

# **The Cyprus Stud Book**

## **Instructions from the Stewards of the Cyprus Turf Club**

### **Organization**

The affairs of the Cyprus Turf Club are managed by seven Stewards elected by the Members' General Meeting, who do not exceed 100 at any moment. The Cyprus Stud Book is maintained and published by the Cyprus Turf Club and it is one of the most significant departments. Further below please find its functions.

### **Functions**

The functions of the Cyprus Stud Book are as follows:

- a. To represent Cyprus at the International Stud Book Committee.
- b. To prescribe and periodically revise as and when found necessary, the Rules and Regulations as are necessary to carry out its functions.
- c. To register breeding establishments.
- d. To register broodmares and stallions for breeding purposes.
- e. To register and keep records of coverings, births, deaths, movements, ownership details and microchip implants of all stock in its records.
- f. To issue passports and export certificates.
- g. To publish:
  - Return of Mares annually.
  - The Cyprus Stud Book every five years.

### **Recognition**

The Cyprus Stud Book is duly recognized by the International Stud Book Committee and it is one of the approved stud books in the world.

### **Office**

The office of the Cyprus Turf Club is situated at 41 Themistoklis Dervis Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Office 305, 1066 Nicosia.

## **Glossary and Definition of Terms**

### Definitions

- a. A horse means and includes a stallion, mare, racehorse, gelding, yearling, weanling and a foal within the meaning of these Rules.
- b. A breeder is the person or legal entity (including a company), partnership, etc. that owns the dam when the foal is dropped.
- c. The owner is the person in whose name the horse stands registered in the records of the Cyprus Stud Book. A "person" means and includes any person, individual, company or other legal entity.
- d. A breeding establishment means any person/entity/company or stud farm where horses are physically present.
- e. An Authorized Agent is the person in whose name the "Authority to Act" in prescribed form is duly lodged with the Cyprus Turf Club.
- f. Definition of a Thoroughbred. A Thoroughbred is a horse which is recorded in the Thoroughbred Stud Book of the country of its foaling, that Stud Book having been granted Approved Status by the International Stud Book Committee at the time of its official recording.
- g. The age of a horse is reckoned from January 1<sup>st</sup>, irrespective of its date and place of foaling.

- h. Parentage validation means confirmation of a horse's parentage by employing DNA typing or any other technique approved by the International Stud Book Committee.
- i. The fees are included in the Rules and Regulations and are published by the Cyprus Turf Club.

#### Terms used in the Official Records

*Not covered:* not covered or mated in the previous year.

*Barren:* covered but not pregnant.

*Early abortion:* A term used to describe a broodmare that has been pronounced in foal (pregnant) based on an examination of 42 days or more post breeding (mating) and lost her foal prematurely.

*Slipped foal – Twins abortion:* dead embryo may be found within 10 months (after the sixth month of the pregnancy).

*Dead foal-Twins dead:* foal(s) born dead.

*Foal died since birth:* foal alive until 48 hours and dead before registered.

#### Mares' status assigned by the Stud Book

*No return:* no mare return lodged for a breeding-registered broodmare.

*Dead:* The owner or breeder has notified the Cyprus Stud Book of the mare's death.

*Dropped Out:* A mare which previously was an active broodmare, but for which mare returns have not been lodged for two consecutive seasons. Her records can be re-opened by application to the Cyprus Stud Book and payment of a special fee. All missing returns must be lodged with full late fees, and the keeper of the Stud Book may require the mare to be DNA typed before opening her records.

An active broodmare which is not returned to the official records for two consecutive foaling seasons is immediately assigned the fate "Dropped Out".

*Left Stud:* The owner or breeder has notified the Cyprus Stud Book of the mare's retirement from breeding.

*Death Reports:* The death of a registered Thoroughbred or foal for which registration is pending should be reported to the Cyprus Stud Book within 15 days after the death by submitting a completed report of death form and returning the passport, if issued.

*Gelding reports:* If a colt or horse has been gelded, the Veterinary Surgeon should report that information to the Cyprus Stud Book by submitting a completed and a signed Gelding Report within 15 days from the day of the event. A cryptorchid horse should be reported.

#### **Registration for breeding (Stallions and Mares)**

It is the responsibility of the breeder/owner or their agent/representative to notify the Cyprus Stud Book of their intention to use broodmares or stallions for breeding in order for them to be correctly registered. For every stallion or mare registered as breeding stock the name and address of the owner of the animal must be lodged with the Cyprus Turf Club. This requirement is necessary for the purpose of the administration of the Cyprus Stud Book only, and it is stressed that ownership recorded in the Cyprus Stud Book does not amount to legal registration of title to the animal and must not be construed as such.

Before any stallion or mare can be registered in the Cyprus Stud Book as breeding stock the animal's identity must be established.

- a. By the completion by the animal's owner of the appropriate Stallion or Broodmare Registration Form, recording the animal's registered name, colour, age, pedigree, present owner and previous history.
- b. By tracing the animal through all its ownerships since birth, if necessary, in particular by reference to its passport and/or export certificate and obtaining signed certificates of sale where necessary.
- c. By the provision of current markings of the animal, taken by a veterinary surgeon, or, in the case of broodmares, a written declaration by the owner or agent that the mare agrees with the markings contained in her passport and the applicant has no reason to doubt that they are applying for registration of the correct mare.
- d. By establishing the DNA profile of the animal with any necessary sample taken by a veterinary surgeon.

No horse may be registered as breeding stock unless it is three years old or older must have been classified and its passport must be presented to the Cyprus Turf Club to be endorsed with the appropriate stamp – Gone To Stud.

For the purpose of these regulations the Breeder is the person or entity whose name has been lodged as above as being the owner of the mare at the time that her foal was born.

Whenever a mare or stallion changes hands the passport must be returned to Cyprus Turf Club, for endorsement into the new owner's name. No transfer will be accepted, unless the passport is presented and accordingly endorsed.

Mare which is covered before being classified, her owner will have to pay a fine.

### **Breeding season**

The covering season starts on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February and ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. All coverings of a Thoroughbred mare by a stallion must be restricted to the official covering season. Breeders are reminded that any produce of a mare born before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the foaling season will be deemed to be one year old the day it was born.

Breeders are also reminded that as an aid to the mating the Cyprus Turf Club authorise reinforcement, (a portion of the ejaculate produced by the stallion during mating may immediately be placed in the reproductive tract of the mare being bred).

Breeders, Stallion Owners, Stud masters and Agents are required to provide access to any Stud Book Representative appointed by the Cyprus Turf Club to check any or all coverings by a stallion at any time during the covering season, to examine all breeding and identification records held by the Stud and inspect the stallions, mares and their foals.

### **Recording of covering**

Stallion owners have to return the covering official forms by the end of August in the year of covering.

The covering certificate shall include:

- Name and number of the passport of the covered broodmare.
- Sire and dam of the mare.
- Owner of the mare.
- Name of the stallion used for the service.
- First and last dates of covering.
- Confirmation that the identity of the mare was verified.

- Confirmation that a natural service took place.
- Signature of the owner of the stallion or his representative.

The identity of the mare prior to the service shall be verified by the owner of the stallion or by a representative according to the passport of the mare submitted.

### **Entry of the Breeding Results (Foal registration)**

The birth declaration form (Mares Return Form) must be completed and returned to the Cyprus Turf Club within 15 days from the date of birth along with the fees. This official form must be completed and signed by the breeder, giving the required details of the produce, namely the color, sex, date and place of birth.

The entry in the Stud Book shall be made, based on:

- The covering certificate and the birth declaration form (Mares Return Form).
- Identity of the foal.
- Parentage verification of the foal using DNA test.

The laboratory officially designated to carry out DNA typing for the Cyprus Stud Book is:

Weatherbys Scientific  
 Unit F1  
 M7 Business Park  
 Newhall, Naas  
 Co. Kildare  
 Ireland  
 W91 VX86

### **Late returns**

For produce, whose registration is not sought or completed during their year of foaling, under certain limited circumstances, may be eligible for late registration providing the applicant completes all registration requirements, submits the appropriate late registration fee and the Cyprus Turf Club determines that the applicant has sufficiently demonstrated mistake, inadvertence, excusable neglect or other circumstances which justify late registration.

No application to register produce can be considered for produce which are aged four years or over at the time of application.

### **Identification of horses**

#### **a. Issue of passports**

Upon completion of all registration requirements within the specified deadlines, and if the foal qualifies as an offspring of its reported sire and dam, a passport will be issued. **The Cyprus Turf Club certifying the Thoroughbred is the only Authority permitted to issue the original passport or any subsequent duplicates.** Passports are issued on the basis of information (birth date and gender) submitted to the Cyprus Stud Book by the applicant and are subject to revocation and cancellation if further information is received by the Cyprus Stud Book indicating improper or erroneous issuance.

In accordance with the decision of the International Stud Book Committee the passport shall include the following:

- Foal's pedigree including damsire.
- Date of birth.
- Name.
- Colour and sex.

- Country of birth.
- Breeder name.
- Microchip number (if applicable).
- Stud Book Reference.
- Passport Number and Life number.
- Details of how the horse has been parentage verified.
- An up to date set of markings.
- A record of vaccinations.
- A page for endorsement of identity by new owners or trainers.
- A record of export movement.
- A page for customs stamping.
- Postal address and communication details of the Issuing Authority.

It is the responsibility of the Cyprus Stud Book to prevent fraudulent issuing of multiple passports for any horse, but if a passport has been lost or destroyed a duplicate one may be issued upon submission of the following: a) a notarized statement from the owner or his authorized agent describing the circumstances under which the Passport was lost or destroyed, b) any further evidence and assurances as the Cyprus Stud Book may require and c) the amount payable.

Once a duplicate passport is issued, the original becomes null and void, and if located must be returned to the Cyprus Turf Club.

#### b. Export Certificate

Upon permanent export of the horse the Cyprus Stud Book shall issue and forthwith send to the country of destination an Export Certificate of the horse, after the relevant fee is paid. The export certificate shall contain the following data:

- Certificate number.
- Name and life number of the horse.
- Color, sex, date of birth.
- Sire, dam and damsire.
- Stud book reference.
- The breeder and birth country.
- Date of export of the horse.
- Recipient and country of destination.
- Set of markings including microchip number.
- DNA typing information.
- Breed.

#### c. Pedigree

The Pedigree Certificate shall be issued by the Cyprus Stud Book upon request of the owner of the horse, and after the relevant fee is paid. The following shall be specified in the pedigree: name of the horse, sex, color, year of birth and complete list of ancestors up to the 5<sup>th</sup> generation.

#### **Registration of name**

An attempt to register or to reserve a name for a foal is submitted to the Cyprus Stud Book by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the foal's two-year-old year or after. The relevant fee differs accordingly.

The name will be registered and will be the **horse's name** only when the Veterinary Surgeon of the Cyprus Turf Club will draw on the official form (veterinary certificate of age and markings for name registration purposes) the current markings of the horse and compare them to those firstly drawn (veterinary certificate for foal registration purposes) appearing on its passport. The passports must be presented to the Veterinary Surgeon at the time of classification.

According to the Rules and Regulations of the Cyprus Stud Book the change of a name already registered and published can only be requested from the Authority which originally registered that name. A change of name must be applied for in the same way as a registration of name. The name will be registered and will be the **horse's name** after the horse will be reclassified and the owner will pay the relevant fee.

Names may not be claimed or reserved by telephone.

### **Deceptive practices**

The Stewards of the Cyprus Turf Club have the right, at discretion for such reasonable time as they consider warranted under the facts and circumstances to deny the registration of a horse in the Cyprus Stud Book, as well as, the privileges deriving from this registration or to impose penalties on any person who:

- Either knowingly misrepresents or aids or abets the misrepresentation of the identity, name, age, appearance, pedigree, genetic type, eligibility for registration or any other information in, or in connection with, any communication to the Cyprus Turf Club.
- Steals, counterfeits, forges or alters a certificate or document issued by the Cyprus Turf Club or knowingly receives a stolen, counterfeited, forged or altered certificate or document issued by the Cyprus Turf Club.
- Intentionally violates any of the Principal Rules, Instructions and Requirements of the Cyprus Stud Book.
- Has been presented before a court (whether civil, criminal, or administrative), an official tribunal or an official body that such Person: a) knowingly misrepresented or aided or abetted the misrepresentation of a horse's identity, name, age, appearance, pedigree, genetic type or any other information in connection with either entry in a race or the racing of any horse; b) knowingly misrepresented or aided or abetted the misrepresentation of a horse's eligibility for registration or any other matter related to the Cyprus Stud Book, c) stole, counterfeited, forged or altered a certificate or document issued by the Cyprus Turf Club or knowingly received a stolen, counterfeited, forged or altered certificate or document issued by the Cyprus Turf Club; or d) killed, abandoned, mistreat, neglected or abused, or otherwise committed an act of cruelty to a horse.