

**The Pinto Horse & Pony Association Inc.**  
**Rules and Regulations.**

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The Pinto Horse & Pony Association Inc. will be referred to as “the association” in these Rules & Regulations.

**1. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

- (a) To become a member the PHPA Inc the PHPA application form for membership must be completed and returned with the applicable fee to the Secretary.
- (b) To register a horse with the assn the owner or lessee must be a financial PHPA member (see classes of membership)
- (c) A member is not required to own a Pinto; however an ‘Associate membership’ will be required if showing a Pinto for another financial member (2.c)
- (d) The Assn reserves the right to accept or reject any application for membership.

**2. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP:**

- (a) Family Membership – includes 2 Adults and all children (immediate family only) under the age of 19 years.
- (b) Adult Membership – single membership for persons 19 years or older
- (c) Associate Membership - for persons with interests within the assn; either business or pleasure, professional trainer or non pinto owners who will be showing for a financial member.
- (d) Junior Membership – for persons 7 years and under the age of 19 years, junior applications must be signed by a parent or guardian. \* Junior members are only permitted to have 2 Pintos registered in their name.
- (e) Amateur Owner Membership – youth attaining 19 years of age and adults who have not been ‘professional’ for a period of no less than 3 years. \*Professional refers to a person who receives remuneration directly or indirectly for breaking, training, schooling, driving, halter & show preparation, showing in halter or under saddle; conducting clinics, seminars or giving instruction to any other person in showing, training or riding. Prize money received at a show is not considered remuneration.

**3. MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP:**

- (a) Registration applications made in the name of a partnership – all partners must be members of the assn. The application must be accompanied by a letter of authority signed by all partners granting permission for one person to act as ‘nominee’ on behalf of the partnership.
- (b) Registration applications made in the name of a corporation – the application must be accompanied by a letter of authority nominating an agent to act on behalf of the corporation.
- (c) Family membership – any financial family member may submit a registration application in his or her name; applications submitted by members under the age of 19 must include the signature of one financial parent or guardian.

**4. VOTING:**

Only financial members of the association are permitted to vote at general meetings as follows -

- (a) Family - 2 Adult votes.
- (b) Adult - 1 vote.
- (c) Associate - not permitted to vote.
- (d) Junior - not permitted to vote.

## **5. PINTO DEFINITION:**

- (a) The Pintos markings are special genetic traits – the coat patterns were originally known as “Piebald”, being of Black and White colouring or “Skewbald”, being of Chestnut, Brown or Bay and White colouring (see coat patterns)
- (b) The PHPA acceptable Pinto is of ‘light horse’ type. The PHPA Inc. has chosen to follow the original ‘Pintos Australia’ type of the Light Horse; horses of Heavy Horse ancestry, including Clydesdales and Gypsy Cobs are not accepted, nor does it register horses of Standardbred, Saddlebred or Gaited Horse breeding, or those of Appaloosa or Palouse breeding.  
PHPA Inc. Qld accepts the Miniature as it meets the riding type criteria that the PHPA Inc. Qld. hold as the standard of horse acceptable within their registry
- (c) Pintos meeting the type are expected to exhibit sound conformation, attractiveness and show good quality of breeding.

## **6. DEFINITION OF COAT PATTERNS:**

There are 4 basic coat patterns.

- (a) Tobiano – (toe-bee-ah-no)  
The Tobiano is basically a white horse with large, usually smooth patches of colour on the head, upper neck, chest, flanks & tail. A variation is a predominantly dark horse with white socks and white markings on the neck and/or shoulder and/or buttock. Tobiano is a dominant gene requiring a Tobiano parent to produce Tobiano.
- (b) Overo – (o-vair-o)  
The Overo is a solid coloured horse with white markings of irregular shaped, jagged edges which run on the side of the horse and usually spread towards the neck, legs and back. Colour appears to ‘frame’ the white areas. Overo’s often have wide blazes, bald or apron markings on the face, they may have blue or glass eyes; the legs may be solid or 1 or more legs may have long white stockings, however no white crosses the neckline or backline.
- (c) Tobero -  
Horses which show definite characteristics of Tobiano and Overo are referred to as Tobero.
- (d) Sabino -  
Sabino can be produced from solid matings, it is a dark coloured horse with a white (baldy) or apron face, solid colour legs or long white stockings, white belly splash with the white always running from the bottom upwards. Sabino may be in the bloodline of the horses you breed with.
- (e) Other recognised patterns –  
Tovero  
Splashed White  
Medicine Hat - basically a white horse, usually Tovero but can also be either Tobiano or Overo, which shows nil or a minimal amount of colour on its ears, there may also be a small amount of colour along the back and bottom line of the neck, these are referred to as Shielded Medicine Hat.

## **7. TYPICAL PINTO CHARACTERISTICS:**

- (a) The presence of the lesser colour on the legs above the knees and hocks.
- (b) Apron face.
- (c) White on jaw.
- (d) Pink skin under white hairs and/or a blue zone between white hair and other colour present.
- (e) Two coloured mane or tail (not flaxen).
- (f) White under belly which extends into view (8c)

## **8. COLOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION:**

- (a) The Ideal Pinto has a 50/50% distribution of coat colour and white markings, however acceptable patterns range from the predominantly white to the predominantly dark horse.
- (b) The Pinto must have noticeable markings on the body, not including the face or below the level of the elbow or stifle; jawbone markings are acceptable.
- (c) The less of the two colours should meet the minimum requirements, only colour visible from an eye height of 5 ft (1.5 m) at a distance of 10 ft (3 m ) shall be considered.
  - 1. Half an A4 size page of white must be visible for ponies not exceeding 12hh.
  - 2.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an A4 size page of white must be visible for ponies over 12hh and not exceeding 14hh.
  - 3. A full A4 size page of white must be visible for horses over 14hh.
- (d) A maximum of three coloured areas are to be considered in assessing the minimum colour requirements which may be the three largest present.
- (e) No discrimination will be made against the colour of the eyes.
- (f) Light or dark skin will only be taken into account in the case of a Grey Pinto whose markings have faded out.
- (g) In borderline cases where colour requirement is questionable the presence of 2 or more Pinto characteristics shall determine eligibility.
- (h) A Pinto may be white and any other colour ie: Bay, Black, Chestnut, Grey, Brown, Palomino etc.
- (i) Breeding stock with less than the minimal colour requirements but having at least 2 Pinto characteristics and authenticated Pinto ancestry may apply for registration in the foundation registry.
- (j) Solid coloured horses with authenticated Sabino ancestry producing Sabino progeny may also apply for registration in the foundation registry.
- (k) Apparent solid colour horses with authenticated Pinto ancestry producing Tobiano progeny from authenticated matings to solid coloured partners may also apply for registration in the foundation register.
- (l) Foals showing colour pattern on the body which may be in doubt of meeting the minimum adult requirements on reaching maturity may be accepted into the foal recording register and reviewed at adult upgrade between 2 and 4 years. Owners may request a classification at their expense.

## **9. REGISTRATION & RECORDING:**

Eligibility will be determined by the registrar, questionable cases will be reviewed by the management committee before a registration certificate is issued. The decision of the committee is final.

Registration applications will only be accepted from financial members of the assn.

The committee may request a Veterinary Certificate for any pending registration if they deem it necessary before the registration application is approved; a Veterinary Certificate may also be requested of any registered horse if called into question.

### **THE ASSOCIATION MAINTAINS THE FOLLOWING REGISTERS FOR IDENTIFYING PINTO STOCK:**

- (a) Foal Recording Register: Pinto foals must be upgraded before reaching the age of 4 years.  
To upgrade the following must be provided before an Adult registration certificate will be issued:
  - (1) Completed adult registration application form.
  - (2) Payment of the applicable fee.
  - (3) Six recent photographs – do not send photocopies, original photos on quality photo lab paper must be supplied.
  - (4) The foal recording certificate must be returned with the upgrade application for Colts, Fillies and Geldings.
  - (5) Colts upgrading to Stallion must provide a current Veterinary Certificate, 6 new photos – 2 of which

must be signed by a Veterinary Surgeon, completed upgrade form and the applicable fee.

- (6) Colts must be upgraded before standing at stud.
- (7) Fillies upgrading to Mare must return completed upgrade form, 6 new photos and the applicable fee.
- (8) Geldings upgrading from foal recording to adult must return completed upgrade form, 6 new photos and the applicable fee.
- (b) Adult Pinto Register:
  - 1. Stallions - must pass a veterinary inspection and supply a vet certificate verifying the animal sound and free of hereditary defect. A fee of \$1000 will be payable if a Colt is stood at stud prior to upgrading to adult registration, resulting foals will not be recognised by that sire unless the upgrade is carried out. The Stallion upgrade form must be completed and returned (and registration application for new Stallion registrations) applicable fee's and photos must also be supplied.
  - 2. Mares and Geldings – must supply completed registration application forms, 6 photos and the applicable fee; if upgrading please return foal recording certificate.
  - 3. Any Pinto application shall be declined if the applicant shows any characteristics described in rule 10.

(c) The Foundation Register:

1. For breeding stock having insufficient colour to meet the colour requirements for Adult registration but are of documented Pinto breeding. This registry is for the purpose of identifying and recording bloodlines and pedigrees of breeding stock.

N.B. Animals recorded in foundation register are not eligible to compete as a Pinto at any show.

BREEDING REQUIREMENTS:

- (a) Pinto stallions or colts must have 2 registered parents (not necessarily both Pinto parents)
- (b) Pinto mares or fillies must have 1 registered parent (Not necessarily a Pinto parent)
- (c) Pinto geldings can be registered with unknown breeding.

HARDSHIP CLAUSE:

Pintos of unknown breeding - applications can be submitted for foal recording or registration of Pintos with unknown breeding on both sides. If the Pinto is passed by the committee on photo assessment and the appropriate paperwork and fee is paid, a certificate will be issued. (All stallions must pass a vet inspection).

When a foundation mare is bred she must be bred to a registered stallion (not necessarily a pinto stallion) for the resultant foal if a pinto to be eligible for registration.

**10. HORSES INELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION:**

- (a) Horses with Appaloosa or Palouse ancestry or characteristics are not eligible for registration, horses developing such characteristics after registration or breeding stock consistently bearing progeny with Appaloosa or Palouse characteristics will be deregistered.
- (b) Horses with Standardbred, Saddlebred or Gaited Horse ancestry, or Clydesdale, Gypsy Cobb or Heavy Horse ancestry will not be eligible for registration.
- (c) Any stock with the following hereditary faults will not be eligible for registration -
  - \*Cryptorchidism, \*Monorchidism, \*Parrot Mouth (overshot jaw) \*Undershot Jaw,
  - \*Cataract, \*Polydactylism (Cloven hoof)Any registered horse found to be displaying any of the above faults will be deregistered. Horses displaying a profound conformation defect (not listed above) that affects the integrity of the associations standards can be deregistered.

**11. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION:**

- (a) Application for registration or foal recording will only be accepted from financial association members and must be made on the official forms provided.

- (b) All information required on the application form must be clearly set out in ink, ballpoint pen or type written; the application must be signed by the applicant. In the case of the applicant being under the age of 19 years, the applicant's parent or guardian must also sign.
- (c) If the current owner is not the breeder, the application for registration or foal recording must be accompanied by proof of ownership, a Bill of Sale, Statutory Declaration or copies of another breed registration certificate stating ownership.
- (d) Lodgement of the following requirements;
  - (1) Completed adult or foal recording applications.
  - (2) Completed name prefix application if applicable
  - (3) Six (6) recent photographs, not computer scanned photos (see 12. Photographs)
  - (4) Payment of applicable fees.
  - (5) The applicant being a current financial member.
  - (6) The veterinarian certificate for stallions aged 2 years & over.
  - (7) Documentation authenticating pedigree and recognition of ancestry.
 Photo copies of other breed registration certificates will be accepted as proof of breeding, vet inspection certificate with those societies requiring same.
- (e) The management committee reserves the right to accept or reject any application for registration.

## **12. PHOTOGRAPHS:**

- (a) Six photographs of the horse must accompany applications.
  - \*Two separate side views of nearside - do not send a duplicate of one photo, 2 individual photos required.
  - \*Two separate side views of offside - do not send a duplicate of one photo, 2 individual photos required.
  - \*One front view – as square as possible.
  - \* One rear view – as square as possible
- (b) All photographs submitted for registration must contain a complete image of the horse in a 8 x 8 centimetre area on photo lab paper (do not submit photos printed from your home computer)
- (c) The entire horse must be visible in all photographs and must be without saddlery, harness or rider. Photos must include all four legs and all four hoofs must be visible. The head, including muzzle and ears must be visible in all submitted photos. Photos submitted which do not clearly show the entire horse will not be accepted.
- (d) Photographs must have been taken within three months of applying for foal recording or registration.
- (e) All photographs submitted for registration purposes shall become the property of the assn.

## **13. NAMING THE HORSE:**

- (a) Members owning Pinto stock can record a name prefix with the association, all horses identified or registered by such member will have the members recorded name prefix preceding the registered name.
- (b) All horses registered with another society coming into the registry of the association that already have a name prefix preceding their name will be identified or registered with that same prefix and name where no duplication occurs, if duplication does occur the name will be suffixed by the registering owner's prefix in the possessive case.
- (c) Names, including name prefix must not exceed 30 letters (including spaces and punctuation).
- (d) The registrar may refuse to allow any name which is considered to be misleading, misapplied or contrary to the interest of the association.

- (e) The registrar reserves the right to select a name from the 3 submitted names, if these are not available the registrar may request a further 3 names be submitted by the owner.

**14. CHANGE OF HORSE'S NAME:**

The name of a recorded or registered Pinto shall not be changed unless the association subsequently finds that an error was made in recording the name, should this occur a proper record shall be made by the registrar as required to avoid confusion.

**15. CHANGE OF NAME PREFIX:**

Members may change their name prefix for new registrations by submitting a new name prefix application accompanied by a letter cancelling the previous name prefix, plus the applicable fee. All Pinto's already identified or registered with the previous name prefix will retain that prefix. Only new applications will carry the new name prefix.

**16. RECOGNITION OF ANCESTRY:**

The registrar will only recognise ancestry if it is authenticated by copies of service certificates, stud slip, registration certificate from another society or statutory declaration from stallion owner (Sire of the horse being identified or registered) A copy to be retained in files.

**17. REPLACEMENT OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES:**

Application for replacement of certificates may be made by the registered owner only and must be accompanied by a statutory declaration and replacement fee.

**18. REGISTRATION RECORDS, CHANGES & ADDITIONS:**

- (a) Any unofficial alteration, addition, deletion or endorsement to a registration certificate will render the registration cancelled.
- (b) Any alteration or addition to certificates must be requested in writing and will be amended by the registrar with supporting documents or certificate eg. Copy of service certificate or copy registration certificate of Sire or Dam.
- (c) If a new certificate is required a replacement fee will be charged.

**29. INOPERATIVE REGISTRATIONS:**

The registrar will transfer a registration to the inoperative situation in the following instances;

- (1) Official transfer not carried out.
- (2) Non financial membership of owner.
- (3) Horses being the property of members who have been expelled, suspended, resigned or otherwise no longer an active financial member of the association.

**WHEN A REGISTRATION IS PLACED INTO THE INOPERATIVE SITUATION:**

- (1) The horse will not be eligible to compete in classes designated for foal recorded or registered stock at shows, gymkhanas and other Pinto competitions.
- (2) Stallions will not be provided with service certificates.  
Registrations will be transferred to the active situation when the disqualifying condition has been rectified.

**20. DE-REGISTRATION:**

- (a) The Registrar may cancel or amend the registration of any Pinto if;
  - (1) Any error is found to exist in the registration.
  - (2) It develops any of the hereditary defects nominated in Rule 10 (c).

- (3) It is a stallion which becomes infertile.
- (4) It develops Appaloosa or Palouse characteristics or consistently leaves progeny with Appaloosa or Palouse characteristics.
- (5) It develops or subsequently exhibits the characteristics or traits of a Standardbred, Saddlebred or Gaited Horse; or Clydesdale, Gypsy Cobb or Heavy Horse rather than riding type characteristics.
- (6) The owner requests that the horse be de-registered.
- (b) The registrar may cancel the registration of any descendants of a de-registered Pinto or make such correction in the records as becomes necessary.
- (c) De-registration shall not constitute disqualification from re-registration except in the cases where the Pinto develops characteristics disqualifying it from registration.
- (d) All de-registrations must be presented to the next general meeting of the association and depending entirely upon the circumstances involved, a refund all or part of the registration fee may be decided. All other monies previously paid by the registered owner will be forfeited.

**21. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP:**

- (a) It shall not be the duty of the association to enforce any contract or agreement between buyers and vendors.
- (b) Before a transfer is recorded the transferee must be or become a financial member of the assn.
- (c) Where the vendor (seller) is not a financial member and/or is not available or will not sign an Application for transfer, at the discretion of the registrar the purchaser may submit an application for transfer to his or her name provided that it is accompanied by proof of ownership; either Bill of Sale or statutory declaration.
- (d) Within sixty (60) days of sale or change in ownership of a registered Pinto, the transferee must forward to the association the registration certificate together with the application for transfer signed by him/herself and the vendor, accompanied by the applicable fee.
- (e) The transfer fee is payable by the transferee.
- (f) Where the registered owner sells or gives a mare in foal he/she must provide the new owner with the appropriate service certificate or signed declaration by the stallion owner or agent as evidence of such service.
- (g) If any of the above conditions are not met a penalty may be imposed. If the penalty is not met then the registration will be rendered inoperable.
- (h) If an application for transfer is not made before a Pinto is exported from Australia to another country, the registration will be rendered inoperable.

**22. LEASING:**

- (a) For the lease of a horse to be recognised by the association; whether for breeding, showing or Performance purposes, the appropriate Lease Notification form must be filed with the association. It shall not be the duty of the association to enforce any contract or agreement between both leaser and lessee.
- (b) The form must be signed by both the leaser and lessee or their nominee. If either lessee or leaser are under 19 years of age then the signature of a parent or guardian will be required.
- (c) The notice shall provide the effective date of lease and provide a termination date signed by both leaser and lessee.
- (d) A fee will be charged to record a lease. No additional fee shall be charged for termination whether automatic or by subsequent notice thereof.
- (e) All certificates of registration must be lodged with the registrar during the period of a lease.

**23. PINTO SERVICE CERTIFICATES:**

- (a) Any person owning or leasing a registered Pinto stallion shall issue a service certificate for every mare covered.
- (b) Service certificates will be in duplicate and distributed as follows;  
Original - forwarded to the assn.  
Duplicate - forwarded to the mare owner upon payment of service fee.  
Butt - retained by Stallion owner.
- (c) The service certificate must be signed by the registered owner of the stallion or his authorised nominee.
- (d) Service certificates completed with all details and signed must be forwarded to the association on or before the 31st July each year. Failure to do so will attract a penalty and if this is not met, the stallion will be transferred to the inoperable registration file.
- (e) Service certificates are available from the association and will only be supplied to financial members with upgraded stallions.
- (f) An annual Stallion Return to be lodged by the Pinto Stallion owner by the 1<sup>st</sup> August for any mating from the previous Breeding year. If the return is not sent in a penalty fee will apply for any late returns for the stallion for that year.

**24. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION:**

- (a) Artificial insemination is permitted when semen is used from either an Australian stallion or imported from stallions outside Australia.
- (b) The association will recognise the particulars of the sire of any foal produced by artificial insemination provided that each application for registration is accompanied by a veterinary certificate stating that the dam was officially artificially inseminated with semen of the stated stallion (sire) together with a service certificate from the stallion owner or authorised agent.

**25. CASTRATION OF STALLIONS:**

- (a) When a registered stallion or recorded colt is castrated the registered owner must notify the Assn. within (60) sixty days and return the registration certificate. The Pinto will be transferred to the gelding division and a new certificate issued.
- (b) Failure to comply with conditions of Clause 26(a) will render the registration inoperative and the gelding will not attract the facilities of the association.

**26. DEATH OF REGISTERED STOCK:**

- (a) The registered owner must notify the association of the death of any Pinto and return the registration certificate for endorsement.
- (b) The certificate will be returned when the office records have been altered.

**27. BRANDING:**

- (a) Branding is recommended but not compulsory for registered stock.
- (b) Branding must be carried out in compliance with state law.
- (c) If desired the horse may be branded with the breeding number over the last number of the year of foaling provided such brand is positioned in compliance with state law.
- (d) Where no state law exists numerical branding must be on the right shoulder and identification brand must be on the left shoulder.

**28. AGE OF THE HORSE:**

The age of the horse shall be calculated on the basis of a year commencing on the first day of August of the breeding season foaled.



**29. BREEDING:**

- (a) The association will record all pedigree information providing authenticated documentation can be substantiated.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the association to provide educational material and information to encourage the Pinto breeder to upgrade the quality of pinto stock.
- (c) It is the right of the individual Pinto breeder to select bloodlines of their choice.

**30. DISTINCTION AWARDS:**

- (a) A point score system will be determined by the management committee; this may be amended from time to time, members will be kept informed of changes.
- (b) Youth turning 18 on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> August in a current year may compete for youth awards 14 – 18 years until 31<sup>st</sup> July the following year.

**31. DRUGS: PROHIBITED USE OF DRUGS – SEE SHOW RULES and REGULATIONS.**

- (a) Penalties apply to any show run by the association or any other horse organisation or agricultural show societies that provide Pinto classes and conduct swabbing for drugs.
- (b) The registered owner of any Pinto returning a positive swab will be penalised as follows.  
1st Offence - 12 months suspension from showing Pintos either in the registered owners name or any other person's name.  
2nd Offence - Cancellation of membership for life.

**32. RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- (a) No member shall refuse on reasonable request to assist the association and its officers in locating, identifying and inspecting an animal or ancestor thereof in his or her ownership or control which has been registered or for which application to register has been made.
- (b) The association reserves the right to appoint an official to inspect any animal which may be considered questionable in any respect, the owner of the animal will be responsible for taking the horse to a designated inspection site.
- (c) Costs incurred by the assn. while carrying out the inspection shall be met by the owner/member.

**33. YOUTH:**

It is mandatory for ALL youth to wear an approved safety helmet when riding (in all situations; ie: lead line, youth under saddle etc) at any show conducting Pinto classes.

**34. AMENDMENTS:**

Amendments may be made to these regulations provided that notice of motion is in writing and signed by not less than three financial members and presented at an ordinary general meeting, the amendments are dealt with and approved by two thirds of the voters present at the next ordinary general meeting. The Rules and Regulations will be updated every 3 years.