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1 A. General Definitions in These Rules:

Leisure Horse Ireland and L.H.I. are registered trading names of The Irish Piebald & Skewbald Association Ltd.

Leisure Horse Ireland operates and maintains:

- The Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook
- The Irish Donkey Studbook and
- An Equine Identification Register

These rules relate to Leisure Horse Ireland's operation of The Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook.

The Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook is the studbook of origin and incorporates a main studbook and a supplementary studbook for Piebald & Skewbald horses and their whole colour progeny.

"The Issuing Authority" means The Irish Piebald & Skewbald Association Ltd t/a Leisure Horse Ireland.

"The List of Approved Stallions" is the published list of Approved Stallions. It is not exhaustive as a stallion's owner/custodian has the right to request that their Approved Stallion should not be publicised or included in the list. Such a request may be acceded to at the discretion of LHI.

"The Approved Laboratory" means Weatherbys Ireland GSB Ltd.

"An Approved Studbook" means a studbook approved under the relevant National and EU equine legislation by the Competent Authority in its country of origin.

In The Republic of Ireland "The Competent Authority" means The Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine (DAFM).

"AIM" means the Animal Identification & Movement central database stored and maintained by DAFM.

A registered veterinary surgeon means that for registrations within the Republic of Ireland, the veterinary surgeon must be Veterinary Council of Ireland registered.

A 'compliant transponder' is one which has been issued by one of the currently approved passport issuing bodies, thus strictly controlling number ranges and that they:

- Comply with standard ISO 11784,
- Apply HDX or FDX-B technology, and are
- Capable of being read by a reading device compatible with standard ISO 11785 at a minimum distance of 12 cm.
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1 B. General Terms & Conditions:

Ownership of the Passport:

An identification document (passport) is issued as an aid to the identification of the equine to which it refers and is based on information supplied by the identifying veterinary surgeon and owner / breeder. The passport remains the property of LHI and can be recalled at any time. It is not a certificate of legal ownership and should not be construed as such.

No Right To Cancel:

Due to the nature of a Horse Passport, you acknowledge that when we have received your order, you do not have the right to cancel your order, and consequently the application fee will be retained to cover the costs associated with the processing of your application. This does not affect your other statutory rights.

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VAT:

LHI is registered for VAT in Ireland (Reg. No. IE 6386639N).
 All fees include VAT.
 VAT receipts are available on request.

Payment Methods:

Payment should be made with the application as either a Cheque or Postal Order, made payable to Leisure Horse Ireland. Alternatively payment can be made by debit or credit card over the telephone, or online by PayPal and debit or credit card.

Payments Not Honoured:

Where cheques are returned unpaid by your bank you will be required to pay an additional €15 charge to cover bank and administration costs, in addition to the original amount.

Our Liability:

While LHI believes the information contained within its Identification Documents to be correct, we cannot guarantee its accuracy, in particular where it is dependent on information supplied to us. Therefore, we cannot accept liability for any loss resulting from errors that may arise.

Return of Completed Documents:

If return recorded delivery of documents has not been expressly requested and paid for by the applicant owner / custodian, the risk of loss passes to the applicant owner / custodian when an item is placed with the postal service by Leisure Horse Ireland. Separate proof of postage for each item of non recorded outgoing mail is not operationally practical; therefore where a registration record in Leisure Horse Ireland Database is recorded as "Completed", this will suffice as proof of postage of the document.

Data Protection - Personal Information:

Any personal information you provide will be held securely and in accordance with the Data Protection Legislation. We will only use your personal data for the purposes for which you have provided it. Information we receive or hold on you is routinely shared with DAFM / AIM and may be provided to other Government Agencies authorised under legislation to request it. We may also need to disclose personal data to a third party so that the service you requested can be provided.

All your calls, both inbound and outbound, will be recorded and may be monitored for training and quality purposes, in order that the service may be improved and to help prevent and detect fraud.

We may check information provided or received. If false or inaccurate information is provided and fraud is identified, details will be passed to the appropriate fraud prevention agencies.

Your data may be used for marketing, research and statistical purposes. If you give us information about another person, in doing so you confirm that they have given you permission to provide it to us to be able to process their personal data and also that you have told them who we are and what we will use their data for, as set out in this notice.

By providing us with the Information you consent to all of the information being used, processed, disclosed, and retained as set out herein. In the case of personal data, with limited exceptions, you have the right to access, and if necessary rectify information held about you by formal written application to LHI.

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2. Breed Standard:

Characteristics Of Piebald & Skewbald Animals and minimum coloration requirements:

A Skewbald and Piebald is defined by its external visible coat colouration and markings and not by its type. They are therefore distinctive and unique from other "coloured", or extended leg marked breeds or types. Whole coloured animals with Piebald and/or Skewbald parent(s) are characteristic of the breed and will be accommodated in the studbook for inclusion in the population for breeding purposes. The characteristics of the breed makes them ideal leisure and riding horses and their fantastic temperament makes them easy to work. Irish Piebald and Skewbald's are often used for crossing with other breeds to produce all types of leisure horses. They have proven time and time again as a reliable choice for riding schools, family horse, riding and pony clubs.

PIEBALD: Black and White only.

SKEWBALD: Any other colour or colours and white.
i.e. Bay, Brown, Chestnut, Grey, Dun, Palomino, and White.

APPALOOSA: White with black spots or black with white spots or solid colour with spotted rump (most commonly known as few spots)

The definition of a "coloured" horse or pony is one whose coat colour is either (piebald) black and white only, or white and any other colour (skewbald), e.g. bay, roan, chestnut; with a patch of naturally occurring white coat or spots throughout coat (appaloosa). This white patch must be on the body above the level of the stifle or elbow, excluding any face markings. Any white marking below this does not qualify. Manes and tails may also be white or have white in them. The colour of the horse is recorded by the vet at the time of marking and recorded on the marking chart.

3. Breeding Objective of The Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook

The breeding objective of The Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook is the conservation and preservation of horses and ponies of Piebald, Skewbald and Appaloosa colour and their whole colour progeny and to promote the breeding of such horses and ponies, and to record proven pedigree lines.

4. Non-Discrimination of Breeders

The Studbook shall operate in a non-discriminatory fashion towards its owner/breeders.

Because LHI maintains the studbook for coloured horses, we do place a value on colour and markings. But no single colour is valued above another no single type is valued above another type.

5. Division of the Stud Book

The studbook is composed of a main section and supplementary section.

A. Main Section

To qualify for entry into the Main Section of the studbook an animal must:

- i. Be descended from parents registered in the main section of a studbook of that same breed and have a pedigree established according to the rules of that studbook.

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- ii. Be identified as foal at foot according to the rules of that stud-book which at least should require a covering certificate.
- iii. The main section of the studbook is divided into two classes:
 - Class 1: Piebald, Skewbald and Appaloosa coloured animals.
 - Class 2: Whole colour progeny of parents in the main section of the studbook.

Animals registered in the following studbooks can be entered in the main section to take part in the breeding programme. The following breeds are eligible for entry:

Irish Sport Horse
Irish Pony Society
Connemara Pony
Thoroughbred
Weatherbys Non-Throughbred
Anglo Arab
Irish Draught
Irish Cob

Additional breeds will be considered on a case by case basis.

The Studbook reserves the right to include other breeds to this list from time to time.

B. Supplementary Section

Animals that are not eligible for classification in the main section of the Irish Piebald & Skewbald studbook may be entered into the supplementary section providing they meet the following criteria:

- i. Be identified in accordance with these studbook rules.
- ii. Be identified to conform to the Breed Standard (see section 2).
- iii. Have a minimum performance as laid down in the studbook rules.
- iv. The supplementary section of the studbook is divided into two classes:

Class 1: Piebald, Skewbald and Appaloosa horses with partial pedigree recorded.

Class 2: Piebald, Skewbald and Appaloosa horses with no pedigree recorded.

Grading up to Main Section:

- a. An animal with both parents in the supplementary section or one parent in the supplementary and one in the main section of the studbook is eligible for entry into the main section provided that it is Piebald, Skewbald or Appaloosa. Whole coloured progeny with one or both parents in the supplementary section, or one parent in the main section, or one parent in the supplementary and one parent in the main section of the studbook is entered in the supplementary section of the studbook.
- b. Animals from other studbooks shall be entered in the class of the studbook whose criteria it meets.

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6. System of Identifying and Registering Equine.

Equine are identified and registered by the following procedure:

(1) Main Section Studbook registration procedure:

- a) Owner / custodian notifies Leisure Horse Ireland of their intention to register the horse by sending in the covering certificate.
- b) An owner / custodian may utilise a vet supplied marking chart or if requested Leisure Horse Ireland issues a registration kit to the owner / custodian, i.e. registration form, current identification marking chart and DNA envelope to the owner / custodian.
- c) Owner / custodian appoints a registered veterinary surgeon at their own expense who confirms the animal details by taking the markings and scans for any pre-existing transponder.
 - i. Where no transponder exists in the animal, the registered veterinary surgeon must implant a compliant transponder (see definition).
 - ii. Where a pre existing transponder is found the owner / custodian must check with the issuing authorities in Ireland to ensure the animal was not registered previously. If the animal was registered previously the only course of action is to apply for a duplicate passport from that issuing authority.
 - iii. Where a pre existing transponder is found and it is established that the animal was not registered previously,
 - a) If the existing transponder is of a compliant type, this number must be detailed on the markings by the vet and may be used for registration.
 - b) If the existing transponder is not of a compliant type, a compliant transponder must also be implanted by the vet and both (or all) numbers detailed on the markings.
- d) The vet takes a DNA sample, places it in the envelope provided and completes all sections thereof.
- e) As pedigree is to be recorded, this must be confirmed by a signed covering certificate from the stallion owner.
- f) Mares passport (where the mare is registered with another approved passport issuing body), registration form, completed marking chart and Vet certified DNA sample together with the current fee are to be sent to Leisure Horse Ireland.
- g) Leisure Horse Ireland issues the passport to the owner / custodian when satisfied that all registration details are correct.
- h) The Passports shall state the category, i.e.
" Leisure Horse Ireland - Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook - Main Studbook Passport"
- i) By using the services of Leisure Horse Ireland to register an equine, the owner / custodian also consents to allow their details to be shared / provided to the DAFM AIM system (central database).

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(2) Supplementary Section Studbook registration procedure:

- a) Owner / custodian notifies Leisure Horse Ireland of their intention to register the horse.
- b) An owner / custodian may utilise a vet supplied marking chart or if requested Leisure Horse Ireland issues a registration kit to the owner / custodian, i.e. registration form, current identification marking chart and DNA envelope if pedigree is to be recorded.
- c) Owner / custodian appoints a registered veterinary surgeon at their own expense who confirms the animal details by taking the markings and scans for any pre-existing transponder.
 - i. Where no transponder exists in the animal, the registered veterinary surgeon must implant a compliant transponder (see definition).
 - ii. Where a pre existing transponder is found the owner / custodian must check with the issuing authorities in Ireland to ensure the animal was not registered previously. If the animal was registered previously the only course of action is to apply for a duplicate passport from that issuing authority.
 - iii. Where a pre existing transponder is found and it is established that the animal was not registered previously,
 - a) If the existing transponder is of a compliant type, this number must be detailed on the markings by the vet and may be used for registration.
 - b) If the existing transponder is not of a compliant type, a compliant transponder must also be implanted by the vet and both (or all) numbers detailed on the markings.
- d) If pedigree is to be recorded, this must be confirmed by a signed covering certificate from the stallion owner.
- e) The form providing owner / custodian details, completed marking chart, DNA envelope (if pedigree is being recorded) and the current fee are to be sent to Leisure Horse Ireland.
- f) Leisure Horse Ireland issues the passport to the owner / custodian when satisfied that all registration details are correct.
- g) The Passports shall state the category, i.e.
"Leisure Horse Ireland - Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook - Supplementary Studbook passport".
- h) By using the services of Leisure Horse Ireland to register an equine, the owner / custodian also consents to allow their details to be shared / provided to the DAFM AIM system (central database).

7. Registration Timeframe / Note on fitness for human consumption

In accordance with legislation, an Identification Document must be applied for, with all information and paperwork complete and correct, within 6 months of birth. Equines who have not had their Identification Document issued within 12 months of birth will be ineligible for slaughter for human consumption and will be classified accordingly in Section II Part II of the Identification Document. Furthermore, the identification document for equines identified after 12 months of birth shall state "Replacement Identification Document". Where animals are DNA typed and identified after 12 months of birth the identification document shall state "Duplicate Identification Document" as per Commission Regulation 2015/262.

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8. Identification system in the Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook

Horses are identified in the studbook by a 15-digit UELN registration number as follows:

- a. first three digits will be the country code (372 Ireland)
- b. next 3 digits relate to the LHI EU Approval Number (003)
- c. next two digits are gap numbers (00)
- d. Last 7 digits will be the individual LHI registration number and also correspond to the last 7 digits on the microchip number where possible.

9. Naming and Prefixes

- a. Horses are named at the time of registration.
If a name is not specified by the owner / custodian on the application form or a requested name is not available or deemed inappropriate, Leisure Horse Ireland will apply a randomly selected name to the animal.
Any name change requested thereafter will incur the current fee payable to Leisure Horse Ireland.
Any name chosen or selected must be unique as duplication of names is not permissible.
- b. If a breeder has a prefix name and this name is registered with Leisure Horse Ireland, this can also be used for naming at registration. Any horse named with a registered prefix cannot have its name changed without the permission of the person who owns the prefix. Prefix forms are available to download or upon request from Leisure Horse Ireland and the following rules apply:
 - i. The current fee payable will apply.
 - ii. Prefix may have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 20 characters.
 - iii. Prefix may be one word only.
 - iv. Breed names are not permitted.
 - v. The prefix name will be registered with Leisure Horse Ireland only.

10. Change of Ownership & Document Return:

In accordance with legislation a person has 30 days from the date of purchase to transfer an equine into their name. Failure to notify change of ownership to the PIO is an offence and carries heavy penalties on conviction. Both the seller and purchaser are required to keep a record of the transaction.

To complete a change of ownership the new owner must complete a change of ownership form and submit it to Leisure Horse Ireland, with the passport and the appropriate fee.

Change of ownership completed for owners outside of Ireland can only be returned to the owner by recorded delivery.

The new owner / custodian further consents to their information being shared on the DAFM / AIM central database.

The passport is issued as an aid to identification of the animal. It is not a certificate of legal ownership and should not be construed as such. The passport remains the property of Leisure Horse Ireland and can be recalled at any time. A passport must be returned to the appropriate Issuing Authority when:

- i. A transfer of ownership is to be recorded.
- ii. The animal to which it refers dies or is destroyed, or
- iii. The owner / custodian is requested to do so by the Issuing Authority.

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11. Duplicate / Reprinted Passports

If the identification document has been lost, stolen or destroyed you may apply to Leisure Horse Ireland for a duplicate passport using the designated form and submit the fee applicable. Where an animal is issued a duplicate passport they will be permanently excluded from the food chain and classified accordingly in Section II Part II of the Identification Document.

If desired you may apply for a current format identification document or if the identification document sustains damage, you may apply in writing to Leisure Horse Ireland seeking a reprint / new format identification document, pay the fee applicable and return the original document or what remains of the document. Depending on the circumstances and considering what remains of the original identification document, Leisure Horse Ireland will decide if a Duplicate or Reprinted document is appropriate and accordingly decide it's food chain status classification in Section II Part II of the Identification Document.

12. Stallion Approval

a. Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for Approval in the Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook, a stallion shall:

- i. Be entered in the Main or Supplementary section of The Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook and be termed 'main approved' or 'supplementary approved' as relevant.
- ii. Be at least three years old.
- iii. Meet the Breed Standard as outlined in Section 2 regarding colour requirements.
- iv. Have DNA analyzed by and the results recorded with the Approved Laboratory.
- v. Have passed a clinical veterinary examination by the owner / custodian appointed vet.

The Issuing Authority may require an Approved Stallion registered in the Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook to be re-examined at owner / custodian expense for inspection at the discretion of the Issuing Authority.

Stallions that do not meet the requirements as set out above are "Un-Approved". These stallions still have a right to breed and their progeny are eligible for entry in the studbook subject to meeting the criteria set out in these rules

b. Inspections

Owners / custodians of stallions which fail the clinical veterinary examination may appeal the findings of the examination. The procedure for making an appeal is as follows:

- i. The owner / custodian of the stallion must apply to the Issuing Authority to have the stallion re-examined, and
- ii. The owner / custodian of the stallion shall arrange, at their own expense, to have the stallion examined by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University College Dublin, or by a veterinary practice nominated by the Issuing Authorities, within one calendar month of the date of the original examination.
- iii. The stallion must be accompanied by a passport.
- iv. The decision of the appeal panel shall be final.

The re-examination shall only be carried out in respect of the condition for which the stallion originally failed the clinical veterinary examination and the decision of the Approved Veterinary College in respect of each examination shall be final.

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The Issuing Authority may require an Approved Stallion registered in the Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook to be re-presented for inspection at the discretion of the Issuing Authority.

c. Annual Licensing & Covering Certificates

Each year the Issuing Authority will provide covering books at the prescribed fee, to the Stallion owners / custodians of Approved Stallions in The Irish Piebald and Skewbald studbook who have paid the prescribed annual stallion registration fee, and who are obliged to:

- i. Record in the covering book on a daily basis, full details of all coverings of Mares by the Approved Stallion,
- ii. Hand over the Covering Books to the Issuing Authority by October 31st in each year or on demand.
- iii. Notify the Issuing Authority, on the Certificates provided in the Covering Books, of all coverings of Registered Mares by the Approved Stallions within four weeks of the date of covering,
- iv. Permit the registered Stallion to be inspected from time to time by the Issuing Authority,
- v. Notify the appropriate Issuing Authority of the death of the Approved Stallion.
- vi. Permit the Issuing Authority to take hair samples from the Approved Stallion from time to time.
- vii. Un-approved stallions will be issued with covering certificates upon request. A fee will be charged for this service. Progeny from unapproved stallions will be entered in Class 2 of the supplementary section of the studbook.

d. Publication of Lists of Approved Stallions.

The Issuing Authority will publish a List of Approved Stallions for public distribution.

e. Cancellation, Revocation or Alteration of Classification.

The Issuing Authority shall notify the stallion's owner / custodian of its intention to cancel, revoke or alter the approval issued in respect of a stallion. The owner / custodian shall be afforded the opportunity of making written representations to the Issuing Authority within fourteen days of the date of issue of the notification. The Issuing Authority shall consider such representations before issuing its decision in the matter.

Where Approval has been cancelled or revoked, the stallion may not be re-submitted for approval without the explicit written consent of the Issuing Authority.

13. Amendments to Rules & Procedures

- a. The Issuing Authority may without notice add to, vary, suspend or terminate the services they provide under these Rules and Procedures.
- b. The Issuing Authority may vary, amend or add to these Rules and Procedures. Any such change will be effective upon notice to owners / custodians of animals registered in the Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook. Notice will be by any means the Issuing Authorities think fit in so far as permitted by law.

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14. Rectification & Removal of Entries in the Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook

- a. Where the Issuing Authority is satisfied that an entry in The Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook may be incorrect, it may require the owner / custodian of the animal to engage a veterinary surgeon, at their expense, to take the animal's markings and / or to provide such certificates as the Issuing Authority may designate and / or to substantiate the pedigree recorded by DNA analysis.
- b. Where an Issuing Authority is satisfied that an entry in The Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook is incorrect it may without notice vary, amend, add to or expunge the entry in the Studbook. Any such change will be effective upon notice to the owner / custodian of the animal registered in the Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook.

15. Corrections/Amendments of Entries in The Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook

- a. Where the owner / custodian of an animal registered in The Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook wishes to amend, correct or otherwise update the registration, the owner / custodian should make an application to the Issuing Authority in writing, specifying the exact details of the amendment required and enclose the identification document issued in respect of the animal together with the current fee.
Whilst the Leisure Horse Ireland believes the information contained within its Horse Passports to be correct we cannot guarantee its accuracy, in particular where it is dependent on information supplied to us. Therefore, we cannot accept liability for any loss resulting from errors that may arise.
- b. The Issuing Authority may refuse to execute the requested amendment or may require the applicant to supply veterinary / DNA certificates, a new marking chart and confirmation of microchip number(s) in support of the application and may result in the animal being excluded from the food chain.

16. Appeals against Decisions of the Issuing Authority

- a. Where the Issuing Authority exercises a power conferred on it by these Rules and Procedures to the detriment of the interests of the owner / custodian of an animal registered, or for which registration is sought, in the Irish Piebald & Skewbald Studbook, the owner / custodian shall have the right to make and have considered written representations on the issue.
- b. The appeals procedure will be carried out in the following stages:

Stage I

An owner/ custodian who feels aggrieved in relation to any matter pertaining to Leisure Horse Ireland operations should, in the first instance, write to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Leisure Horse Ireland, making it clear that Stage I of the Appeals Procedure is being invoked. The CEO will reply as soon as is reasonably practicable, but in any case within thirty days from receipt of the letter from the appellant.

Stage II

If the grievance is not resolved at Stage I, or if a reply is not forthcoming from the CEO within thirty days, the owner / custodian may request in writing, that at their next board meeting, the board allow the owner / custodian to attend the meeting during the period that the grievance is being considered. At the boards discretion, the owner / custodian may be allowed to make an oral submission on the grievance. If the oral submission is allowed, the board will then reconsider the issue and must communicate its decision to the appellant within thirty days.

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Stage III

If the issue remains unresolved after Stage II, the owner / custodian may request an independent hearing, usually by an official of the Competent Authority. The board shall grant such a hearing. Appeals at Stage III 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 IV

Any dispute that remains unresolved after Stage III may be pursued by invoking provisions under the legal personality of Leisure Horse Ireland: the 1963 Companies Act.

All owner / custodians who use the services of Leisure Horse Ireland must abide by these rules, regulations and standards.