



GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Of

The Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc

As of 15.10.2016 replaces all previous
General Rules and Regulations,

General Rules and Regulations of the Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc

MEMBERSHIP

RULE 1:

Membership in the Association shall be as stated in Article 4 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc.

RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

RULE 2:

While in good standing, all Members shall have equal rights, interest and responsibilities with respect to the Association and its property; shall obey and be bound by all Articles of Incorporation, General Rules and Regulations of the Association, and decisions or actions of the Committee: shall have the right to attend any membership meeting; shall have floor privileges; and shall have the right to hold Committee assignments, except as otherwise limited.

RIGHT TO VOTE

RULE 3:

The right to vote and hold Office shall be by class of membership held:

- (a) Regular Member - one vote, whether the regular member is an individual, a partnership or a company;
- (b) Associate Membership: Deleted by Member Vote as of 1.10.2011;
- (c) Youth Member - no voting privileges;
- (d) School Member – no voting privileges; Nominated School Representative – one vote, school students with Youth Membership – no voting privileges

RIGHTS OF NON-MEMBERS

RULE 4:

In regards to individuals who are Non-members, but own Miniature Horse Association of Australia registered miniature horses, file registration applications and other documents with the Association, or participate in Association events, by such actions and in regard to such transactions, do thereby agree to be bound by all By-Laws, General Rules and Regulations of the Association and decisions and actions of the Committee, Non-members are ineligible to show at any Miniature Horse Association of Australia Inc approved event.

LITIGATION - OBLIGATION OF COST

RULE 5:

The Association has adopted the following provision for the mutual benefit of Members and with the intention of reducing the Association's litigation expenses, which expenses would ultimately be borne by Members and Non-members participating in Association activities. Every Member, by joining the Association, or Non-member, by purchasing MHAA ® registered miniature horses, filing registration applications or other documents with the Association, or participating in Association's approved events, does thereby agree: If unsuccessful in an attempt to overturn Association's decisions, actions, rules or regulations to reimburse the Association for its reasonable Attorney's fees, court and other expenses in defense of such suit.

FEES - CURRENCY

RULE 6:

All fees required by the Association shall be payable in Australian currency.

FEES - REGISTRATIONS

RULE 7:

For the purpose of this Association, all Geldings registration fees to be no more than half of the cost of mare registration fees, to encourage the gelding of male horses. For the same reason, the permanent registration fee for Stallions may be up to five times that of the permanent registration fee for Mares, in order to discourage indiscriminate retention of Entires.

REGISTRATION OF HORSES - FOUNDATION

RULE 8: DELETED

MEASUREMENT OF HORSES

RULE 9:

For Registration purposes, measurements of horses may be performed by any Regular Member of good standing, Registered Veterinary Practitioner, other than the Owner, Lessee, Vendor, Breeder or other interested party, or family member of the same. The onus is on the Member doing the measuring to ensure that it is done with the utmost care and honesty, as the name, address and signature of the measurer will be required on all applications calling for the height measurement, and these details may also be recorded on the registration certificates of the horse concerned, for all to witness. Measuring must be done with an official MHAA ® approved Measuring Stick. Lameness shall disqualify the measurement. In the case of the transfer of a horse, provided the Seller, Leaser, Agent and the Buyer, Lessee, Agent agree on the height and sign to that effect, the requirement for an independent measurer may be waived.

RULE 9 (a):

National Committee reserves the right, at any time, to request a re-measure of any Horse by a National Committee appointed measurer. The said Horse must be made available for the re-measure within twenty one (21) days of the request being made in writing or by email, to the registered owner.

Failure to comply will result in the immediate de-registration of the said Horse.

Rule 9 (b):

The National Committee reserves the right, at any time, to order any Horse to be examined for soundness by a qualified Veterinary Practitioner appointed by the National Committee. In the opinion of the examining Veterinary Practitioner, if the horse is found to be sound, the Association to pay all costs. In the event it is the opinion of the examining Veterinary Practitioner that the horse is unsound, in relation to any of the conditions reportable on the Association's official Certificate Of Soundness Form, the cost of the examination to be met by the registered owner. The said Horse must be examined by a Veterinary Practitioner, within twenty one (21) days of the Committee's advice in writing or by email to the registered owner, that the examination is required.

Failure to comply will result in the immediate de-registration of the said Horse.

MEASUREMENT PROCEDURE

RULE 10:

The correct procedure for height verification is to measure the vertical distance from the base of the last hairs on the mane, to the ground with the front two legs vertical and in line with or parallel to the measuring device, and the back of the hocks in a vertical line with the horse's buttocks. The horse's head and neck should be held in a natural position and the animal must stand squarely on all four feet. No height allowance will be made for excessive foot. After initial measurement, horses may not return more than one (1) time to be re-measured for the same occasion for which they were initially being measured. Lameness shall disqualify the measurement.

VIOLATIONS - REFUSAL TO ASSIST

RULE 11:

No person shall refuse, on reasonable request, to assist the Association, its Officers, Committees, or Agents, in locating, identifying, and inspecting, or to answer promptly and truthfully any inquiry concerning a horse or an ancestor thereof, in his or her ownership or control, which has been registered, or for which application to register has been made.

VIOLATIONS – MHAA ® PROPERTY

RULE 12:

Ownership of an issued MHAA ® registration certificate remains with the Association; the certificate is issued in reliance of a written application submitted and attested by the Owner and upon expressed condition that the Association has the privilege to correct and/or cancel the certificate for cause under its General Rules and Regulations.

VIOLATIONS - REFUSAL TO RETURN MHAA ® PROPERTY

RULE 13:

No person shall refuse an Association request for the return of a registration certificate, either before, after, or pending a hearing to determine registration or participation privileges in Association's approved events. The Association may retain possession of a certificate until resolution of the matter for which the return of the certificate was requested.

DISRESPECT OF PERSON

RULE 14:

In the furtherance of their official duties all Association Representatives shall be treated with courtesy, co-operation, and respect, and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

NON-PAYMENT OF OBLIGATION

RULE 15:

Any Member may be suspended and denied privileges of the Association and any Non-member may be denied privileges of the Association by the President for the failure to pay when due any obligation owing to the Association; provided that fifteen (15) days before action by the President, written notice of the account due and the intention to suspend or withhold privileges of the Association shall be mailed to such Member or Non-member.

The membership rights of all Members whose cheques are returned to the Association be suspended until replacement cleared funds are deposited in the bank account of MHAA ® along with the current dishonor fee. No further paperwork will be processed at National Office and the Official Publication subscription of the Member will also be suspended until the matter is resolved.

INTENT TO VIOLATE

RULE 16:

A Member or Non-member shall not conspire with another person(s) to intentionally violate the Constitution and General Rules and Regulations of the Association, or to knowingly contribute or co-operate with another person(s), either by affirmative action or inaction, to violate the Constitution and General Rules and Regulations of the Association. Violation of this Rule shall subject such Member or Non-member to disciplinary action, whether or not such person has actually signed reports filed with the Association asserted to be true or correct.

1. Influencing an Official - It shall be illegal to influence a horse show Judge by reason of favors, coercion, or monetary gain.
2. Intent to Malign - No person shall engage in any act adversely affecting the purpose, Objectives or good name of the Miniature Horse Association of Australia, Inc.

FRAUDULENT PRACTICES

RULE 17:

1. False Endorsements - No person shall represent, by advertisement, claim, or otherwise, that a horse has earned or is entitled to any official Association designation, honors, or titles, prior to actual recording of such designation, honor, or title in the records of the Association.
2. False Representations - No person shall represent any horse owned or managed by him or her to be registered with the Association unless the same is registered in the official records of the Association; and, no person shall represent as a Miniature Horse any horse other than those horses which meet MHAA ® established definition of a miniature horse and for which a certificate of registration was issued.
3. False statements - All information furnished to the Association as a basis for any action by the Association or any of its Officers with respect to any horse, must be true and correct.
4. False certificates - No person, Firm, or Corporation shall issue, sell, exchange, give away, or receive, or offer to do any thereof, any false or fraudulent certificate, representing the same to be a genuine official certificate issued by the Association.
5. False identification - No person, Firm, or Corporation shall sell, give away, exchange, or receive any registration certificates of the Association without the transfer of the same and correct horse.
6. Name of Horse - No person shall advertise, or enter in any horse event or competition, any horse registered with the Association by any other name than its complete registered name.
7. Ringers and Look-a-likes - No person shall represent as a registered Miniature Horse, any horse other than the horse for which the MHAA ® certificate was issued.
8. Alteration of Certificate - No change in or alteration of a certificate of registration or identification required by the Association shall be made except by the Association upon proper evidence of the necessity for such change or alteration, by reason of change in colour or markings; change in height, mistake or the like; nor shall any person display or advertise or have in his or her possession any such certificate that has been changed or altered otherwise than by the Association or on its authority.
9. Alteration of markings - No person shall alter, in any way change, or attempt to hide or alter the natural markings of a horse, by surgery, dye, or any other manner.

10. Cosmetic surgery - Any surgical procedure, other than gelding, which should affect the horse's performance or alter its natural conformation or appearance is prohibited, except for those surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed Veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the horse.

INVESTIGATION AND DISCIPLINE

RULE 18:

The Committee may investigate circumstances involving possible violation of the Constitution and General Rules or Regulations. After investigation, the Committee will decide whether possible violations can be satisfactorily resolved by agreement for corrective action with the person involved, or whether a notice will be issued to that person as in Article 9 of the Constitution and By-Laws, and dealings will proceed as laid down in Article 9.

After investigation, and the issuing of a notice to the person concerned, the Committee may also suspend that person's use of the Association's privileges pending an appeal or hearing and decision by the Committee, if they find that such suspension is necessary for the protection of third parties or of the Association's purposes and good name. Notice of such suspension will be mailed to the person charged.

The MHAA ® reserves the right to investigate the circumstances involving any possible violation of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations which occur within shows involving the MHAA ®, its Members or MHAA ® registered horses in shows that are run in conjunction with the MHAA ® and any other Association, Society or Organization it further more reserves the right to discipline Members who are found to have broken those Constitution, Rules and Regulations be those Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the MHAA ® or those of the Association, Society or Organization the shows is run in conjunction with.

The MHAA ® in doing so does not in any way preclude the other Association, Society or Organization from taking action with regard of the matter and dealing with it in their own right as they see fit.

PENALTIES

RULE 19:

Any Member may be suspended or expelled from the Association, and any Member or Non-member may be denied any and all privileges of the Association by the Committee whenever it is established by satisfactory evidence that such Member or Non-member has violated any pertinent By-law, Rule, Regulation or policy of the Association.

1. On or after such time as any person has been suspended, expelled or denied Association's privileges, in addition to other provisions of these rules or policies of the Association, the following restrictions may apply -

(a) Participation, Accredited Privileges - Such person shall not participate, and shall be ineligible to participate in any MHAA approved events, shows, or functions, nor shall such person be eligible to hold any other Association accreditation.

(b) Registration and Transfer Privileges - Such person shall not be eligible to register any horse with the Association, nor transfer registered horses into his or her name.

(c) All offspring's eligibility for Registration - No horse shall be registered which is either sired by a stallion or out of a mare owned by such person during the suspension period or after expulsion from MHAA when the breeding date is on or subsequent to the date of disciplinary action. All records of breeding for the twelve (12) months prior to the disciplinary action, under this rule, shall be submitted on proper written and signed forms, within fourteen (14) days after notice of disciplinary action.

(d) Horse's Eligibility to participate in Shows - No horse which is recorded in the name of such person, is eligible to participate in any event approved or recognized by the Association, as shows and sales.

(e) Personal Signature Recognition - The Association shall not accept the signature of such person, on registration applications, breeding certificates, or stallion breeding reports evidencing breeding on or after date of such disciplinary action.

i) Such signatures will be honored on transfers and bills of sale for the purpose of allowing such disciplined person to transfer horses recorded in his or her ownership at the time of such disciplinary action.

ii) Written leases filed with the Association prior to time of disciplinary action and covering horses owned by the disciplined person shall remain valid and the signature of the lessee shall be accepted during the term of lease, but for no renewal thereof.

(f) Any Member who has been suspended or expelled cannot hold a State or National Committee position for three (3) years after their privileges have been restored. This ruling is not to be retrospective and can only be enforced from the time of acceptance – 28.9.2008.

2. Agents and Employees - If any person acting as an Agent for the Owner of a horse or any person having horses owned by another in his or her care, custody or control, is found to have violated these Rules and Regulations, the Committee may proceed against that person as provided for in these Rules. In addition, the Committee may direct the Association to refuse acceptance of any registration, or transfer of certificates of registration, or breeder's certificates, or all three, for horses which are in such person's care, custody or control.

3. Further Action - During the period of expulsion, suspension, or denial of Association's privileges, failure to comply with these restrictions and any other expressed condition or restriction of said disciplinary action, may constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

4. Publication - When a Member is disciplined, suspended, or expelled, or a Non-member is denied membership privileges, notice of the imposition of any penalties of any person, other than private censure, including duration of the action taken will be published in the official publication of the Association.

5. Restoration of Privileges - The Committee may restore privileges, including membership, to any person who has been denied privileges pursuant to this rule, upon application and satisfactory showing by such person that restoration of privileges is warranted.

6. Notices - Any and all notices required or permitted under these rules and regulations will be deemed given on the date such notice is mailed to a person's last known address according to the Association's records.

RECORDS

RULE 20:

1. Individual Personal Requirements - Any person subject to these General Rules and Regulations may be required to supply such information and documents as the Association may determine to be necessary with respect to the registration of horses or the transfer of registration certificates.

(a) Record keeping - Complete and accurate records of breeding (hand and pasture breeding), foaling, etc., must be kept in permanent form by owner of horses, and these records must be made available to the Association as may be determined necessary with respect to the registration of horses or the transfer of registration certificates.

(b) Failure to keep or show Records - If the Association determines that no systematic and satisfactory plan for keeping records is in use, or if no records are made available upon the Association's written request for compliance, the Association may, for up to forty-five (45) days, temporarily refuse registration or transfer of registration certificates from such owner until the records are complete. If during that forty-five day period the owner fails to demonstrate compliance with the Association's request to provide the office with such paperwork or for keeping and maintaining a systematic and satisfactory set of records, the Association may proceed against the owner under the rules of Disciplinary procedure.

2. Annual Reports –

(a) Stallion breeding reports shall be submitted to the MHAA ® office by August 1st of each year. If a breeding stallion dies during any current breeding year, his stallion report is due within thirty days following his death.

(b) Annual horse returns shall be submitted to the MHAA ® office by August 1st of each year, by all Members, showing all horses owned or leased by them at that time.

(c) A properly completed Service Certificate must be issued by the stallion Owner to the Owner of any mare covered by the Stallion on or before 31st of July of the breeding season in which the mare was served. The failure of a Member to provide a Service Certificate or to include the relevant details on an annual stallion breeding report may constitute grounds for disciplinary action.

3. Right to Refuse, Deny, or Cancel Registrations - The Association shall only accept miniature horses that qualify for registration, and deny request for registration, transfer, or cancel such paperwork under the Constitution and General Rules and Regulations of the Association. Should the Association take any such action, the Association will notify the person(s) involved or applicant in writing, who then may request a hearing to determine the validity of action taken.

(a) Request for hearing - The request must: Be in writing; state all grounds and reasons upon which the applicant relies for determining valid registration, and be received by the Association within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Notice of denial or cancellation.

(b) Burden of proof - If a request for a hearing is received in accordance with this rule, a hearing will be held as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws on hearings and appeals. In all disciplinary matters the burden of proof lies with the charged person.

The applicant or person(s) seeking registration or to retain or change status of registration of a horse will have the burden of proving the horse qualifies for registration in MHAA ®. In all proceedings concerned with or affecting the registration and records of the Association, the burden of resolving any doubt as to the true parentage or identification of a horse shall be upon the applicant, owner, lessee, or other Member(s) involved. If no request for a hearing is received within the required time period the decision of the Association stands as final.

4. Procedure for Denial or Cancellation of Registration - The Association may propose to deny or cancel the registration of a horse if it finds that there are reasonable grounds to believe:

(a) That the horse does not meet the requirements for registration; or

(b) That the horse identified as the subject of registration is not the same horse the certificate is issued to or requested for; or

(c) That any information on the application or registration certificate is determined false or incorrect. The Association will advise the recorded Owner in writing of any proposal to deny or cancel the registration and the reason supporting this proposal. The recorded Owner shall have thirty (30) days to provide the MHAA® Registry Office with information preventing the denial or cancellation. If such information does not resolve the difficulty, the decision of the Registrar stands, and the recorded Owner may then request a hearing or appeal or as per the Constitution and the General Rules and Regulations.

5. Publication - Notice of any cancellation of certificates of registration will be published in the official publication.

RULE 20.11

Every entire used to cover a mare/s is to have DNA Profile on file prior to any subsequent Foal registration. This is to come into effect from 2012/2013 breeding season.

RULE 20.II:2:

Every Mare is to have DNA Profile on file, prior to a Foal being registered from that Mare. This is to come into effect for Foals born in the 2020/2021 breeding season and each season thereafter.

QUALIFICATION AS A MINIATURE OR SMALL HORSE

RULE 21:

1. A Miniature Horse for the purpose of these Rules and for registration purposes with the Miniature Horse Association of Australia, Inc., is: a horse which complies with the height requirements of Article 26, Rule 21.2(e) and Show Rule III, measured in the manner laid down in Rule 10, and which conforms to the Standard of Excellence for the Breed, as put forward by the Miniature Horse Association of Australia, Inc. (See Standard of Excellence). A horse may be refused registration or disqualified from registration for any of the following:

- (a) Not meeting height requirements;
- (b) Dwarfism;
- (c) Overshot mouth (3mm maximum allowable);
- (d) Undershot or parrot mouth (3mm maximum allowable);
- (e) Monorchids or cryptorchids in stallions;
- (f) Lockstifle, congenital cataract, nasal disease, navicular disease, or malformation of the genitals;
- (g) Any other determinable Genetic Fault.

2. Eligibility for Registration - As per Article 26 of the Constitution and By-Laws:

- (a) Temporary Registration or foal recording is available for qualified horses from birth to the actual age of 24 months provided both parents are registered with MHAA®.

(b) Temporary Adult Registration is available for a qualified miniature horse with Temporary Registration at the actual age of 24 months; for a qualified miniature horse at the actual age of 24 months which is registered with another recognized horse registry; and for a qualified miniature horse which has previously not been registered with any recognized miniature registry and is between the ages of 24 and 48 months. All Stallions Applying for Temporary Adult Registration to have an approved current (as per rule 24) Certificate of Soundness as per the Association Form.

(c) Permanent Registration is available for a qualified miniature horse once it has attained the actual age of 48 months. Stallion registration requires an approved Certificate of Soundness as per the Association Form.

(d) Deleted by Member Resolution prior to 2001.

(e) There shall be Miniature Horses and Small Horses:

MINIATURE HORSE height requirements are:

- (i) Horse up to but not including 6 months of age shall not exceed 28" in height
- (ii) Horses 6 months up to but not including 12 months of age shall not exceed 30" in height
- (iii) Horses 12 months up to and not including 24 months of age shall not exceed 32" in height.
- (iv) Horses 24 months up to and not including 36 months of age shall not exceed 33" in height.
- (v) Horses 36 months and over shall not exceed 34" in height.

SMALL HORSE height requirements are:

- (i) Horses up to but not including 12 months of age shall not exceed 34" in height
- (ii) Horses 12 months up to and not including 24 months of age shall not exceed 36" in height
- (iii) Horses 24 months up to and not including 36 months of age shall not exceed 37" in height.
- (iv) Horses 36 months and over shall not exceed 38" in height.

Definition: A 'qualified' miniature horse is one which meets the requirements of Rule 21 Paragraph (1).

(f) A horse shall where necessary be transferred from one category to the other upon an upgrade. Otherwise a Member shall apply to transfer the horse to the correct height category within thirty (30) days from its height causing this to be necessary. Pending transfer to the correct category a horse may be shown in the height category to which it is to be transferred.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

RULE 22:

Applicants must complete, sign and submit proper MHAA ® registration application forms, with two photographs (one of each side), to the Registry Office of the MHAA ®. The photographs used for the purpose of registration must be free from, including but not limited to Show Sashes, Garlands and any other decoration and adornments that in the view of the Registrar may impede the full visualization of the animal.

That registration forms include additional space to allow for further parentage records. This pedigree can then be extended on the registration certificates.

1. Responsibility - The Owner of the dam at time of foaling is responsible for registration of the foal. If a foal is to be listed in another party's name than the Owner of the dam at the time of foaling, then a transfer report and fee shall be required.

2. Naming of Horse - The Owner of the dam at time of foaling has the right to name the offspring. The name of the horse cannot be a duplication of any other name recorded on the records of the Registry, and must be distinguished by a prefix or suffix which has not been used by another farm, or breeder. The names of

established families or celebrated Miniature Horses, Studs, Prefixes and Suffixes (whether in Australia or Overseas) may only be applied to a Miniature Horse or Stud having some ancestral claim thereto. The Committee may refuse to allow any name which it considers to be misleading, misapplied or contrary to the interests of the Association and/or the Members.

3. Stud Prefixes - Prefixes and suffixes must be reserved and registered by request and the payment of required fee to the Association. Foals may not be registered by a Breeder until that Breeder has registered a prefix or suffix with the MHAA®. That all animals of any age applying for registration must carry the original breeders prefix and registered name if registered with another Association or Registry (e.g. AMPS, AMHA). This prevents a horse being registered under two different names in different Associations.

4. Alteration - Names of horses may not be changed after registration.

5. Breeder - The owner of the dam at the time of the birth of a foal shall be listed as the breeder of said foal for all records.

6. Temporary Registration - Any horse registered temporarily shall be eligible for permanent status at age of 48 months. Any horse must be brought to permanent status within six (6) months after becoming eligible. If not brought permanent, temporary papers will be revoked.

7. Term of Temporary Registration - Temporary certificate shall contain the following phrase on the front of the certificate: "This certificate is valid until (date) unless horse exceeds height for age. Registration will be revoked six months after said date if application is not made for permanent status".

8. Reinstatement - Revoked registration papers may be reinstated provided the horse meets height requirements, by paying a nominal fee as set by the committee. This rule to be applied retrospectively.

9. Foals of Temporary Registered Parents

(a) No foal shall be accepted into the registry while either parent's papers have been revoked.

(b) No foal may be registered if either parent is eligible for permanent registration until both parents are brought permanent.

(c) The height of the temporarily registered sire and/or dam is required on the foal's certificate along with the word 'Temporary'.

(d) If the height of the temporary registered sire or dam exceeds height requirements no further foals will be allowed to be registered to them. Foals previously registered shall not be affected.

10. Registration Numbers - The Association will issue registration numbers in consecutive order, based upon the order in which the applications are processed by the Association.

REGISTRATION OF IMPORTED HORSES

RULE 23:

Horses holding any recognized overseas Miniature Horse Registry papers may be registered with MHAA®, providing that following:

(a) They meet height for age guidelines;

(b) They are currently registered with a recognized overseas Miniature Horse Registry;

(c) Importer / owner to provide a copy of overseas registration, both front and back to show parentage and ownership;

(d) Horse applying for registration has DNA on file;

(e) Deleted by Member Resolution prior to 2001;

(f) Stallions hold current Certificate of Soundness on MHAA® Forms;
(g) All other rules in the Constitution are followed except rule 21(2) (a);
The fee for the registration of imported Horses to be determined by the Committee;

(h) The original importer must register Horse in their name with the Association prior to any Transfer being accepted.

PAPERWORK, CURRENT DETAILS TO BE SUPPLIED

RULE 24:

All details and photographs supplied for Registration and Transfers must be CURRENT, (no older than 60 days prior to being received by the Association), and must be originals, not photocopies.

CERTIFICATES

RULE 25:

The Association shall issue a Certificate of Registration based upon information submitted on the proper form attesting to the qualification for registration.

1. Transfer without Signature of Recorded Owner - Whenever legal title to a registered horse passes to another by reason of death of the recorded owner, by reason of foreclosure of any liens, or by any order or decree of court, or otherwise by operation of law, the Association may transfer the registration of such horse to the new owner upon:

(a) Order of a court of jurisdiction or other satisfactory proof of authority for transfer;

(b) Payment of the transfer fee and any reasonable cost and expenses of investigation; and

(c) Satisfaction of such other requirements as may be adopted by the Association.

2. General Transfers of Ownership - all transfers of ownership of registered miniature horses, shall be duly recorded on the correct Association transfer form, and forwarded, together with the prescribed fee, to the Association within three (3) months of the transfer taking place. Failure to comply within this time, will cause an additional fee to be charged.

3. Sale without Certificate of Registration - If a registered horse is sold without the certificate of registration, the certificate must be surrendered by the recorded Owner to the Association for cancellation.

4. Duplicate certificates - To obtain a duplicate certificate of registration, the recorded owner must file with the Association a completed affidavit satisfactorily explaining the loss of the original certificate, and pay the duplication fee. Upon approval by the Association, a duplicate certificate, so marked, will be issued to the recorded Owner.

5. Replacement Certificates - To obtain a replacement for a certificate which has been torn, mutilated, soiled or otherwise defaced, but which is identifiable, the recorded Owner must submit the original certificate to the Association for identification and pay the replacement certificate fee.

6. Certificate Corrections - A recorded Owner may request a change in the horse's height, markings, or colour as shown on the certificate by submitting the certificate of registration to the Association along with a signed affidavit of height or statements attesting to the corrections or changes, and submit such additional information as may be required by the Association. There shall be no charge for an amended or corrected certificate.

7. After a colt or stallion is gelded, the certificate of registration must be submitted to the Association by the recorded Owner, together with notification of the procedure. A new certificate will be issued at no charge. Stallions registered after 23/8/92 and subsequently gelded will receive 50% of registration fee refunded on provision of Veterinary Certificate of gelding.

8. Cancellation upon death of a Horse - Upon the death of a registered horse, its certificate of registration and a statement signed by the recorded owner showing the date of death must be submitted to the Association for recording. Upon request the Association will mark the cancellation on the back of the certificate and return it to the recorded owner.

9. New Pictures required - Under all sections of Rule 25, new photographs may be required.

LEASES

RULE 26:

For a lease of a horse to be recognized by the Association whether for breeding or showing purposes, written notice of its existence shall be filed with the MHAA @ Office, signed by both the Lessor (or authorized agent) and Lessee (or authorized agent) along with the fee outlined in the fee schedule. The notice shall provide the effective date of the lease, the name and registration number of the horse, and may provide a termination date. Otherwise it may be terminated by written notice, giving termination date, signed by both the Lessor and Lessee; or by a properly executed transfer, report which shows a change of ownership from Lessor to Lessee and which is signed by the Lessor. No additional fee shall be charged for termination, whether automatic or by subsequent notice thereof.

1. Recognition - The Miniature Horse Association of Australia, Inc will recognize only one lease per horse.
2. Recordation - In regard to Association procedures, recordation of notice of lease, authorizes a Lessee to execute all documents pertaining to the recognized activities of breeding and showing, regardless of any limitation in the actual lease agreement. Enforcement against Lessee of limitation on use of the horse is solely the responsibility of the Lessor.
3. Transfer of Ownership - During the effective term of the lease the Miniature Horse Association of Australia, Inc., will not record subsequent changes in ownership until the lease is terminated; and only the Lessee (or authorized agent) is authorized to sign breeder's certificate, stallion breeding report or registration application pertaining to the leased horse.

BREEDING REQUIREMENTS

RULE 27:

1. Forty-two Day Rule - After a mare has been exposed or bred, either hand or pasture breeding, to one stallion, at least forty-two (42) days must elapse before exposing the mare to a different stallion.
2. Pasture Breeding - Only one colt or stallion over the age of six months may run with a mare or group of mares in a pasture and they must be enclosed by permanent fencing maintained in such manner that no other stallion can cover a mare.

AMENDMENTS

RULE 28:

These General Rules and Regulations can be amended at any Annual or General Meeting as per the Constitution and By-laws.

ASSOCIATION NOT LIABLE

RULE 29:

Deleted and moved to Constitution as Article 36.

HARDSHIP

RULE 30:

Where compliance with any single Rule or Regulation is deemed to be unduly difficult, application may be made to the Committee for a discretionary alternative. Until an approved discretionary alternative is given, each Member must abide by all General Rules and Regulations as defined.

ARTIFICIAL BREEDING

RULE 31:

Artificial breeding, specifically Artificial Insemination and Embryo Transfer “Fresh, chilled or Frozen, are Allowed under strict limits and guidelines as set by the Committee of Management.

These Restrictions include:

1 Annual limits on the number of foals registrable as produced via Embryo transfer “Fresh, Chilled or Frozen” per donor mare.

2 Lifetime limits on the number of foals registrable as produced via Embryo transfer “Fresh, Chilled or Frozen” per donor mare.

3. That DNA finger-printing or blood-typing be undertaken of foals resulting from AI Breeding “Fresh, Chilled or Frozen” to be DNA & Parent Qualified to prove Parentage beyond doubt.

4 That only adult MHAA® registered Miniature or Small Horses, be used as donors or surrogates, for any form of artificial breeding “Fresh, chilled or Frozen”.

5 Other Restrictions as set by the Committee of Management.

NATIONAL SHOW

RULE 32:

No major MHAA ® shows will be conducted in direct opposition to the National Show.

RECOGNIZED OVERSEAS ASSOCIATION

RULE 33:

That the MHAA ® add to its list of Recognized Associations & Societies the American Miniature Horse Association (USA) and that in addition to the conditions that apply to currently recognized Australian Associations and Societies that a Certificate of Soundness on MHAA ® forms be provided duly executed by a Veterinarian practicing with current Australia Qualifications. Horses under the age of two years will not be included. Age is determined by actual birth date. The fee for registration is set at double the fee to register a horse of the same age that is from two MHAA ® registered parents with the exception of dispensation being granted by a simple majority vote of the National Committee to apply a discount based on volume or other criteria the Committee may deem appropriate. Onus of proof of registration including but not limited to DNA lies with the Member applying for the registration. Completed, clearly legible, copies of registration certificates must be submitted to the MHAA ® Registry Office. All horses must meet MHAA ® registry requirements. The MHAA ® reserves the right to refuse cancel or suspend any registration at the sole discretion of the National Committee.