

## **Stud book regulation: The Corsican horse stud book.**

### **Article 1**

The following rules and regulations define the subscription to the Corsican horse Stud book as well as the standards appropriate to the breeding studs. It is established by the stud book commission. The IFCE, The French Institute of Horses and Horse riding, is in charge of handling its application.

### **Article 2**

#### **Stud book structure**

The Corsican horse stud book is composed as follows:

The Corsican Horse stud book A: Subjects and all points conform to the standards of the race.

The Corsican Horse stud book B: Mares that have been registered initially at the moment of the census of the livestock and presenting genetic interest and morphological particularities for the improvement or the conservation of the race.

The Corsican horse stud book contains:

- 1) A register of the approved studs to produce the race.
- 2) A register of the confirmed mares to produce the race.
- 3) A register of the descendants registered at birth into the stud book.
- 4) A register of the animals registered initially.
- 5) A list of the breeders of the Corsican horse

During the periodic edition of the stud book will only appear studs who have had a production that can be registered in the stud book during the period of reference.

### **Article 3**

A geographical zone known as the “cradle” of the Corsican horse race is delimited in the annex 8 of the regulation.

Are only applicable to be named “Corsican horse” the animals registered in the Corsican horse stud book.

Are named “Corsican horse” the animals registered in the Corsican horse stud book born in the “cradle” of the race.

Are named “out of cradle Corsican horse” the animals registered in the Corsican horse stud book born outside of the “cradle” of the race.

### **Article 4**

The inscriptions into the stud book are done for concerns of ascendance or initial titles.

### **Article 5**

#### **Registration as initial title**

Are automatically registered at birth all the descendants born in France satisfying all the following conditions:

- a) Issued from a regularly declared breeding of an approved stud.
- b) Having been declared to the IFCE in the first 15 days after birth.
- c) Having been identified in accordance to the regulation in force.
- d) Of which the coat is black, pangered black or all shades of bay
- e) Having received a name whose first letter corresponds with the year of birth “T” in 2018.
- f) Registered in the Central Horse file that have delivered a certificate.
- g) Having been conducted a control of filiation compatible with the ascendants declared from the births 2014.

The stud, father of the descendant, aged minimum of 3 years during the year of the mate, must have been initially approved for the reproduction of the Corsican horse following the conditions stated in article 10 of this regulation.

The mare, mother of the descendant, aged minimum 3 years during the mate, must be registered in the Corsican horse stud book and confirmed to produce into the race in accordance to the article 10.

## **Article 6**

### **Inscription as initial title**

1) Concerned animals:

The males, geldings and females identified in accordance to the regulations in force, aged of at least 3 years and named « unknown origin » (type Saddle or type Pony), or “unfound origin” (type Saddle or type Pony), or “found origin” (except OC draught or OC donkey) or “Saddle horse” or “Pony”

2) Registration procedure:

The owner must make a registration demand to the association handling the Corsican horse stud book.

The animal must:

- ⌘ Be identified in accordance to the regulation in force.
- ⌘ Be of at least 3 years of age.
- ⌘ Be of black, pangered black or all shades of bay colour.
- ⌘ Be presented to the national comity in charge of the approval and conformity in the conditions stated in Annex 5.
- ⌘ Have furnished a negative result to the traces of the chestnut gene for the studs and having supplied a test result of the chestnut gene for the mares.

The national comity in charge of the approval and conformity registers into the Corsican horse stud book the animals strictly conform to the standards of the race, with the possibility to represent the subject to the comity at least one year after the first examination where the subject has been adjourned.

The mares registered initially in the Corsican horse stud book (or in the book A) at 3 years or less are automatically considered as conform. Furthermore, the studs initially registered in the Corsican horse stud book are automatically approved.

## **Article 7**

### **Corsican horse factors**

The Barb studs registered in the French Barb horse stud book may be admitted as reproducers into the Corsican horse stud book as factors of the Corsican horse after a favourable ruling from the national approval comity under reserve of the regard to the conditions stated in article 10 of this regulation.

## **Article 8**

### **The Corsican horse stud book comity Composition:**

The stud book comity is composed in the following manner:

- 6 representatives named for 3 years by the administration council of the association handling the Corsican horse stud book, of which is chosen a president of the comity.  
Under the president's initiative the comity can acquire the council of experts with constitutive powers. The IFCE can be consulted.

#### **1) Missions:**

The Corsican horse stud book comity is charged with :

- a) Establishing the rules and regulations.
- b) Preparing all propositions relative to the improvement and valorisation of the race.
- c) Pronouncing itself on particular matters. To propose to The Approval and Confirmation comity to suspend a stud accepted as able to reproduce but not corresponding to the standard of the race.
- d) Record a list of the persons habilitated to judge the animals.

It can be consulted by the Ministry in charge of agriculture on all questions relative to the breeding of horses.

#### **2) Functionality:**

The comity is gathered at the demand of the president or of at least half of the members. The written convocation is addressed to the members of the comity at least 15 days before the date of the reunion. It cannot deliberate conveniently unless constituted of at least 3 members. The decisions are taken at a majority of the members present. In case of an even vote the presidents' vote is predominant. The comity can delegate some of its members to represent it in the exercise of its missions.

## **Article 9**

### **Approval and Confirmation comity**

1) The National Approval and Confirmation comity is composed of:

- 3 representatives of the association in charge of the Corsican horse stud book, appointed by the stud book comity and chosen from a list of judges of the race approved by the association. One member assures the post of president and one member assures the post of secretary.
- The IFCE can be consulted.

2) The National Approval and Confirmation commission is undertaken in the cradle of the race and examines the subjects satisfying the conditions giving access to the commission. It conditions on the registry demands as initial title. It instructs and pronounces the confirmation of the mares and the approval of the studs or their adjournment. The motif of the adjournment of a candidate must be stated on the statement signed by all the members of the comity. The original statement is conserved by the association, a copy for information and recording matters is addressed to the IFCE. The adjournment of a candidate stud is pronounced for 1 year.

3) Exceptionally, the approval commission can, by proposition of the stud book comity, suspend the approval of a stud recognized as able to reproduce in case of a reproduction not corresponding to the standards of the race.

## **Article 10**

### **Approval of studs**

To be approved and reproduce inside the Corsican horse stud book, as from the date of the acknowledgement of the race by the ministry of agriculture, the candidate studs must:

- Be registered in the Corsican horse stud book
- Have their identity documents certified, their matriculation document up to date and their genotype determined.
- Having been electronically identified in accordance with regulations.
- Be of at least 3 years of age.
- Have furnished a negative result to the chestnut gene,
- Have obtained an approval from the Approval and confirmation comity
- Satisfy the conditions stated in Annexes. 2 and 7.

## **Article 11**

### **Confirmation of the females**

To reproduce in the race the females must be confirmed.

The mare candidate for confirmation must:

- Be registered in the Corsican horse stud book as « Corsican horse » or « Corsican horse book A ».
- Have her matriculation cards up to date.
- Be of at least 3 years of age at the moment of the passage before the approval and confirmation comity.
- Satisfy the condition stated in Annex 4.
- Have obtained an approval from the approval and confirmation comity.

The confirmation is pronounced by the commission according to the conditions exposed in the annexes.

In case of a non-confirmation the mare can be represented at least one year after the first presentation.

## **Article 12**

### **Reproductive techniques**

The descendant delivered from artificial insemination (fresh semen, refrigerated or frozen, transported or not) are admissible into the Corsican horse stud book.

The descendant delivered from the use of transported embryos are admissible into the Corsican horse stud book

No descendant delivered from a technique of cloning may be admissible into the Corsican horse stud book .

**Article 13**

The examinations of the animals, the individual files, the registration as an initial title, the confirmation of the mares, the approval of the studs can be charged to the profit of the Corsican horse association under tariffs established each year by the associations administration handling the race.

**ANNEXE 1**

**STANDARD OF THE CORSICAN HORSE**

**Coat:** Black, Panged black, bay in all its shades,  
sometimes the stripe down the back is tolerated.  
Forbidden List

All balzane as well as traces of balzane is forbidden on the studs. Balzanes not further than the fetlock is tolerated for the geldings but not sought after in the mares.

**Mane :** Abundant

**Size :** 1,30 à 1,52 m

**Weight :** 300 à 400 kg

**Head:** Expressive, short, often a little heavy but narrowing out toward the nostrils.  
Strait profile,  
nostrils open,  
bright keen eyes,  
ears straight somewhat small.

**Neckline :** Short and large without being stocky, well orientated.

**Withers :** Marked but not projected

**Back :** Relatively short and well sustained

**Shoulder :** Rather long (good passage for the bridles)

**Chest:** Deep, open and ogival

**Hip:** Short and oblique

**Body :** Proportioned

**Legs::** Fine, wiry and strong with well detached tendons  
Shank easily closed.

**Feet :** small, wiry, hard hooves.

**Cloth :** Fine

**Appearance :** Firm but not harsh with a good arrangement.

**Personality** : Aware and generous, brave and callous.

**Biotype of origin** : Is fashioned by the mountainous environment and cattle farming; often left to roam freely and without shelter in the interior of the island (500m to 1800m). It has thus acquired the qualities of a mountain horse with a solid stance, supporting the outdoors by all types of weather and living off little.

**Fixed qualities** : Hardy, plain, enduring, robust, carrier, clever.

**Abilities** : It constitutes a good saddle horse well adapted to the harsh Corsican pathways. It was a very well-known and excellent coupling horse. Some subjects will be well appreciated for populating stables and also for endurance races.

## ANNEXE 2

### REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF THE STUDS TO PRODUCE THE COSICAN RACE

#### 1) The candidates must satisfy the conditions in article 10

#### 2) Presentation structure:

A very special care is to be brought to the presentation as much of the stud as the person or persons that will present him.

The stud candidate must be of sufficient state, groomed and hooves ironed at least at the rear. Dangerous attitudes and displays will automatically lead to an adjournment.

#### Post control:

- Identity control and reading of the electronic chip.
- Measuring on a measurement platform. The stone-horses of Corsican race, candidate to registration as studs must be absolutely conform to the standards of the race including the height. A limit of measurement of 3 cm to the limits admitted can be tolerated for the subjects presenting a particular interest in the sense of genetic diversity (bloodline sought after or maintaining a genetic biodiversity). The undergoing of this disposition is left solely to the appreciation of the approval comity.
- Acknowledgment of a number to be positioned on the cheekpiece on the right or left side.

#### Held presentation: model judging

The horse is presented with a snaffle or chifney without any protection on the legs (no garters or bands). The handheld presentation is performed by 2 persons, the second person is placed on the same side of the presenter, helped by a becket to accompany the candidate in good and calm conditions.

The candidate stallion is examined firstly standing still, in profile so as to examine his conformity, his stance and the type in the race. He is then seen walking and then trotting on a triangular track to be able to judge its conformity, its stance and to judge the appearance.

#### 3) Decision

The National Approval and Conformity comity pronounces itself at the end of the presentation. Its decision will be favourable or the adjournment for 1 year, decision of which will be explained.

The approval of the stud is recorded in the identity document in the page «administrative visas» by a stamp, a date and the signature of the president of the approval comity.

### **ANNEXE 3**

#### **CATEGORISING THE REPRODUCERS IN CLASSES OF DISTINCTION**

As from the year 2015 and by demand of the owner, all the reproducers registered in the Corsican horse stud book may participate to an official qualification contest. This is not compulsory. It is distinct from the procedures of approbation of the studs and the confirmation of the females.

This classification is delivered in the context of a cattle contest where the subjects present are object to the amount and / or a characterization gathering objective elements of existence to the standard of the race and the exploiting abilities (saddle or coupling). The subjects may obtain one of the following mentions: Very good, excellent or Elite.

The specific rules to this event will be defined each year by the administration council. It will be published in the official associations' site every beginning of the year and in any event 1 month before the organization of the first annual event. It will define in particular the modalities of the contest (conditions of presentation of the hand-held studs, representation of the mounting or coupling to be executed, rules of security) and the calculation of the points to be realised. It will define the access ranks to each distinction class.

The officialization of the distinction obtained will be mentioned in the horses' book in the page reserved to the administrative visas by a stamp in the associations' logo indicating the distinction obtained, the name, the first names and the signatures of the representatives of the association having received delegation to deliver, the date and finally the place where the exhibition was conducted.

### **ANNEXE 4**

#### **CONFIRMATION OF THE MARES**

The candidate must answer to the conditions in article 11.

The confirmation is undertaken on the mares presented by handheld snaffle. They will be presented clean and groomed, full uncut mane, the hooves clipped or ironed, the horn of the hooves greased but keeping the natural colour.

The handheld presentation is assumed on a perfectly straight terrain at a standstill, by profile with the mane brushed opposite to the side shown, the presenter in front of the mare facing her.

In a second time, by indication of the judges of the comity, assessment by walk and then trot. The comity may also ask to see the mare in liberty.

In regard to the height of the withers of the females, a difference of measurement of 3 cm to the limits admitted can be tolerated for the subjects presenting a particular interest in the sense of genetic diversity (bloodline sought after or maintaining a genetic biodiversity). The undergoing of this disposition is left solely to the appreciation of the approval comity.

## ANNEXE 5

### RULES CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION AS INITIAL TITLE

#### **1) The candidates must satisfy the conditions in article 6**

#### **2) Presentation**

Special attention is to be placed in the presentation as much to the candidates concerned as the persons holding them.

The candidates must be of satisfying state, groomed and the hooves clipped or ironed, the horn of the hooves greased but with the natural colour apparent. Dangerous attitudes and displays will automatically lead to an adjournment.

The handheld presentation is undertaken by 2 persons; the second person standing on the same side as the presenter, shall aid with a stock whip to accompany the candidate in good and calm conditions.

#### **3) Presentation procedure**

1) Identity control, measuring on a measurement platform, the result must be absolutely conformed to the standards of the race.

2) Examining the model

The candidate is examined held, at a standstill, on profile and then at a walk and trot on a, if possible, triangular track to be able to judge its conformity, its stance and the type in the race.

An evaluation document will be used by the members of the comity allowing them to motivate their decision.

3) Decision :

The national Approval and Conformity comity pronounces itself at the end of the presentation, its decision will be registration or adjournment, of which will be motivated.

The approval of the stud is recorded in the identity document in the page «administrative visas» by a stamp, a date and the signature of the president of the approval comity.

**ANNEXE 6**

**POINT COEFFICIENT PRESENT AT THE APPROVAL AND CONFIRMATION  
COMMISSION OR FOR REGHISTRATION AT INITIAL TITLE**

HEAD and NECK	1
SHOULDER and WITHERS	1
CHEST et BREAST	1
BACK and LOINS	1,5
CROUP	1
LEGS	1,5
APPEARANCE	1,5
OVERALL CONFORMITY	1,5
TOTAL	10

Each note being a coefficient of 10, the total is out of 100

ELIMINATORY FOR THE STUDS

THREE "6" or TWO "5" or ONE "4"

Total inferior to 70

ELIMINATORY FOR THE MARES

THREE "5s" or TWO "4s" or ONE "3"

Total inferior to 60

## ANNEXE 7

### SANITARY DISPOSITIONS

#### **I – General dispositions**

To be approved into the Corsican horse race, a stud/stallion must satisfy the sanitary conditions of this present regulation.

The event of reproduction of the stud that will not have satisfied all the prescribed sanitary conditions, to produce in the Corsican horse stud book engages the joint responsibility of the owner and or the stallioner.

The samples are taken by a sanitary veterinary on an animal of which the identity has been verified, kept conserved in good conditions notably in respect to the temperature, sent off using the rules in force concerning medical and biological products, in a delay conform to the demands of the analysis, toward an approved or habilitated laboratory and analysed in the procedures authorised by the ministry of agriculture.

#### **II – Sanitary comity**

The sanitary comity is placed under the authority of the president of the Corsican horse stud book comity. It is composed of two veterinaries assigned respectively by the association U Cavallu Corsu and the IFCE

The sanitary comity:

- Pronounces on the sanitary rules of the approval files
- Suspends the approval to the Corsican horse race subjects concerned consecutively declared of a positive case of an illness of which the control is present in the rules of this stud book.
- Can be aided by experts
- Intervenes when declarations of an illness of which the control is present in the stud book notably to help the sanitary veterinary, to undertake an epidemiological examination to check that the expected controls have been done, to propose the reestablishment of the authorisation to reproduce and all other pertinent matters.

The decision taken by the sanitary comity, notably the suspension of the mate, is notified to the IFCE.

Being the muster of the epidemiological ensuring of the race, the sanitary comity is immediately informed of all positive results of illnesses of which the control is present in this regulation, on a horse producing the race. The person requesting the analysis therefore agrees implicitly the laboratory to transmit the results

#### **III – Conditions concerning the studs**

To produce into the Corsican horse race a stallion must satisfy the following sanitary conditions:

- 1. Search of the equine infectious anaemia**, by an agar gel immunodiffusion test (Coggins test) with a negative result, undertaken during the first season of the mate of the stallion in the three months preceding the documents demand, then in the 3 years before the mating season. Complementary tests could be demanded in function to the epidemiological situation and under instructions of the ministry in charge of agriculture.

## **2. Search of the equine viral arteritis**

Each stallion undertakes, each year, a control for viral arteritis. The detection must be posterior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of December preceding the mating season. The analysis results (serological or viral) are joined to the mating certificates requested from the IFCE. In the absence of favourable analysis, the mating certificates are not delivered.

The control is completed according to the following alleviated modalities:

Search of equine viral arteritis, by a test of sero-neutralisation with a negative result to a dilution of 1/4 or all other serological tests authorised by the ministry of agriculture, with a negative result.

In case of a positive result to this serological examination, the viral search in the sperm by molecular biology is undergone on a whole sample of sperm of the giver stallion with a negative result.

The detection for equine viral arteritis must be made before each mate by a test of sero-neutralisation with a negative result to a dilution of 1/4 or all other serological tests authorised by the ministry of agriculture. As long as the results to this serological test show a stability of the antibodies (by more than 1 dilution compared to the initial serological test), a new search of the virus in the sperm is not compulsory.

By derogation, the stallions favourably vaccinated against equine viral arteritis and without a vaccinal time gap are not submitted to the serological and virologic tests stated above. To be recognised as valid, the vaccinations must be undertaken by a veterinary under the prescription of the marketing authorisation of the vaccine used and after a negative serological test realised less than 30 days before the date of the first vaccinal injection. In case of a vaccinal time gap, the resume of the vaccinations is considered valid after a negative virologic test on the sperm dating at least less than 30 days.

The stallion presenting a positive virologic test (Search of the virus or its components) are recognised excretory and are not allowed to mate. However, a derogation may be accorded, by the president of the Corsican horse stud book comity on the view of the sanitary comity as long as the viral strain is not considered as pathological by the national laboratory of reference in this matter and under reserve of the respect of a technical protocol guarantying the non-diffusion of the virus and limiting the mate to a closed harem.

- 3. Search of equine contagious metritis** by a negative bacteriological diagnosis test each year before the mating season on a swab coming from the ureteral cavity. The sample must be posterior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of December preceding the mating season.
- 4. Vaccination against the equine flu and equine rhino-pneumonia** fulfilled by a veterinary under the prescription of the marketing authorisation of the vaccine used.

The results of the analysis (MCE and AVE) and the vaccination attestations ( Flu and Rhino-Pneumonia ) are joined to the requests for the mating certificates addressed to the IFCE. In absence of these justifications, the stallion is not authorised to produce into the corsican horse race.

## **ANNEX 8**

### **Cradle of the Corsican horse by Region :**

- Corsica