

Icelandic Horse Association of Australia Inc.

Rules for Registration of Icelandic Horses in Australia and Studbook Rules

January 2021



1. Principles:

- 1.1. Icelandic Horse Association of Australia Inc./IHAA (hereinafter referred to as 'the Association') shall, maintain a record of the breeding and registration of all pure-bred Icelandic horses in Australia by adding them to the Worldfengur database. This document sets down the rules, which regulate the registration of Icelandic horses by the Association, also referred to as IHAA, and is called "Rules for Registration of Icelandic horses in Australia and studbook rules" (hereinafter referred to as 'The Studbook Rules').
- 1.2. Questions or disputes over interpretation shall be referred to the registrar. If a member is not satisfied with the decision of the registrar, he/she may apply to the Board for a ruling, which shall be binding.
- 1.3. If a member considers that the Board has not applied legislation or governmental guidance correctly, they may seek clarification from the appropriate government agency and must copy all correspondence to the IHAA Secretary.
- 1.4. Members are required, not only to follow the letter of The Studbook Rules, but also their spirit in ensuring the integrity of pure breeding of Icelandic horses in Australia.
- 1.5. In order to comply with Commission Decision, the Association declares that there will be no discrimination between members of the Association.
- 1.6. By taking out membership of the IHAA, every member of the Association is obligated to register with the Association all pure-bred Icelandic Horses located in Australia, owned by that member (or under his/her control) and satisfy the requirements of the Rules.
- 1.7. Members of the Association may receive a discount upon registering horses with the Association, as decided by the Board.
- 1.8. The Association declares that The Studbook Rules and the maintenance of the studbook shall be in accordance with the principles laid down by the International Federation of Icelandic-Horse Associations (FEIF).

2. Registration of Horses:

2.1. Definition of a pure-bred Icelandic horse:

The Association recognises that when Icelandic horses were first imported into Australia, there was no national or state registration system available for Icelandic horses in Australia. In respect of applications to register horses submitted prior to 8th December 2008, the Association retained discretion as to how it satisfied itself that a horse is pure-bred, taking into account all circumstances and evidence. With effect from 8th December 2008 a horse is only considered to be pure-bred and thus eligible for registration with the Association if it satisfies at least one of the following categories:

- a) The Horse is registered with another FEIF-affiliated organisation
- b) The Horse is born in Australia; both parents of the Horse are registered with the Association or with another FEIF affiliated organisation, and the Horse's ancestry has been verified by DNA testing of hair samples of both parents and the horse itself.
- c) The Horse is registered with a foreign breeding association that is recognised by its national governing body. Its registration meets the requirements set to warrant the correctness of its registration, thereby vouching for the horse being a pure-bred Icelandic, and therefore eligible for registration in Worldfengur.

2.2. Confirmation of ancestry:

2.2.1. For the protection of its members, the Association reserves the right to confirm the pedigree of any horse by use of DNA evidence and declares the following:

Where there are reasonable grounds to doubt the ancestry of a horse, the Association may require that the horse's ancestry be investigated by DNA analysis. Such investigation shall be paid for by the owner. Following such investigation, if the committee of the Association is not satisfied that a horse is pure-bred, a second test shall be performed. If both tests do not produce satisfying results, the horse shall be removed from the Worldfengur database and the owner is liable to pay the Association's costs. Any owner found by the committee of the Association to have made a false entry on an application to register a horse deliberately, shall be expelled from the Association (see Article 2.5)

2.2.2. All stallions must have proof of ancestry by DNA analysis.

2.3. Visiting Stallions:

A stallion temporarily located in Australia for the purpose of covering mares, for a period not exceeding six months does not require to be registered in Australia, but the owner, or the person responsible for the said stallion, shall submit to the Registrar such papers as would have been required under these Rules to register the horse.

3. Requirements for Registration:

A Horse whose registration complies with one or more of the requirements stated under 2.1 a, b or c is accepted as a pure-bred Icelandic Horse. In addition, the owners must comply with the following sections as appropriate:

3.1. Horses imported into Australia:

A Horse imported into Australia and fulfilling the requirements of Section 2.1 of these Rules shall be accepted as a pure-bred Icelandic Horse provided that:

- a) The owner who imported the horse, or the Association member in charge of the horse on arrival in Australia, shall apply to the Registrar for registration.
- b) A horse that has been imported and meets the requirements of Section 2.1 may be accepted upon payment of the registration fee.
- c) The horse has been marked individually before import or has been marked individually since import, in accordance with a method approved by the Association (see section 6.1).
- d) The owner must provide to the Registrar the certificate of ownership/origin and/or the Passport from the competent authority, a completed Change of Ownership form and the required fee as determined by the Board.

3.2. Horses born in Australia:

When a Horse is born in Australia **BEFORE** the 1st of January 2021, the mare owner shall notify the IHAA and fill in an 'IHAA Registration Form' within six months of the Date of birth. A form of identification (**Freeze brand and/or Microchip**) needs to be provided within 12 months of registration.

As of the 1st of January 2021, the mare owner shall notify the IHAA and fill in an 'IHAA Registration Form' within six months of the Date of birth. A hair sample for proof of parentage by DNA analysis, of the horse to be registered and a form of identification (**Microchip**) must be provided within 12 months of registration.

Registration fee as determined by the board has to be paid according to issued invoice.

More information see 7.2. Requirements for registration.

3.3. Horses born outside Australia:

Members may register pure-bred Icelandic horses born outside of Australia with a required proof of ancestry by DNA analysis.

4. Additional requirements for Stallions

4.1. Stallions used for breeding in Australia:

All Stallions used for breeding must be fully registered in Worldfengur and must have proof of ancestry by DNA analysis.

4.2. Additional health checks for stallions at stud, aged 3 years and older:

Up to 1st September 2021, additional health checks (as described below) are recommended by the IHAA to avoid congenital defects that are likely to affect the performance of basic functions by said stallion such as sight, mastication, support, locomotion and reproduction.

From 1st September 2021 for stallions, additional health checks will be required and certified by a qualified Veterinarian (including IHAA Stallion Vet check form, signed by qualified Veterinarian) prior to serving mares.

The stallion will be checked for the following conditions:

Mandatory health checks: (see attached form)

- a) The presence of cryptorchidism (abdominal retention or inguinal retention), scrotal width with less than 8 cm and difference in the testicle size (mm3) which is equal or more than 50 % is regarded as unsound.
- b) Severe abnormalities of teeth or jaws (e.g. overshot or undershot)
- c) Medial or lateral luxation of the patella
- d) X-rayed for Bone Spavin and osteochondritis

Assessment: Radiographic examination of the distal tarsus

- a) A complete radiographic examination is requested including four different projections of each hock (Lateromedial (LM) Dorsolateral-plantar medial oblique (DL-PIMO), Plantar lateral-dorsomedial oblique (PIL-DMO) and Dorsoplantar (DPI). Size 24-30. Each film has to be documented with the date, life No, microchip/brand, object R/L indication.
- b) The radiographs must be diagnosed by a qualified Veterinarian
- d) The results must be forwarded to the Registrar in writing by the Veterinarian.
- e) Information about the radiographic diagnosis will be recorded in Worldfengur for information of breeders.

4.3. Offspring of Stallions:

From 1st September 2021, the offspring of any stallion born in Australia can only be registered after the Registrar receives a Certificate issued by a Veterinary Surgeon qualified to practise in Australia. This certificate must certify that the stallion does not suffer from any congenital defects that are likely to affect the performance of basic functions by said stallion such as sight, mastication, support, locomotion and reproduction (see section 4.2).

5. Additional requirements for Mares and Foals:

Hair samples for DNA testing must be taken from all foals born from the 1st January 2021 and thereafter, and also from their mothers (if no such sample is already in store). These samples must be forwarded to the Registrar; they are part of the registration requirements (detailed at Section 7.4).

6. Identification of Horses:

6.1. Icelandic Horses as specified in Section 2 of The Studbook Rules shall be marked in accordance with at least one of the following systems:

- a) Freeze branding
- b) Microchipping
- c) Hot Branding (Only accepted without Microchip when branded before December 2008)

6.2. **Microchipping/Freeze branding** identification is an IHAA requirement for all pure-bred Icelandic **horses used for breeding** (mares & stallions) born **before 1st January 2021** for the purpose of verifying the horse's DNA.

From 1st January 2021 microchipping will be mandatory for **ALL** horses born on 1st January 2021 and later to be registered and verify DNA. Freeze branding will be optional as additional identification.

6.3. In the event of failure to comply with The Rules, the horse cannot be registered by the Association.

7. Registration procedures to be followed by horse owners and the Registrar of IHAA Inc.:

This section covers the registration process, including serving, foaling, marking, gelding and registration. It also covers regulations regarding the naming of horses and studs and the Studbook number/s issued to the horse by the Association.

7.1.1. If the male horse is not used as a stallion and/or has been gelded, the owner shall inform the Registrar about this and the information in the Worldfengur database shall be adjusted accordingly. Cost to be paid by the owner.

7.1.2. In the event where the owner of the stallion is not the keeper of the stallion, the keeper in charge of or with the responsibility for the stallion shall fulfil the obligations of the owner under these rules.

7.1.3. In the case of a foal born in Australia, to a mare covered abroad, by a stallion registered with another FEIF-affiliated Society or an organization recognised under Commission Decision 92/353/EEC, the mare's owner must follow the requirements of registration of the foal as mentioned in section 3.2.

7.2. Requirements for Registration:

7.2.1. The owner of the horse must submit a written IHAA registration form and the registration fee needs to be paid on receipt of invoice.

7.2.2. A hair sample for proof of parentage by DNA analysis, of the horse to be registered and microchip number must be provided within 12 months of registration. The hair samples need to be taken from the mane or tail hair (minimum of 30 hairs), need to be dry and include hair follicles, then put in a sealable plastic bag to send to the registrar for processing. Ensure that microchip numbers, horse details and hair samples are from the same horse. DNA result cannot be verified without providing a microchip number to identify the horse.

7.3. Naming:

7.3.1. To retain the character of the Icelandic horse, members should preferably use an Icelandic name when registering a horse.

7.3.2. At their discretion the Registrar may refuse to register any name of a horse which is unacceptable/offensive, or a stud name which is inappropriate or already in use.

7.3.3. A horse name cannot be changed according to Worldfengur ruling

7.3.4. The applicant must designate the stud name. The Registrar will inform the applicant if the Stud name chosen is not appropriate or already in use.

7.3.5. Following the Icelandic tradition a horse shall be known as being 'from' or 'frá' or any foreign equivalent followed by the stud name.

7.3.6. Names and locations of horses registered with a FEIF-affiliated Society, or organisation recognized under Commission Decision 92/353/EEC satisfy these requirements.

7.4. The FEIF identification number and Universal Equine Life Number:

7.4.1. The Association allocates FEIF identification numbers for horses born in Australia, in accordance with the protocols in operation by FEIF.

The FEIF identification number for Australia shall denote:

- a) Australia as the country of registration
- b) Year of Birth
- c) Sex of the horse
- d) Area of Birth
- e) Individual Horse Number

7.4.2 Once registration, DNA analysis and microchipping have been completed, a Worldfengur certificate of ownership is sent electronically and IHAA pedigree papers are issued electronically or in print.

7.4.3. From 2021, horses must have a Universal Equine Life Number (UELN) in the 15-digit format defined by Commission Regulation (EC) No 504/2008. All passports issued by Worldfengur through IHAA are therefore issued with a UELN in addition to the FEIF identification number. For pre-existing passports, UELNs have been added to the electronic records in Worldfengur.

7.5. Registration Fees:

The fee to register a horse will be set by the Board annually.

8. Gelding:

If any male horse, which has been registered as entire, has subsequently been gelded, the registrar must be notified in writing immediately, supplying the date on which the horse was gelded.

9. FEIF guidelines for embryo transfer:

9.1. The surrogate mare must be pure-breed Icelandic with FEIF ID and DNA profile. The parentage of surrogate and donor mare must be verified with DNA. The transfer product horse (foal) must be with DNA profile.

Limitation of offspring per mare in one year: max 2 foals with embryo transfer. One foal (if there are twins – two) naturally carried out by the mother. Max. 3 (4) offspring per year. A clear sign in Worldfengur should indicate which offspring are from surrogate mare(s). Cloned horses or their offspring are not permitted in Worldfengur. Gene manipulation is not permitted in Icelandic horse breeding.

10. Transfer of Ownership:

10.1. The seller and buyer shall fill out an ownership transfer form and the seller shall pass on any official paperwork concerning the horse (Certificate of Ownership, Passport, IHAA pedigree papers, etc.) to the buyer. The seller or buyer shall submit the transfer of ownership form to the registrar. The Registrar shall perform the change of ownership in the Worldfengur database, as well as send the new owner new IHAA pedigree papers and issue a new Certificate of Ownership. Transfer of ownership fees apply and will be invoice to the seller.

If the horse has an IHAA/Worldfengur issued passport, the seller must send the passport to the new owner.

10.2. Where a Passport was issued by an organisation other than IHAA, the Registrar will ensure that the Passport Issuing Organisation is informed of the change of ownership.

11. Death of a horse:

On the death of a registered horse, the owner must inform the Registrar within 30 days about the date of death. The Registrar will register the death of the horse in all appropriate databases and return the passport or IHAA pedigree papers after invalidating it if requested.

12. Export of a horse:

When a horse is permanently exported, the Australian owner should notify the Registrar of the export. A transfer of ownership form is required. The Registrar will record the movement of the horse in all appropriate databases and notify the receiving Nation State.

13. Amendments:

Any member may propose an amendment to The Rules at a General Meeting provided a written proposal has been sent to both the Secretary and the Registrar in time for inclusion in the agenda. The amendment shall be incorporated into these Rules if it is approved by the General Meeting, provided that not less than two thirds of the members present shall have voted in favour of the alteration and that details of all proposed alterations have been included in the notice of the meeting sent to all members.



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Stallion Health Certificate:

Owner details

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email address:	

The client commissions to examine the stallion:

Stallion FEIF ID:		Stallion Name:	
Sire FEIF ID:		Sire Name:	
Dam FEIF ID:		Dam Name:	
DOB:		Microchip:	
		Freeze brand:	
Colour:		Markings:	

Previous medical problems/surgery:	Yes		No	
Receiving medication or has received medication in the last 6 weeks	Yes		No	
If yes, please elaborate:				
Vaccinations:				
Tetanus	Yes		No	
Strangles	Yes		No	
Herpes Virus	Yes		No	
Hendra Virus	Yes		No	
Others:	Yes		No	
Body condition/nutritional status:				
Skin, coat, obvious scars:				



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Inspection/palpation of the head, neck, back, torso:
Oral cavity and incisors, overbite:
Eyes:
Respiratory System at rest and auscultation:
Spontaneous cough
Visual examination/palpation of limbs
Hooves
Examination at walk and trot on straight line and hard surface
Rein back
Tight turns
Neurological issues: signs Ataxia or Shivering
Larynx and Trachea
Auscultation of the heart and lungs after exercise



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Testicles:

a) **Firmness of testicles: (please tick appropriate section)**

- Good firmness*: testicle feels firm and with good density.
- Average firmness*: testicle feels average firm.
- Soft*: testicle feels not firm at all but soft with bad density (Results noted as a red T in WorldFengur)

b) **Testicles checked for torsion:**

- Yes
- No

c) **Are the testicles correctly turned?**

The epididymis should be at the back of the testicle. (If one testicle is rotated it will be noted in WorldFengur. Both testicles rotated results in a red T in WorldFengur)

- Yes
- No, please describe
(left/right/both)_____

d) **No descended testicles:**

- Yes (Results in a red T in WorldFengur)
- No

e) **Only one descended testicle:**

- Yes (Results in a red T in WorldFengur)
- No

f) **Testicle measurements/size:**

- Left testicle: _____
- Right testicle: _____

(If one testicle is much smaller than the other one, 50 % difference or more results in a red T in WorldFengur)

g) **Total width of the scrotum:** _____

(if TSW is less than 8 cm results in a red T in WorldFengur)

h) **Intestines can be found in the scrotum:**

- Yes (results in a red T in WorldFengur)
- No



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Radiological (Radiographs/X-Rays) examination required:

- Lateromedial (LM)
- Dorsolateral plantaromedial oblique (DL - PIMO)
- Plantarolateral dorsomedial oblique (PIL DMO)
- Dorsoplantar (DPI)

Rules for identification of the radiographs:

The radiographs must be identified at exposure in a way that is not possible to change afterwards

- Name of the horse
- Date
- Identification of the limb: L /R

Any further radiographs taken: _____

Assessment of radiographs:

Performing Veterinarian:	
Name and Address:	
Date:	Signature

**ICELANDIC HORSE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.
REGISTRATION FORM**

Today's date:			
BREEDER/OWNER INFORMATION			
Owner/Breeder Last name:	First:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.
Street address:			Phone number:
P.O. box:	City:	State:	Post Code:
E-mail:			Worldfengur Owner/Breeder No (if known):
HORSE INFORMATION			
Horse Name:		Birth date: / /	FEIF (if known):
Sex:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mare	<input type="checkbox"/> Stallion	<input type="checkbox"/> Gelding
Colour:	Markings:	Freezebrand:	Date Gelded:
DNA/Blood Case number (if known)		Michro chip number:	
<p>Markings</p>			
Sire Name:	Sire FEIF:	Dam Name:	Dam FEIF:
Seller (if applicable):	Date of Sale: / /	PLEASE ATTACH: <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 colour photos (e-mail) to verify the colour <input type="checkbox"/> DNA test if tested (COPY)	

PLEASE SEND TO NELE KOEMLE (Registrar): 466 Garvoc-Laang Rd, Garvoc, VIC 3265; Mobile number: 0429 017 958
 OR e-mail to: nele.koemle@gmx.net OR info@icelandichorses.org.au

Application for Transfer of Ownership

Icelandic Horse Association of Australia Inc.
621 Baileys Road; Nullawarre, VIC 3268
E-mail: info@icelandichorses.org.au

Name of Horse:

FEIF :

I/We do hereby certify that the animal described on this certificate is legibly branded or is otherwise identified as indicated below; and has been sold or given:

Identification of horse : Freeze brand: _____ and/or Micro chip number: _____

To:		Purchaser's ID no, if known:		
Address:		Town or City:	State:	Post code:
	Country:	Email:		Sold On (date):
And delivered on the (date):	Name of Seller:	Seller or authorized representative sign here:	X	
Address of seller:		Town or City:	State:	Postcode:
	Country:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check if sold as an unregistered animal. Transfer will not be recorded by IHAA.	

IF A FEMALE WHICH WAS BRED WHEN SOLD, COMPLETE A SERVICE CERTIFICATE. WHENEVER POSSIBLE ATTACH THE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (A.I.) SERVICE REPORT FOR A.I. SERVICES.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

- The seller's ownership must appear on the pedigree papers of the horse before it may be transferred to the purchaser's ownership.
- Application to be fully completed by the seller or authorized representative, in ink or typewritten.
- Application must be signed by the seller or authorized representative and all signatures must be in ink. Printed signatures are not acceptable. In the case of partnerships, each partner shall sign with his/her individual signature.
- This certificate must be presented by the seller to the Icelandic Horse Association of Australia.
- All animals sold as registered stock must be officially transferred by the seller and the certificate of registration presented to the purchaser within six months of the date of sale.
- **New registration papers with the new owner's details will be issued and posted to the new owner.**
- Transfer fee payable to IHAA: \$15 for members/ \$ 25 for NON members

Bank details:

Bendigo Bank

Account name: Icelandic Horse Association Australia

BSB: 633 000

Account number: 159717735

