profiles linked. Costs are to be borne by the owner.

## **7. Replacement Passport**

Duplicate Passports will be issued in accordance with article 16 of Commission Regulation (EC No54/2008).

Where a passport is lost, stolen or destroyed the owner can apply to Horse Sport Ireland for a replacement passport. The following is required to issue a replacement passport:

- a) A signed declaration from the owner recorded on the database confirming that the initial passport was lost/stolen or destroyed. If the current owner is not the recorded owner in the HSI, then a statement is required from the owner as recorded on the Irish Horse Register that they agree to have the passport issued to the applicant for the replacement passport.
- b) Replacement passport fee
- c) If the animal is micro chipped, then a signed declaration from a veterinary surgeon confirming the microchip number in the animal is required
- d) If the animal is micro chipped but the microchip cannot be found a DNA sample may be requested to verify the identity of the pony, the cost to be borne by the pony owner
- e) If the animal is not micro chipped a new set of markings must be taken by a veterinary surgeon and the animal must be microchipped

- f) If the markings do not match the original markings on file in the IHR then DNA confirmation is required.

## **8. Transfer of Ownership**

- a) Horse Sport Ireland as keepers of the data-base must be informed when an animal is sold or transferred to a new owner.
- b) The KBPS has a specific transfer of ownership form. This form can be downloaded from the KBPS website or can be obtained directly from the KBPS/HSI. The fee for change of ownership is set by the Kerry Bog Pony Society.
- c) The completed KBPS transfer of ownership form and appropriate fee is sent by the owner with the passport to HSI.
- d) HSI updates the ownership details on the passport and returns the passport to the KBPS Registrar. The Registrar will then check that the pedigree details are recorded correctly, and the appropriate transfer fee (i.e. Member/Non Member) has been paid, before forwarding the passport to the applicant. If there is a difficulty with the passport, the Registrar will contact the applicant and/or HSI as appropriate in writing within five working days and clearly outline the difficulties with the passport application and how the difficulties can be remedied. Where there is no problem with the passport, the Registrar will forward the passport within five working days to the owner.
- e) The fee for transfer of ownership is split between the HSI and KBPS. HSI collects the total amount due and reimburses the KBPS on a quarterly basis.

## **9. Naming**

Animals must be named at first registration. It has become a tradition to assign names having bog associations to Kerry Bog Pony foals. That tradition is encouraged by the Society. Duplication of names will not be permitted. The name given to any particular animal must be entered as part of the registration details. A prefix name may be registered with Horse Sport Ireland by an owner/breeder for the appropriate fee. An animal can be named with a prefix at the time of registration; fees apply in accordance with Kerry Bog Pony Cooperative Society rules.

## **10. Inspections**

Ponies for Inspection will go before a veterinarian to be measured and tested for soundness and before two inspectors to be assessed for conformity to the Breed Standard.

Animals that do not meet the requirements, excluding height, will be placed in Class 3.

- a) Animals will be inspected for classification in the main studbook. The inspections for classification will be to assess conformity to the breed standard.
- b) The management committee shall appoint annually an Inspection Committee who shall be responsible for the implementation of Breed Standards and control of the accuracy of all pedigree and performance records. The animals and breed records of members are subject to examination by the Inspection Committee.

- c) The Inspection Committee is empowered to obtain blood and/or tissue samples in accordance with an established best practice. The samples are for the purpose of checking pedigree information using appropriate procedures. The Inspection Committee is to report to the Management Committee, which has powers to act if any irregularities arise.
- d) The Management Committee shall arrange inspections. There must be two approved inspectors and a veterinarian present at each official inspection event.
- e) At official Inspections no Inspector may inspect ponies owned or bred by him or her or by close relatives, or a pony in which he/she may have a vested interest.
- f) Training sessions for Inspectors will be organised by the Management Committee at intervals. The purpose of such training is to endeavour to have similar standards applied by each inspector in the assessment of a pony brought before a panel of Inspectors. Efforts will be made to have experienced horse people from other Breed Societies available to give their expert advice.
- g) The maximum heights acceptable to the Management Committee are those specified in the Breed Standard. The current maximum heights may have to be modified as knowledge accumulates about the growth records of Kerry Bog Ponies reared on lowland grassland as opposed to mountain, moorland and bog.
- h) Ponies that fail Inspection shall be permitted to attend an appeal inspection, which shall be conducted in the same manner as the standard inspection. However, a different panel of inspectors shall be used for the appeal inspection. The cost of the reinspection shall be borne by the Applicant.

## 11. General

- (a) All registrations processed by HSI for KBPS will be returned to KBPS Registrar. No KBPS passport will be issued from HSI directly to an applicant. On receipt of processed applications the KBPS are required to forward passports to owners within five working days.
- (b) If there is a difficulty with the passport, the Registrar will contact the applicant and/or HSI as appropriate in writing within five working days and clearly outline the difficulties with the passport application and how the difficulties can be remedied. Where there is no problem with the passport, the Registrar will forward the passport within five working days to the owner.
- (c) The KBPS Registrar and HSI will liaise on a regular basis with regard to registrations and related issues.
- (d) Queries regarding registration in the first instance should be directed to the KBPS. KBPS offices are open to calls, the times are subject to change and are published on the website: [www.kerrybogpony.ie](http://www.kerrybogpony.ie) The Societies dedicated phone number is 087 4150179. Alternatively, queries can be emailed to [info@kerrybogpony.ie](mailto:info@kerrybogpony.ie) at any time.

Please note: applications submitted to HSI take on average 8 weeks to process. The passport is then forwarded to KBPS who will forward the passport to the applicant within 5 working days. This time line serves as a guide only and assumes that there are no queries/difficulties with the application.



## **12. Appeals Procedure**

The objective of this procedure is to provide a member who has a grievance with the Society an opportunity to have the grievance examined and resolved at the earliest practical moment and at the most local level possible.

While the matter is being considered under the Appeals Procedure, the operation of the Society cannot be interrupted. The person(s) raising the matter shall continue to comply with the rules of the Society during the course of the examination of the matter in question. By so doing he/she will not create any precedent nor will his/her membership of the Society be prejudiced in any way in relation to the matter being processed.

The procedure to apply shall be as follows:

### **Stage 1**

A member who feels aggrieved in relation to any matter pertaining to Society business should, in the first instance, write to the Chairman of the Management Committee of the Society, making it clear that Stage 1 of the Appeals Procedure is being invoked. The Chairman will reply as soon as is reasonably practicable, but in any case within thirty days from receipt of the letter from the appellant.

### **Stage 2**

If the grievance is not resolved at Stage 1, or if a reply is not forthcoming from the Chairman of the Management Committee within thirty days, the member(s) may request in writing, that at their next Committee meeting, the Committee allow the member(s) to attend the meeting during the period that the grievance is being considered. The member(s) will be allowed to make an oral submission on the grievance. The Committee will then reconsider the issue and must communicate its decision to the appellant within thirty days.

### **Stage 3**

If the issue remains unresolved after Stage 2, the member(s) may request an independent hearing. The Committee shall grant such a hearing. Appeals at Stage 3 will be heard by an individual or group of individuals with appropriate expertise, agreed by both parties to the dispute. From the date of appointment of the person(s) hearing the appeal, the case will be heard and the decision taken will be communicated to both parties within three months. The person(s) hearing the case will decide on the apportionment of costs, as appropriate.

### **Stage 4**

Any dispute that remains unresolved after Stage 3 may be pursued by invoking provisions under the legal personality of the Society: ICOS Rules or the 1963 Companies Act.

The Society expects all its members to abide by the rules, regulations and standards established by the Society.

## **13. Non-discrimination**

The Society shall operate in a non-discriminatory fashion towards its members.

Interpretation of terms used in this document:

- “Society”, or “The Society”, or “Co-op”, or “KBP Co-op” shall mean The Kerry Bog Pony Co-operative Society.
- IHB means The Irish Horse Board
- “Management Committee” or “Committee of Management” means the Committee of Management of The Kerry Bog Pony Co-operative Society.
- “Owner” shall be interpreted to mean an owner of an animal eligible for inclusion in some appropriate class of the studbook.
- “ICOS” means the Irish Co-operative Organisation Society

Amended at AGM 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016