



Rules & Code of Conduct for the Warlander Studbook Society



In all cases, “the Studbook” refers to Warlander Studbook Society

The Warlander Studbook Society is a non-political body whose sole aim is to manage, set the standards and cement the quality of Warlander and Warlander Sport Horses world-wide. Since 2012, the Studbook has put in place a fair system of registering horses with the same rules, regulations and processes for everyone – regardless of country.

The studbook will always work hard for best outcomes for everyone involved including the horses. Our strength is our people, not only our office holders but our members and we are proud that we all have the common goals of quality, professionalism and all have the Warlander horse’s best interest at heart. Whilst most of our rules are ‘common sense and courtesy’ when it comes to dealing with each other and the horses and we know the vast majority of you would never think of doing anything negative, unfortunately we have experienced a small number of people who do not share the same ethics, values and standards and many of the following rules have grown from those experiences

The Studbook

1. Has the right to refuse membership without justification
2. Can insist members obtain DNA testing for genetic defects during the registration process if we believe there is a chance of a horse being a carrier through affected bloodlines
3. If a horse is visually outside of the norm in relation to conformation and type, the Studbook will issue paperwork however, we will insist that the horse is revised as a three year old. This will appear on the horses papers and online genealogy
4. Can rescind membership and all privileges of the Studbook’s if the member acts outside of the rules without justification (see Member in Good Standing)

Animal Welfare

1. Warlander horses must be shown in a natural and humane manner and any use of any practices or gadgets, drugs or any other means to display an unnatural movement will result in membership disqualification. This includes overuse of spurs, whips, blind folding and other means to make the horse ‘move unnaturally’ or against its will
2. Any member found to be involved (past or present) in acts of animal cruelty or inhumane practices of any kind towards animals, who have convicted in a court of law for inhumane practices against animals/horses or where there is enough proof through photographic evidence, video and testimony from others will not be accepted for membership and if they are a current member they will be disqualified from the studbook
3. Breeding of horses before three years of age is prohibited and will result in registration being refused. This rule applies to mares without question. With regards to stallions, we will look at each registration individually but can’t guarantee registration of progeny if a member is purposely breeding stallions below three year age

Member in Good Standing

1. All members of WSS must conduct themselves in a professional manner when dealing with the Studbook, its office holders, and each other (members) and follow all of the rules of the Studbook
2. All members must conduct themselves in a professional manner in public when promoting the Warlander horse
3. The Studbook is not to be involved in any personal matters between members or members and outside parties in any country and we adhere to a strictly ‘no politics’ principal
4. Members must not harass, threaten, defame or slander the Studbook, its office holders, or members to third parties on social media or otherwise
5. Members are asked to be honest in relation to all information supplied to the Studbook for registration and passport purposes including past ownership
6. Members who have Lifetime Membership and who do not register a horse after three years will be removed on the Breeders listing of our website
7. Copying or plagiarising the business model of the Studbook in order to make financial gain, or to cause division will result in permanent loss of good standing with the Studbook
8. All members are to act to the highest calibre in relation to the laws of Fair Trading within your country/jurisdiction

Australia

The Studbook is run from Australia where it is a legal entity and as such follows ‘all’ laws of our country/jurisdiction’s in particular Copyright and The Competition and Consumer Act 2010, a national law that regulates fair trading in Australia and governs how all businesses must deal with their customers, competitors and suppliers

1. The Studbook does ‘not’ have an affiliate body in Australia and will not recognise any documentation using the Warlander name from any body or individual outside of WSS
2. Involvement with other organisations offering to provide registration services for Warlander horses in Australia and operating outside of WSS may risk cancellation or refusal of acceptance of WSS Membership
3. If you purchase a horse with unauthorised documentation, WSS will work with you to register the horse in the Studbook if it meets the requirements of registration
4. If you purchase from a Member ‘not’ in good standing, you will be required to pay for an extra membership fee in order to complete registration, transfer or otherwise with the Studbook
5. If you are a member of the Studbook and you promote, endorse or otherwise horses or bodies outside of and not recognised by the Studbook who use the Warlander name you will lose your good standing with the Studbook
6. In the interests of animal welfare and transparency to purchasers we have the right to refuse a Transfer of Ownership if it is common knowledge that the horse had previous owners that are not documented on its papers. You will be given the opportunity to bring the horses papers up to date (with previous ownerships)

North & South America

The Studbook has an affiliate body in North America - Warlander Horse Association of North America (WHANA) who are responsible for all matters within their jurisdiction on our behalf including local membership and obtaining recognition with the USEF and USDF for competition and Breed Classes.

However, all registration documentation for the Warlander horse comes directly from the Studbook - WSS. The Studbook does 'not' recognise 'any' other body in North America issuing documentation using the Warlander name

United Kingdom

The Studbook does not have an affiliate body in the United Kingdom and does not recognise any body or organisation using the name Warlander on their documentation.

DNA

1. DNA Parental Verification is required for all horses in order to be registered in the Main Studbook's. However, registrations will be accepted where irrefutable proof can be given through DNA to prove a direct and unbroken lineage to the Mother Studbooks of the base breeds in cases where registration history is missing
2. Horses registered in the Auxiliary Studbook's will require DNA Parental Verification for all eligible progeny produced. The Studbook's will not accept continuous lines of horses without DNA Parental Verification

Genetic Defects

1. The following genetic defects (not limited to) are known to come from the base breeds of the Warlander and WSS breeders must notify the society if any horses show the following - Cryptorchidism, Monorchidism. Dwarfism, Fallen Crest, Water head/crown head foals (hydrocephalus) and Mesocolic Rente. The studbook recommends that breeders of Warlander horses know the testing results of Friesian horses (for genetic defects) before breeding takes place and if the sire or dam is a carrier and the breeding takes place obtain testing for the progeny. If the progeny is also a carrier, members must inform the Studbook and future owners of the results. WSS offers global testing for Friesian dwarfism and hydrocephalus
2. If horses are sold as breeding prospects from known carriers without genetic testing and full transparency to the new owner, the Studbook reserves the right to request that test be obtained at any time during the registration process (before and after)
3. If Members knowingly deceive third parties by not disclosing the possibility of a horse sold being a carrier, the Studbook reserves the right to rescind all membership rights and privileges

Sales of Semen

1. The Studbook is not to be involved in any sales processes or personal business between members, sellers and buyers or any other parties
2. If there has been a legal or otherwise action initiated by the stallion or mare owner to restrict third parties from obtaining the DNA of their horses, WSS will not become involved and will abide by any court findings and general courtesy in relation to this matter

International EU/FEI Warlander & Warlander Sport Horse Passports

International Warlander and Warlander Passports are available for Main Studbook (DNA Parental Verified) horses world-wide.

For Europe only, where it is law for your equine to have a Passport; you may 'not' request a Passport from the Studbook if one already exists for your horse in your country or in the European Jurisdiction

Genetic Marker Reports

The Studbook will obtain DNA marker reports if available for members from outside studbooks, however a registration must be in progress first

Artificial Breeding Practices

Use of artificial breeding practices through chilled and frozen semen is accepted however, a DNA Parental Verification report must be supplied for registration. Embryo transfer is accepted but notice must be given to the studbook at point of confirmed pregnancy and DNA Parental Verification report must be supplied for registration

Who is the breeder

When mares are sold in foal often disputes arise as to who the rightful breeder of the foal is when it comes to registration. Arguments can be made for the person responsible for the creative pairing of pedigrees being considered as the breeder, or that the person who is the legal owner of the mare at the time of foaling and who registers the foal with the studbook is the breeder.

After much deliberation and research into other studbooks and how they manage this, in which we discovered pitfalls for owners when previous documentation can't be procured to facilitate registration, WSS makes the following statement as to who the rightful breeder of a horse is for the purposes of registration in our Studbook.

In all cases where a mare has been sold pregnant, the legal entity that owns and/or had full rights to the mare (in the case where a mare may be leased for a breeding season) and who registers the foal upon its birth with the Studbook to obtain registration papers is the documented breeder.

The only time the breeder of a foal in utero can be documented as the breeder is when the following criteria are met:

1. There is a contractual agreement at the time of sale of the pregnant mare
2. The breeder must be in Good Standing with the Studbook and have been a member of the Studbook and in Good Standing at the time of conception
3. Service Certificates must be supplied to the Studbook for the breeding

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