

FROM THE REGISTRY

At the October 28, 2014 meeting of the American Saddlebred Registry (ASR) Board of Directors, the Board approved the following rule change and bylaw changes. Note: the approved new language is in **bold italicized** text. A complete list of all ASR Rules and Regulations as well as the ASR Bylaws are available on our website at <http://www.saddlebred.com/ASR-Governance>.

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED REGISTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION III. REGISTRATION

H. NAMES

1. Each animal for which Application for Registration is made must be given an acceptable name which does not conflict with the name of any other animal registered with the Registry, living or dead. A conflicting name is one which is judged to be too similar to an existing name either in spelling or pronunciation, e.g., Black Knight/ Black Night. **Adding "A", "An" or "The" (effective 7/9/12) to an existing name or removing "A", "An" or "The" (effective 11/1/14) from an existing name is judged to be too similar.** The Registry shall consider waiving this requirement for horses with the same or similar names with a foaling date of 40 years or more prior **that do not have registered progeny and are not Saddlebred Record (CH), Broodmare Hall of Fame, World Champion or Reserve World Champion horses.**

AMERICAN SADDLEBRED REGISTRY BYLAWS

ARTICLE III DIRECTORS

Part II. Election of Directors

Section 1. Directors shall be elected for three year terms. The Directors of the Registry shall be divided into three (3) classes, two of which shall consist of four (4) Directors of the Registry and one of which shall consist of five (5) Directors of the Registry; all Directors of the Registry shall be elected for a term of three (3) years, and the terms of the three (3) classes shall be staggered so that only the Directors of one class shall be elected each year. No Director of the Registry shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three-year terms without a period of one (1) year intervening before his or her re-election. **Each year**, the ASHA Nominating Committee for Officers shall recommend to the ASHA Board of Directors **two (2)** nominees to serve **three year terms** as directors of the American Saddlebred Registry, Inc., all of whom shall be members of the Association's Board of Directors at the time of their election as a director of the Registry. **Each year**, the

ASR Nominating Committee shall recommend to the ASR Board of Directors the **two (2) or three (3)** remaining directors **depending on whether it is a class of four (4) or a class of five (5) Directors to be elected.**

Section 2. In the event a Director dies, resigns, is removed, or otherwise leaves office prior to the termination of such Director's **three-year** term, then the **ASR Nominating Committee shall present the names of one or more candidates for consideration by** the remaining Directors **who** shall elect a replacement Director to serve out the remainder of the term. If the vacancy shall cause the number of Directors who are members of the Board of Directors of the American Saddlebred Horse Association to be less than the required minimum set forth in Article III, Part I, Section 1 above, then the remaining Directors shall elect a replacement Director who is also a member of the Board of Directors of the American Saddlebred Horse Association.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 5. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Registry and, subject to the control of the ASR Board of Directors, shall in general be responsible for enforcing observance of policies formulated by the ASR Board of Directors. He or she shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the ASR Board of Directors. He or she may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the Registry thereunto authorized by the ASR Board of Directors, contracts, or other instruments which the ASR Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the ASR Board of Directors or by these Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Registry, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the ASR Board of Directors from time to time. The President shall only vote to break a tie. **The immediate past president may elect to serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board of Directors until the current president has left office.**

Microchipping

The American Saddlebred Registry Board of Directors also discussed recording microchip numbers for registered American Saddlebreds and recognizes the value of doing so. Accordingly, the Board agreed that the Registry will start recording microchip numbers in the database, and the numbers will also be printed on

registration certificates. A form will be available soon on the ASHA website for submission of microchip information to the Registry for registered American Saddlebreds and the Application for Registration form may be used to submit information for unregistered horses. The Registry will also record microchip information for horses registered with the Half American Saddlebred Registry. We anticipate that this will be beneficial to rescue organizations in the future. The Board did not pass any rule changes to require that horses be microchipped and is not endorsing any particular microchip ID company.

First Time Breeders

The Board reviewed data for the First Time Breeders Program to date for 2014, and agreed to suspend the program for 2015. The Board will review the program again at the end of 2015 after retrieving data for the resulting 2015 First Time Breeders' foals. We would like to thank all of the stallion owners who have participated in this exciting program.

ASHA & ASR New Database

Because of the volume of data that needs to be verified, Registry staff is processing transactions, and is working diligently to ensure that all of your records are accurate.

Please note that if you have submitted a request to transfer ownership and have not received your registration certificate, you may sign an affidavit at a USEF licensed horse show to show change of ownership provided that all required paperwork and fees have been submitted to the American Saddlebred Registry. We appreciate your continued patience during the database transition.

Blood typing

Due to a price increase being imposed by the University of Kentucky Parentage Testing Laboratory, effective January 1, 2015, the Board had to regrettably approve an increase in the fee for Blood Typing and DNA conversion from \$137 to \$250. This fee will only cover the external costs to the Registry. Staff costs will be donated. In addition, full blood typing will only be offered by the Lab twice a year; the first two weeks of April and the first two weeks of November, so all samples should be coordinated to arrive during those times. Note: the fee for DNA testing will remain at \$50 and the fee for a conversion of frozen blood serum to DNA will remain at \$30. There is no change in these fees.



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