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AUSTRALIAN APPALOOSA ASSOCIATION LTD HANDBOOK

DIVISION 1 - GENERAL

1.1 MISSION STATEMENT

The Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd. Is Dedicated To Preserving, Improving, Promoting And Enhancing The Breed Known As The Appaloosa.

1.2 DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

The Appaloosa should be balanced, smooth and symmetrical. With the head, neck, forequarters, barrel and hindquarters should be in proportion to blend smoothly together for overall balance and grace.

Head: Short and wide with a narrow muzzle, thin walled nostrils combined with wide jowls. Sound lips and teeth which mesh firmly together. Ears are medium size, alert and should be widely set apart on a wide forehead. Eyes are set wide apart adding distinctiveness to head appearance and reflecting intelligence. The Jowls well defined. The head should join the neck at an angle of 45 degrees.

Neck: Good length of rein with clean cut throat latch. The neck blends into sloping shoulders and must be in proportion to the head and body.

Shoulder: Well developed, muscular and symmetrical and to be at a 45 degree angle. The slope of the shoulder should blend into the withers.

Withers: Withers should be of prominent height, well defined and set back from the shoulder.

Chest: Chest is deep with definite muscle giving the inverted V section a strong definition. Forearm is well muscled, long, wide and tapering to a flat knee.

Forelegs: Viewed in front, a perpendicular line from the point of the shoulder should fall upon the centre of the knee, cannon, pastern and foot; from the side, a perpendicular line from the centre of the elbow joint should fall upon the centre of the knee and pastern joints and back of foot. Pasterns should be on a 45 degree angle.

Barrel: Barrel is short and the loin is strong and well coupled. Underline is long and tapers to the flank and the girth should be deep with well sprung ribs.

Rear Legs: Viewed from behind, a perpendicular line from the hindquarter should fall upon the centre of the hock, cannon, pastern and foot; from the side, a perpendicular line from the hip joint, should fall upon the centre of the foot and divide the gaskin in the middle and a perpendicular line from the point of the quarter should run parallel with the line of the cannon.

Weight & Height: Weight usually ranges from 430 to 566 kilograms (950 to 1250 pounds). Height from 14 to 16 hands, the minimum height for a mature Appaloosa (4 years & older) is 14 hands. There is no maximum height. Height and weight should be proportional.

Temperament: The outstanding temperament of the Appaloosa is easy going, quiet and intelligent. The Appaloosa is extremely versatile and capable in sports, jumping, western, games through to endurance, dressage and pleasure riding.

Colour: The Colour patterns and markings are extremely varied and found in many combinations with great variation. It should be noted that some Appaloosas are born solid or marginal Colour with the characteristics. Appaloosas can be born with no Colour and no characteristics even when both parents are Appaloosas.

1.3 GENERAL NOTICE PROCEDURE

- (a) Any notice required by these rules may be given by personal delivery or by registered or certified mail to the person who is to receive the notice, or the person's counsel.
- (b) If mailed, notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the Australia Post mail addressed to the person at the person's most recent address as it appears in the records of the AAA Ltd. or to the counsel at the counsel's address, with postage prepaid, unless otherwise provided in these rules or in documents prepared by the AAA Ltd.

1.4. DEFINITIONS

The following are definitions of terms used throughout the Official Handbook, and should be referred to, as indicated, for a full understanding of the rules and regulations.

ACTION — Movement of the feet and legs- should be straight and true.

ACTIVE MEMBER — whose membership has been paid with the Association, for the current year.

AGE — The age of horses is computed from the first of August; e.g. a horse shall be considered to be one year old on the first of August following the actual date of foaling. The age of an individual for horse show purposes shall be based on the individual's age on August 1, e.g., the individual's age on August 1 shall be maintained throughout the entire year.

AIDS — used to control a horse with the legs, hands, weight or voice.

AMATEUR HORSE OWNERSHIP - Any horse exhibited by an Amateur must be owned wholly or in part by the contestant or by the contestant's Spouse, Parents, De-facto, Partner, Child of the Family, Grandparents, Brother (s) or Sister (s). Such ownership must be evidenced by the records of the Association and the Certificate of Registration of such horse must show them as the owner (s) by proper endorsement of the AAA Ltd.

APPALOOSA STRIPED HOOVES — An Appaloosa is the only breed of horse which may display bold and clearly defined vertically light and dark striped hooves on legs that do not have white leg markings.

Vertical stripes in a horse's hooves may result from an injury to the coronet, or as a result of a white marking on the leg. Also, light coloured horses tend to have very thin stripes in the hooves. Since all breeds of horses may have stripes in their hooves as a result of one or more of the above reasons, all striped hooves do not necessarily distinguish between Appaloosa and non- Appaloosa. The Registrar must make the determination.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION — A written application for registration giving all required information on the horse. There are also application forms for transfer of ownership,

advancement to permanent registration, etc.

APPOINTMENTS — Equipment and clothing used in showing.

APPROVAL — refers to horse show approval, and all through the rule book wherever used, it shall mean conditional approval until all conditions for full approval are met and granted.

APPROVED BREED ASSOCIATIONS — Breed Associations recognized by the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd.

ARTIFICIAL COLOURING — any colour or changes of colour that do not result from natural Appaloosa processes.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION — Insemination by other than natural means. The mare is not covered by the stallion, and the semen is deposited in the uterus by mechanical means.

BASE COLOUR — is the dominant colour of a horse. It is determined from the body, neck and head area.

BAY —colour ranging from tan through red, to reddish brown, mane and tail black, usually black on lower legs.

BLACK —colour true black without any light areas, mane and tail black.

BLUE ROAN — More or less uniform mixture of white and black hairs; usually with a few red hairs, and may have varnish marks.

BUCKSKIN — A form of dun with body colour yellowish or gold; mane and tail black; usually black on lower legs, often has a dorsal stripe.

CHESTNUT — Body colour varies from light washy yellow to dark liver in colour. Never has black mane, tail or legs, but may have black hairs in mane and tail. May also have flaxen mane and tail but mane and tail are usually the same Colour as body.

DARK BAY OR BROWN — Body Colour brown or black with light areas at muzzle, eyes, flanks and inside upper legs, mane and tail black.

DUN — Body Colour yellowish to gold, mane and tail may be brown, red yellow or mixed; often has dorsal stripe, zebra stripes on legs and transverse stripe on withers.

GREY — Mixture of white and darker hairs; usually born solid coloured or almost solid coloured and gets light with age. **Note. Refer to rule 19.**

GRULLA — Body colour Smokey or mouse-coloured, (not a mixture of black and white hairs, but each hair mouse-coloured); Mane and tail black, usually black on lower legs.

PALOMINO — Body colour a golden yellow, mane and tail white.

RED ROAN — More or less uniform mixture of white and red hairs, and may have varnish marks.

WHITE — a true white horse is born white and remains white throughout its life. A white has snow white hair, pink skin and normally brown eyes.

BIGHT OF THE REINS — that part of the reins passing between thumb and fingers and out of the top of the hand.

BIOPSY (Skin) - A small portion of skin usually removed with a 1mm biopsy punch or a

scalpel. Histopathic examination of a skin biopsy can be made in order to determine whether or not cryogenic alteration has occurred.

BISHOPING — the practice of artificially altering the teeth of older horses in an attempt to make them sell as young horses.

BLOOD SAMPLE — a blood sample is drawn and sent to a serology lab in order to prove or disprove parentage.

BONE — the measurement of the circumference around the cannon bone about halfway between the knee and fetlock joints. Eight inches of bone is average for the Thoroughbred. "Flat bone" indicates that the cannon and the back tendon are parallel, with the tendon clean-cut and standing well away from the cannon bone. The word "flat" refers to the appearance of the cannon, which is wide and flat when viewed from the side although narrow from the front, and does not mean that the bone itself is flat.

BOOTS (Horse) - A protective covering for the legs or feet, generally used when exercising. Some types of boots are used for balance and perfection in gait.

BREEDER — Owner of the dam at time of service, except when a mare is under lease and written notification of such lease signed by the lessor is on file with the AAA Ltd at time of registration. In this case the registration shall show the lessee as the breeder.

BREEDING — Attempt to regulate progeny through intensive selection of the parents.

BREEDING CERTIFICATE — written verification signed by the stallion owner listing the stallion used for breeding, the mare bred, and the dates the breeding or breeding took place, or the period the mare was exposed to the stallion, in the case of pasture breeding.

CAVESSON — a noseband used with regulation English Bridles.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION — Document attesting to an animal's age, pedigree, breeder, owner and description.

CHAMPING — A term that describes the horse playing with the bit.

CHARACTERISTICS — Appaloosa horse can have four identifiable characteristics-

1. Coat Pattern
2. Mottled Skin
3. White Sclera
4. Striped Hooves

CHESTNUT — is a horny growth on the inside of the horse's legs, above the knees and below the hocks.

CLEAN — a term indicating that there are no blemishes on or unsoundness of the legs.

CLICKING — hitting the forefoot with the toe of the hind foot on the same side, also known as forging.

COAT PATTERNS — can be extremely varied and found in many sizes and Combinations. The following are only examples of the variations;

Blanket with spots

Blanket

Roan (Must have Appaloosa characteristics to receive regular registration papers)

Leopard (white with base coloured spots over entire body)

COLT — A young stallion two years and under.

CONDITION — State of health.

CONFORMATION — the parts collectively put together in the proper proportions and dimensions with their correct relationships well formed to one another making the whole structure of the horse symmetrical and sound.

CRYOGENICS (Freeze branding) - A permanent, painless, unalterable means of identification which destroys the pigment producing cell that gives hair its colour so as to leave a mark of white hair.

CRYPTORCHID — a horse in which one or both testicles has failed to normally descend into the scrotum.

DAM — the female parent of the horse.

DISUNITED OR CROSS FIRING — when a horse is on the right front lead and left hind lead at the same time or vice versa.

DNA ANALYSIS — A means of identifying a horse through DNA testing, also used for parent verification.

EQUESTRIAN — One who rides horses

EXHIBITOR -- a person showing a horse.

FALL — a horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and flank or quarters on the same side have touched the ground or an obstacle on the ground. A rider is considered to have fallen when he/she is separated from his/her horse, which has not fallen, in such a way that he/she must remount or vault into the saddle.

FARRIER — a blacksmith or horse shoer.

FILLY — a young female horse 2 years of age and under.

FOAL — a young horse of either sex, under 1 year old.

FOALED — Date of birth of foal.

FORGING — striking the forefoot with the toe of the hind foot on the same side, also known as clicking.

GELDED — a surgical operation called castration which changes a male horse from breeding animal to non-breeding animal.

GET — Progeny or offspring.

GLASS (Blue) EYE — an eye that has a front blue iris resulted in the lack of brown pigment.

HAND — a 100mm (4 inch) unit of measurement used to measure the height of horses.

HANDLER — Person who exhibits a horse in the show ring.

HARDSHIP — the provision that makes it possible to accept into the registry outstanding Appaloosas which do not meet the pedigree requirements. Sometimes horses which would meet the pedigree requirements are sold and resold, and the eventual owner finds the animal to be outstanding but cannot verify the pedigree. The Hardship Clause makes registration of such an animal possible. See Rule 3.12.

HOBBLES — Straps which encircle the pasterns or fetlock joints on the front legs of the horse and are connected with a short strap or chain, to prevent it from roaming too far when turned out to graze. Another type of hobble is used on hind legs (often around the hocks) of a mare in breeding, to prevent her from kicking the stallion.

HONDO — A ring of rope, rawhide or metal on a lasso through which the loop slides.

IN-HAND — Refers to horses shown in halter classes.

INSPECTION — Visual examination of a horse, by an inspector, to determine, whether or not, the horse meets the registration requirements of the Association and to identify the horse from the appropriate registration application or registration certificate.

INSPECTOR — a person designated by the AAA Ltd. Board of Directors to visually inspect the horse to determine whether or not the horse meets the registration requirements of the association.

JUNIOR EXHIBITOR (Youth) - Any rider 18 years old or younger as at August 1.

LEG MARKINGS — White markings on the legs of the horse which are used in describing and identifying a horse;

Heel - A marking found across the entire heel or simply on one side.

Coronet - A white marking that extends from the foot to the first inch above the hoof, extending all the way around the foot to be inclusive of the heel.

Pastern - A white marking that extends from the top of the hoof to the bottom of the fetlock joint.

Fetlock - A white marking that extends from the top of the hoof to the top of the fetlock joint

Half Stocking - A white marking that extends to the midway point of the cannon bone.

Stocking - Any white marking extending from the hoof, to the bottom of the knee, or hock, or above the knee or hock.

MARKINGS — Descriptions of markings;

Snip - A snip is any marking, usually vertical between the two nostrils.

Star - A star is any marking on the forehead.

Strip - A strip is a narrow marking extending vertically in the area between the forehead and the nostrils.

Blaze - A blaze is a broader vertical marking extending the length of the face.

Star and Strip - A marking on the forehead with a strip to the nasal peak; the strip does not have to be an extension of the star.

Star, Strip and Snip - A marking on the forehead with a narrow extension to the nasal peak and opening up again between the nostrils.

Bald - A bald is a very broad blaze; it can extend outside near the eyes and it can extend down to the upper lip and around the nostrils.

WHORL — a circular set or ring of hair.

MARE — a female horse 3 years or older.

MISPLACED WHITE — White in areas other than the lower leg and face, and white that is not in typical Appaloosa pattern or markings. Most misplaced white occurs in the neck, rib or stomach area, and is in an irregular pattern resembling a Paint or Pinto marking.

MONORCHID — a horse in which one of the testicles has failed to normally descend into the scrotum.

MOTTLED SKIN (Parti-Coloured Skin) - The Appaloosa horse is the only horse to have this characteristic and therefore mottled skin is a very basic and decisive indication of an Appaloosa. Mottled skin is different from pink (flesh coloured or non-pigmented) skin in that it will normally contain small, round, dark spots,(pigmented skin) within its area. It is therefore a speckled pattern and non-pigmented skin.

If a horse has mottled skin, it is apt to be found in the anus region. It normally is seen spreading from the centre of the anus to include the surrounding area. Mottled skin is often found on the udder or sheath. Many breeds of horse will have a few small specks of flesh coloured (non-pigmented) skin in this region which again should not be confused with mottled skin. Many Appaloosas will have varying amounts of mottled skin on their muzzle and around their eyes; it can extend over both nostrils and around the upper and lower lip regions. All horses have a line (on the lips) caused by the contrast of pigmented skin and non-pigmented skin. Again, all horses have this, and therefore, a person should not separate the lips for signs of mottled skin.

MOUTHING — determining the approximate age of a horse by examining the teeth.

NEAR-SIDE — the left-hand side of the horse.

NON-MEMBER — a person who has not applied for membership with the Australian Appaloosa Association Limited, or a person whose membership dues are not currently paid to the AAA Ltd.

OFF-SIDE — the right side of the horse.

OPEN CLASS — one in which any horse of a specified breed is eligible to compete.

OVER-REACH — hitting of the forefoot with the hind foot.

PARROT MOUTH — When the lower front teeth do not touch the upper front teeth because of the lower jaw being abnormally short, thus causing the lower front teeth to be behind the upper front teeth. The reverse condition is known as under-shot jaw.

PEDIGREE — record of the ancestry of an animal.

PHOTOGRAPHS - All photographs required in these rules must be in colour, of satisfactory quality and size, can be 35mm or digital, not instant or computerised.

POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM — A system of exact identification of a horse using multi-methods such as photographs, tattooing, brands, identifying scars, face, leg and coat markings. Not to be confused with the Association Identification System.

PRODUCE — Off-spring.

PULLED HAIR-(a) Hair can be pulled or cut to be used in polarization stress analysis in order to determine whether or not cryogenic alteration has occurred.

(b) Pulled Hair follicles will be one method used to determine DNA test results.

REATA — Spanish for lariat.

RIBBON COLOURS

First: Blue **Second:** Red **Third:** Yellow **Fourth:** Green **Fifth:** Brown **Sixth -**
Pink

Champion: Blue, White & Red

Reserve Champion - Red, White & Red.

Grand Champion: Purple.

ROARER — a wind-broken animal that makes a loud noise when drawing air into the lungs.

ROMAL — an extension leather-braided or rawhide-braided material attached to the reins. The rider must hold the Romal with the free hand at least 400 millimetres (16 inches) from the rein hand.

ROPE — A length of rope 9mm (3/8 inch) or larger in diameter and 6 metres (20 feet long) or longer. All ropes (lariats) must have a Hondo. A Reata shall meet these same standards except shall be 25mm (1/4 inch) or larger in diameter and shall be made of either leather or rawhide.

SENIOR HORSE — any horse 6 years old or over.

SERVICEABLY SOUND — said of a horse that has nothing wrong that will materially impair its value for the intended use.

SIRE — the male parent.

SLICKER or RAINCOAT — Garment which is suitable to be used to repel rain or moisture.

SOUNDNESS — the sound horse is free of defects such as, but not limited to, impaired vision, parrot mouth, defective hearing, ringbone, sidebone, spavin, thoroughpins, curbs, unsoundness in wind and bowed tendons.

SPAYED MARE — Female having had her ovaries removed by surgery.

STALLION — an entire Male horse that is 3 years old or over.

TACK — Equipment used in riding and driving horses, such as saddles, bridles, etc.

VARNISH MARKS — the term used to describe dark areas that are most often seen on roan patterns of roan Appaloosas. They are most frequently found on the face, legs stifle, above the eye, point of hip and behind the elbow of the horse.

WEANLING — for showing purposes is a foal that has been weaned (ie no longer has any attachment or feeding requirements with it's Dam) and is a minimum of 18 weeks of age.

WHITE SCLERA — a horse is said to have white sclera when there is white area encircling the dark or pigmented iris of the eye. It should be clearly visible. White sclera can be used as a characteristic of an Appaloosa provided it is not in combination with a bald face. The Board may discount the white sclera.

Other breeds tend to show white around the eye if the eyeball is rolled back or if the horse is made to roll its eye sideways or up and down, this is not white sclera encircling the eye.

YEARLING — Young horse between 1 and 2 years of age.

DIVISION 2 - MEMBERSHIP

2.1 MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Membership in the Australian Appaloosa Association Limited is a privilege, not a right. Application for which shall be made on forms and by the fees and procedures prescribed from time to time by the AAA Ltd. Membership or application therefore, may be terminated in the interest of the Association, its programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationships of its members, as determined by the Board of Directors. Termination or application rejection proceedings under this paragraph shall be conducted under the AAA Ltd. disciplinary procedures for notice, hearing and temporary suspension. The effect of termination or rejection may be denial of the privileges of the AAA Ltd. as set forth in disciplinary procedures.

Any member who is found to be registering fictitious members, whether it be for taxation reasons or any other reason will be liable for suspension or expulsion by the Board of Directors.

Active members nominate and elect Directors, are eligible to serve on committees and receive the annual audit and notice of the annual meeting of members.

Membership is not transferable. If a member dies or goes out of business, his membership cannot go to another party.

If there is joint ownership of a horse, and one of the owners becomes unfinancial, then the horse is still considered as eligible for all showing and breeding rights. Being a member of a Regional Club does not make one a member of the AAA Ltd. Membership in Regional Clubs varies from one club to another, so you would have to check with your regional club for information on Regional membership.

2.2 TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Life Member - Individual persons who are interested in the promotion of the Appaloosa in Australia.

Honorary Life Membership - See AAA Ltd. Articles of Association for more details.

Junior Membership - Persons 18 years and under. Should a youth turn 19 during the year an adult membership fee is not due until August in the year following.

Full Member - Individual persons who are owners of Appaloosas or who are interested in the promotion of Appaloosas in Australia.

Constituent Members - being members who are Companies, Firms, Executors, Institutions, Trustees, Societies or Studs who are interested in the promotion of the Appaloosa in Australia on the basis that this category of membership is entitled to one (1) nominee, details of whom must be provided to the Office upon application and the nominee is to be responsible for all bookwork, signatures and voting on behalf of such constituent membership and shall be the only person eligible to vote, show and/or sign on behalf of this membership provided that such nominee may be altered by notice from such constituent membership and provided that such new nominee is approved by the Executive Board and on the basis that all persons or Companies, Firms, Executors, Institutions, Trustees, Societies or Studs who are noted on the application form for constituent membership shall be liable for the actions of the nominee from time to time.

Couple Members - being those members, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who are married or de-facto and must be living at the same address, other than Honorary Life Members. Life Members, Full Members or Constituent Members, both persons noted as part of the Couple Membership will have the same showing and voting rights as a Full Member.

2.3 APPLICATION

To become a member one must complete an Application for Membership and submit it together with the first year's membership fees to the Association Office for approval by the Board. On 1st August of the following year the fees must be paid in order to remain an active member.

Membership is for the period, 1st August to 31st July, each year. New members joining after 1st June each year, their membership fee will also cover the following year.

2.4 MEMBER AWARD OF APPRECIATION

This award is presented by the AAA Ltd. to a member in recognition of outstanding and meritorious service in the promotion of the Appaloosa breed.

2.5 NATIONAL APPALOOSA JOURNAL

As the National Appaloosa Journal is the official publication of the AAA Ltd and contains notices to members of rule changes etc., it is compulsory that at least one member in a household where more than one membership is held at the same address subscribes to the magazine.

2.6 HALL OF FAME

Criteria for a horse to be nominated:

- 1) If a stallion sires 10 different horses that win Bronze medallions, or 5 different horses that win Silver Medallions, or 3 different horses that win Gold medallions, that stallion will be considered for induction into the Hall Of Fame upon application to the Board by any financial member of the AAA Ltd
- 2) If a mare produces 5 different Bronze medallion winners, or 3 different horses that win a Silver medallion, or 2 horses that win a Gold medallion, then that mare will be considered for induction into the Hall Of Fame upon application to the Board by any financial member of the AAA Ltd.

- 3) Any horse may be nominated by and seconded by 2 financial AAA Ltd. members, if it has achieved excellence in some other field, other than the scenarios in paragraphs 1& 2. This nomination to be forwarded for consideration by the AAA Ltd Board, with supporting details of the horses achievements and reasons for nomination.

Criteria for a person to be nominated:

- 1) Must be a person who has worked tirelessly for, or promoted the breed and/or a person who has achieved outstanding excellence in their particular field of competition
- 2) To be nominated a person does not have to be a current AAA Ltd. member, but the nominee must be a financial AAA Ltd member. The said nomination to be petitioned & signed by 15 current financial AAA Ltd. Members. The petition to be presented to the Board for consideration.
- 3) All nominations to be enclosed with a small explanation as to why this person deserves to be inducted into the Hall Of Fame.

The Board of Directors have the right to nominate and pass any person or registered horse they feel is worthy of being considered for induction into the Hall Of Fame.

Any member can only put forward 1 nomination per year for consideration

Only on a unanimous decision by the Board will any horse or person be inducted into the Hall Of Fame

All nominations to be in by 1st August of that year

Said nominations will then be published in the next magazine, and members can send a written comment to the Board if they so wish. All written comments, to be sent to the AAA Ltd Office no later than 1st January. After due consideration of all comments received, the Board will then vote & any successful nominations will be inducted into the Hall Of Fame.

DIVISION 3 - REGISTRATION

3.1 GENERAL

Application must be made on forms supplied by the Association and all details there on shall be completed and signed by the owner/s and/or the breeder.

Registration of a horse with the AAA Ltd. is based and predicated upon the agreement, acceptance and consent of the applicant that the final decision on all registrations and classification matters and the final interpretation of all rules contained from time to time in this Handbook shall be made by the Board of Directors of the AAA Ltd. or an authorised committee thereof and that decisions and interpretations of the Board or authorised committee shall be binding on all parties.

Registration eligibility for all horses is based on information supplied and forwarded to the Registration Department of the AAA Ltd. on official application forms and from required photographs. The burden of proving eligibility for registration of any horse with the AAA Ltd. rests entirely with the applicant.

In any case regarding doubt as to the true parentage or identification of an animal, DNA tests may be required, and taking into consideration the results of such tests and such other information as may be available, the Directors may authorise such corrections in the records as may be determined to be necessary or appropriate. No member has the right to alter registration certificates.

This Association, by issuing a Certificate of Registration and/or by approving a Transfer, can give no warranty as to the actual ownership of a horse and that any purchaser of a horse must rely upon his or her own enquiries in that regard.

3.2 APPLICATION

The Application for registration should be fully completed (ink or typed) and signed in writing (ink) under the eligibility clause. Be sure to include with your registration application the breeding certificate, required fees, Three (3) recent photographs taken from a distance of approximately 4.5 m (15'), two (2) nearside and one (1) offside of the animal, and photos must be in Colour. Close up photographs are not allowed.

Besides the required photographs, additional photographs may be submitted which would aid in the evaluation of the horse's coat markings and/or characteristics. Photographs become the property of the AAA Ltd. and may not be returned.

3.3 ARTIFICIAL CHARACTERISTICS AND/OR COAT PATTERN

No horse registered with the AAA Ltd. or any horse for which an application for registration is pending before the AAA Ltd. shall bear artificial characteristics and/or artificial coat pattern. Any horse bearing such artificial appearances, shall be denied if pending, or if registered, shall have its registration cancelled. The owner of the horse shall be absolutely responsible for the authenticity of the horse's external appearances, the owner of a horse with artificial characteristics and/or coat pattern may be suspended, expelled or denied the rights and privileges of the AAA Ltd. pursuant to the disciplinary rules of the AAA Ltd.

It shall be the obligation of the owner to return a Registration Certificate for correction whenever the subject horse no longer has some Appaloosa characteristics so as to be recognisable as an Appaloosa. The registration of any horse shall be subject to suspension, revocation or correction in accordance with the protest, inspection and appeal procedures set forth in this handbook.

3.4 INSPECTIONS

As a prerequisite to registration or change in registration classification the Board may require an inspection and/or examination of the subject horse in accordance with the rules and prior to the inspection, the owner shall pay actual and necessary expenses for the inspection.

Upon request, the owner shall transport the horse to a convenient location to permit the inspection and/or examination. The registration application or requested change in classification shall be rejected if the owner of the subject horse refuses to permit the inspection and/or examination.

3.5 NON ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION

A horse is not eligible for registration with the AAA Ltd. that has Draft, Pony, Standard bred, and Albino, Pinto or Paint breeding. A horse bred from a grey parent is not eligible for registration. There is no discrimination against registering an animal with glass (blue) eyes.

3.6 GENETIC DISORDERS

.1 Hyperalaemic Periodic Paralysis Disease (HYPP)

All foals bred from horses known to carry the HYPP gene must be tested.

Foals born after 1st August 2002 that test positive to HYPP N/H or H/H will not be registered with the AAA Ltd until either spayed or gelded.

Any existing horses registered with the AAA Ltd that have tested or do test HYPP N/H or H/H, must state this fact in ALL advertising pertaining to the horse.

3.7 DNA TESTING

Where DNA testing is required under these rules, the applicant must submit a request in writing and enclose the requisite fee prior to any test kit being delivered.

Any registration will not be completed until results are received to confirm parentage.

As from 1st August 2008 ALL horses seeking registration in the AAA registry must be DNA tested for parent verification.

3.8 ERRORS OR MISREPRESENTATION

The AAA Ltd. will not be liable for any errors or misrepresentation, on the application for registration or subsequently issued Certificate of Registration and in case of such error or misrepresentation, the AAA Ltd. reserves the right to suspend, revoke, or correct the issued Certificate of Registration and the entry of the named horse in accordance with the protest, inspection and appeal procedures set forth in this handbook.

3.9 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

For a horse to be eligible to be registered in one of the AAA Ltd Registries, one of the following breeding requirements must apply:

An **"Adult"** AAA Ltd registered horse can be mated with one of the Approved Breeding Registries (see Rule 3.13).

An **"Adult"** AAA Ltd registered horse can be mated with an **"Adult", "BS", "AB", "B", "ID"** or **"BT"** AAA Ltd registered horse.

A "B", "ID", "AB", "BS" or "BT" AAA Ltd registered horse must be mated with an "Adult" AAA Ltd registered horse.

3.10 REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

As at the 1st August 2008 Resulting progeny from the above breeding may be registered in the following categories:

ADULTS for fillies, mares and stallions - These horses from a distance of 4.5 metres (15') must show Appaloosa coat markings so as to be easily recognised as an Appaloosa or inspected and approved and must have either Parti-coloured skin or white sclera. These horses will be allotted a number.

COLTS - These horses from a distance of 4.5 metres (15') must show Appaloosa coat markings so as to be easily recognised as an Appaloosa or inspected and approved and must have either Parti-coloured skin or white sclera. These colts will be allotted a PC number.

Note: All colts become eligible for adult registration at two years of age, from 1 August in the season in which they turn two. These colts must be adult registered before they can be used for breeding. Non-Adult registered stallions 4 years and over may not be shown. Colt certificates are automatically cancelled at 4 years of age. See Rule 3.37

GELDINGS - These horses from a distance of 4.5 metres (15') must show Appaloosa coat markings so as to be easily recognised as an Appaloosa or inspected and approved and must have either Parti-coloured skin or white sclera. These horses will be allotted a GC number.

Note: Geldings of unknown breeding that meet the above requirements may be registered.

B - for colts, stallions, fillies, mares, geldings. These horses do not show Appaloosa coat markings visible from 4.5 meters but must meet the breeding requirements of Registered Appaloosa to Registered Appaloosa, or Registered Appaloosa to any Approved Breeding Registries. All horses must have proof of breeding (Service Certificate). These horses must be bred back to an Adult Coloured registered Appaloosa. These horses will be allotted a B number.

Note: Horses in the B registry can be inspected and upgraded to Adult registry if eligible.

After 1st August 2008 these registration categories remain as recognised categories:

B - for fillies, mares, colts, stallions, geldings. These horses must have Parti-coloured skin, white sclera. These horses will be allotted a B number. These horses will be inspected.

AB - for colts, stallions, fillies, mares, geldings. These horses do not have enough characteristics to be eligible for any of the above mentioned registries. They must meet the breeding requirements set out in Rule 3.13. All horses in this category must have proof of breeding and will be allotted an AB number. These horses cannot be shown in closed Appaloosa classes.

BT - for colts, stallions, fillies, mares, geldings. These horses must meet the breeding requirements of Registered Appaloosa to Registered Appaloosa, or Registered Appaloosa to any Approved Breeding Registries. All horses must have proof of breeding (Service Certificate) and **MUST** be DNA tested for parent verification. These horses must be bred back to an Adult Coloured registered Appaloosa. These horses will be allotted a BT number.

3.11 SHOW RIGHTS

The following Registration categories **cannot** be shown in closed Appaloosa classes: **BS**-Breeding Stock, **G**-Gelding, **P**-Colts, **AB**-Appaloosa Bred; **ID**-Mares.

3.12 HARDSHIP CLAUSE

The Board of Directors recognises the possibility of an occasional Appaloosa being produced which would not meet the pedigree requirements but which would be superior to the breed; it is to the advantage of the breed to accept for registration horses which are of high quality. If the owner of an outstanding Appaloosa which does not meet the pedigree requirements wishes to register under the Hardship Clause, a special application requiring detailed information will be provided upon request and must be returned with a \$1,000 fee. Inspection must then be set and an inspector of the AAA Ltd must visually see the applicant horse and if the applicant horse passes the inspection, papers will be issued after all costs have been met.

Note. The horse must be HYPP tested - see Rule 3.6.

3.13 APPROVED BREEDING REGISTRIES

The recording of progeny in the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd Registry requires proof of parentage (see exception re geldings in rule 3.10) The following Breed Registries, subject to any notations herein, are the only approved registries;

Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd.

A.J.C. Registered Thoroughbreds

Australian Stud Book Thoroughbred

Australian Stock Horse Society (See note (i) below)

Arabian Horse Society of Australia (See note (ii) below)

Australian Quarter Horse Association (See note (iii) below)

Australian Warmblood Horse Association

Note (i). When using a Stock Horse outcross, members should ensure the horse has known, acceptable and proven breeding.

Note (ii). Arab horses of UNKNOWN breeding (part bred) or Arab riding ponies are disallowed. The onus is on the owner of a part bred Arab to be able to prove by means of copies of registration certificates that their horse is eligible to be used in the AAA Ltd breeding program with acceptable proven breeding.

Note (iii). Any resulting progeny from a registered Quarter Horse whose registration papers state "This horse has white markings designated under AQHA Rules and Regulations as undesirable and uncharacteristic of the breed" will not be eligible for registration with the AAA Ltd.

3.14 ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION.

Artificial insemination may be used and the resulting foals are eligible for registration with the AAA Ltd if all registration requirements as per Division 3 Rules and the following conditions are met:

- .1 If semen is collected, stored or transported from the premises where the stallion is standing, for the purpose of breeding a mare or mares, then the stallion owner or lessee must complete their respective section of the Collection /Insemination Certificate. This certificate must accompany any shipment of semen.
- .2 After receiving the transported semen and the Collection/ Insemination Certificate from the stallion owner/lessee, the breeder shall complete and sign the certificate.
- .3 The attending Veterinarian or registered Technician shall complete and sign their respective section of the certificate.
- .4 Any subsequent breeding in the same season will require the procedure to be repeated.
- .5 If the mare is inseminated at the stud where the stallion stands then the certificate is retained by the stallion owner/lessee and completed as applicable and provided to the mare breeder upon successful insemination.
- .6 Any foal resulting from the use of transported semen shall only be registered after the properly completed Collection/Insemination Certificate is filed with the AAA Ltd as well as all other registration requirements
- .7 The maximum number of straws to be used after the death of a stallion shall be 500.
- .8 Once a stallion has been gelded, no further frozen semen shall be used beyond the season of his gelding.

3.15 IMPORTED SEMEN

Imported semen can be used for Artificial Insemination provided all the above rules are met and the stallion must be registered with one of the registries noted in Rule 3.13. It is the breeder's responsibility to submit all necessary documentation including proof of breeding as supplied by the approved Breed Registry. (see rule 3.17)

The stallion owner/lessee shall prepare a properly completed breeding certificate with the original to be filed with the AAA Ltd and the duplicate shall be issued to the mare breeder. Such breeding certificate will show the mare as being bred artificially.

3.16 EMBRYO TRANSFERS

SELECTION OF MARE:

Any AAA Ltd registered mare and mares of approved Breed registries (as per rule 3.13) is acceptable as a donor mare, provided the mare is at least 2 years old at the time the Embryo transfer is performed.

The donor mare must be registered as a donor mare with AAA Ltd each year she is bred in an Embryo program

The donor mare shall be DNA tested before registration of resultant foal and the result to be recorded on the registration certificate.

THE STALLION:

Any stallion shall be AAA Ltd registered or of an approved breed (as per rule 3.13) for use in the Embryo transfer programme.

The stallion shall be DNA tested before registration of resulting foal and results recorded with the AAA Ltd.

THE FOAL:

Foal to be DNA tested for parent verification.

Only four genetic offspring per year shall be eligible for registration unless twin foals are result of fertilisation of one ovum and twin foals are carried by one recipient mare following a single implementation.

3.17 IMPORTED HORSES

For an Imported horse to be considered for entry into the Australian Registry, a horse must first be registered with one of the following:

Appaloosa Horse Club of America, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand or Britain and must meet the AAA Ltd. Registration requirements.

All imported horses must first be entered in the Australian Registry before their progeny can be accepted for entry.

A transfer or lease signed by the owner of said horse must accompany application. The application is to be made within three (3) months of importation.

A Photostat copy of the horse's American, Canadian, Mexican, New Zealand or British registration must accompany the application.

This rule applies as applicable to imported semen.

Note. Horses imported (or those used for semen importation) after 1st August 2002, must be HYPP & DNA tested and those that test positive to HYPP N/H or H/H will not be registered with the AAA Ltd.

3.18 BRANDING/WHORLS

It is compulsory to note WHORLS on the diagram on the back of the AAA Ltd Registration Application form.

A whorl is a circular set or ring of hair and as such is regarded as an identifying feature similar to human finger prints. Whorls can be found on any part of the body but especially on the face and neck area.

Branding is no longer compulsory but if owners wish to use a brand the following is a guide to the correct method of branding:-

New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania -

Near Shoulder breeders or owners identifying brand.

Off Shoulder, distinguishing numerals consisting of the reference number of the last figure of the season of foaling.

e.g. **1** for the first foal of the 1996 season branded
6 According to the owner's practice.

e.g. **2** for the second foal etc.

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Queensland -

Near Shoulder breeders or owners identifying brand with the distinguishing numerals consisting of the reference number OVER the last figure of the season of foaling placed below the registered brand.

e.g. **1** for the first foal of the 1996 season branded

6 According to the owner's practice.

e.g. **2** for the second foal etc.

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Foals dropped between 1 January, 1996 and 31 July 1996 would carry the season number 5, as they would be regarded for racing purposes as having been foaled in the 1995 season.

Fire or freeze branding are both acceptable by the AAA Ltd.

3.19 AGE OF A HORSE

The age of a horse shall be computed on the basis of a calendar year starting on 1 August of the year foaled. An animal is a weanling during the calendar year in which foaled, and a yearling throughout the first calendar year following its foaling date, regardless of the time of year foaled.

A horse is not eligible to participate in events approved by the AAA Ltd if its age as determined by examination of its teeth does not correspond to the age shown on its Registration Certificate, such determination by tooth examination to be made in accordance

with the current Official Guide for Determining the Age of the Horse as adopted by the Australian Veterinarians Association.

3.20 PROOF OF AGE

Every exhibitor, owner or trainer, upon request by a representative of the AAA Ltd, Show Manager, or stewards at an event, shall permit such examination to be made by a representative of the AAA Ltd and/or a licensed veterinarian. Refusal to comply with such request shall constitute grounds of immediate disqualification of the animal from the AAA Ltd event in progress or any other AAA Ltd approved event, and shall constitute grounds for suspension of AAA Ltd membership.

Should such examination show the animal's age does not correspond to the foaling date shown on its Registration Certificate; such examination shall constitute prima facie evidence that the animal's age as shown on its Registration Certificate is erroneous.

The animal automatically shall be suspended from participating in the AAA Ltd event in progress and any future AAA Ltd approved events pending a hearing before the Board of Directors.

The exhibitor, owner, or trainer, upon request by a representative of the AAA Ltd show manager or stewards at an event, shall deliver the animal's Registration Certificate to the requesting party. The representative of the AAA Ltd, show manager, or stewards at an event receiving the Registration Certificate immediately shall forward the certificate and affidavits from the person or persons making such examination and findings, to the Board of Directors of the AAA Ltd.

At a time and place designated by the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting, a hearing will be held, at which time the animal's recorded owner, and/or breeder shall provide evidence to substantiate the foaling date shown on the Registration Certificate. In the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, the Board of Directors may cancel the animal's registration, and take appropriate action against the person or persons involved.

Instead of a certificate cancellation, if the pedigree is substantiated, but the age discrepancy remains unresolved, the Board of Directors may direct that an appropriate notation be made on the certificate to allow the horse to be used for breeding purposes, but prohibiting its participation in approved events.

3.21 CHANGE FROM STALLION TO GELDING OR MARE TO SPAYED MARE.

When an animal is altered (gelded or spayed), the Certificate of Registration must be returned to the AAA Ltd accompanied by a notarised letter from the Veterinarian who performed the surgery or the owner as to the date and type of surgery performed and the registered name and number of the horse involved, or the registered name and number of the sire and dam and the age of the foal, if not registered, together with the prescribed fee plus 3 photos.

3.22 CHANGE OF OWNERS NAME

If an owner's name is changed due to marriage, it is not necessary for the Certificate of Registration to show the change. However, it is very important that our office be advised of the new name and address as well as the former name and address. If an owner wishes to

have her new name appear on the Certificate of Registration then such Certificate should be returned to the AAA Ltd Office together with one new photo of the horse so that a new Certificate can be issued.

3.23 DESCRIPTION CHANGE

If the Colour of a horse has changed so that the current description does not apply to the Certificate of Registration, you may redescribe the Colour and markings; send new photographs, the fee and the Certificate of Registration to the AAA Ltd.

3.24 DECEASED HORSES

When a registered Appaloosa dies, the owner must notify the AAA Ltd of the date of death and return the Certificate of Registration to the Office. The records and Certificate will be marked deceased and the Certificate will be returned to the owner. A deceased horse can not be registered with the Association.

3.25 DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES

A duplicate certificate is a new Registration Certificate which is issued when the original has been lost or destroyed. It is issued when sufficient proof of loss and proper identification of the horse has been submitted to the Associations office.

The AAA Ltd may issue a duplicate Registration Certificate if the current recorded owner files the proper affidavit - duly notarised, completed in all respects and stating circumstances under which the original Registration Certificate was lost or destroyed - and pay the required fee. Such affidavit is to be accompanied by current photographs of the animal which show both sides, front and rear views.

If the certificate was lost by a trainer or racing official at the track, affidavits from such other persons should accompany the recorded owners' request for a duplicate certificate.

If the application for the duplicate certificate contains a discrepancy of such nature as to bring into question the identity of the animal, the Registrar may require inspection of the animal.

If the present actual owner is not indicated in the Association's files to be the recorded owner, he additionally shall provide the AAA Ltd with an affidavit from the last recorded owner in order to obtain the duplicate Registration Certificate. Such affidavit shall set forth the circumstances of the transfer and the identity of the person to whom he delivered the Registration Certificate.

In order to issue a duplicate certificate when the recorded owner cannot be located to complete an affidavit (after all reasonable efforts by the actual owner and then by the AAA Ltd office), the following items are required:

- .1 Properly completed and signed transfer reports or acceptable bills of sale reflecting each ownership change beginning with the recorded owner,
- .2 Notarised affidavit signed by each party who had the original certificate in his or her possession after the recorded owner.

- .3 A signed statement from the actual current owner giving details of his attempts to contact the recorded owner,
- .4 Four current, full-view photographs of the horse (both sides, front and rear views).
- .5 Fee for duplicate certificate.
- .6 Transfer fee (if required).

A duplicate certificate cannot be issued if the original Certificate of Registration is being held by a second party for payment of mortgages, loans, liens or judgments and proper documentation of said indebtedness is on file with the AAA Ltd.

3.26 ID. HORSES

This system closed on 1.8.85.

All previously registered horses in this system must be bred to an Adult AAA Ltd registered horse for the resulting progeny to be eligible for registration.

3.27 INSPECTION PROCEDURE

The Registrar shall designate an Inspector to conduct a visual inspection of every horse which has been protested or for which an inspection has otherwise been required. After identifying the subject horse, the Inspector shall note on the back of the photographs the name and registration number of the horse, if any. The Inspector shall also complete a written report detailing the results of the inspection and the names and addresses of any witnesses present. The Inspector shall forward the inspection report and photographs to the Registrar as soon as practicable.

The Registrar may, in his sole discretion require a physical examination of the subject horse by a veterinarian to determine the horse's age, sex status, height or other physical attributes and/or to obtain blood, urine or hair samples and biopsies. The veterinarian shall submit a written report of any such examination to the Registrar as soon as practicable. Any costs to be borne by the horse's owner.

The Registrar shall review the inspection report, photographs, veterinarian's report, if any, and any other information on file or submitted by the owner and shall give the owner a written "Notice of Decision" no later than 10 days after reaching said decision. If the decision of the Registrar is adverse to the owner, the Notice of Decision shall be accompanied by an "Appeal Notice Form" and a description of the appeal procedures available to the owner. If the Registrar determines that the reports and photographs are inconclusive, a second inspection may be required by the Registrar at his sole discretion.

3.28 LEASE AGREEMENTS

Lease Agreements must be organised between the two parties and are not the responsibility of the AAA Ltd.

A copy of the official Lease Agreement and Registration Certificate must be forwarded to the Association's Office within 30 days of signing of lease and accompanied by the prescribed fee (See Schedule of Fees).

The Association will NOT recognise the Lessee's signature on a Transfer of Ownership of the leased horse. The Owner (Lessor) will not be held responsible for the actions of the Lessee. Effective 1st August 1993 all existing and current Signature Authorisation Forms will be null and void.

3.29 MARE OWNERS

Ensure that the stallion owner has all the necessary and correct information of your mare on the Service Certificate. A photocopy of the certificate of registration should be given to the stallion owner at the time of Service. Often times, a registration is held up because the stallion owner did not list the correct information on the Certificate. Be certain that the person offering the stallion's services is the recorded owner or has valid lease contract on the stallion. If your mare is leased, be sure to have a copy of the lease agreement on file with the AAA Ltd. The lessee is considered the breeder, unless stated otherwise.

Note: When breeding to a Non-Appaloosa stallion, arrangements must be made with the Stallion owner that the stallion may have to be DNA tested, if necessary.

3.30 NEW CERTIFICATES

If a new certificate is desired for any reason (i.e. if certificate has become worn or illegible), send a written request for a new certificate, the old certificate, three recent photographs and the fee.

3.31 NAMING A HORSE

Each animal for which registration is applied must be given an acceptable name which does not conflict with the name of any other animal registered with the AAA Ltd either living or dead.

Names are not eligible for use:

- .1 if they consist of more than 25 characters - prefixes, spaces and punctuation marks count as characters,
- .2 end in "filly" or "colt",
- .3 are names of famous horses,
- .4 are similar in spelling or punctuation to names already in use,
- .5 Are names of famous or notorious people unless their notarised consent is filed with the AAA Ltd Office?
- .6 are suggestive or which have vulgar or obscene meaning,

- .7 are similar in pronunciation to any of the above,
- .8 Numbers to be disallowed at the beginning of horses name.

3.32 NAME CHANGE

Once an Appaloosa is registered, the name of a horse cannot be changed unless directed by the Board of Directors.

3.33 NON APPALOOSA STALLIONS IN BREEDING PROGRAMME - APPROVED BREEDING REGISTRIES (See Rule 3.13)

If the stallion is not a registered Appaloosa then a photocopy of the stallion's current registration certificate issued by an approved breed registry must be submitted with the application for registration of resulting foal. A Certificate of Service must be lodged with AAA Ltd office with appropriate fee by 31st July in that breeding year.

3.34 PEDIGREE

A financial member of the Association may apply for a 4 generation pedigree. Please apply in writing and send appropriate fee. (See schedule of fees).

3.35 PREFIX.

A Prefix is determined to be a name or combination of letters (providing there is no fewer than two (2) letters) that is used to identify a member's horse. If a word or combination of letters is used as the first identifying word in a horse's name in naming more than one horse it is deemed to be a prefix and must be registered as such.

Only the registered owner of a prefix (who is a current financial of the AAA Ltd.) has the right to use that prefix (as a prefix) in the naming of a horse. Written permission is to be obtained should other than the registered owner of the prefix wish to use that prefix.

Letters are permissible providing that there is no less than two (2) letters.

To retain a prefix the member must remain a financial member of the Association. An initial fee is imposed on registering a prefix (See schedule of fees).

Numbers are not allowed as prefixes.

The name registered may be used as a stud prefix but is essentially a prefix to the name of a horse, However, it is not compulsory that it is used as a horse name prefix.

Members wishing to use a prefix already allocated to a financial member must receive written authorisation from that member and forward same to the Association Office.

The registrar can refuse to accept names or prefixes which are likely to be confused with other horses, or prefixes, or misleading to their sex.

Members may register more than one prefix.

3.36 STALLION OWNERS

Effective 1 August 1994, all AAA Ltd. registered stallions 15yrs and under intended for breeding must be DNA tested.

Service Certificate books are available to owners/lessee of a Registered Stallion from AAA Ltd Office (See Schedule of Fees).

For all mares bred to stallions used in the AAA Ltd breeding programme, Certificate of Service, in triplicate, must be issued by the owner or lessee, showing the mare's breed name and number, Colour and markings, owner and address, stallions name and number, and where located, dates of service and authorised signatures.

Stallion Classification - a penalty of up to \$1000 maximum fine as determined by the Board of Directors, for breeding with a Stallion prior to official classification as a Stallion.

All owners/lessee of registered stallions must forward to the AAA Ltd the Service Certificate original for all mares bred to the stallion during the year. Until such certificates are filed with the AAA Ltd, the resulting foals cannot be registered.

A Statutory Declaration giving permission to an authorised agent to sign Service Certificates on behalf of the Owner/Lessee must be lodged with the Association's office by 31st July in that breeding year.

If a mare is exposed to two or more stallions in less than 45 days, a DNA test will be required before the resulting foal can be registered, with the owners paying the cost of the DNA test. The charge for DNA testing will be the actual and necessary cost of performing each test.

In any case of doubt regarding the true parentage or identification of any animal, DNA tests may be required, and taking into consideration the results of such tests and/or such other information as may be available, the Board may authorise such corrections in the records as may be determined to be necessary or appropriate. In all proceedings concerned with or affecting registrations and records the burden of resolving any doubt as to the true parentage or identification of an animal shall be upon the applicant or owner.

The duplicate service certificate must accompany the resulting foal's application for registration, where it will be checked with the original. Only owners of a registered, classified stallion are eligible to use Service Certificates.

ONE SERVICE BOOK PER STALLION ONLY. (Two or more stallions cannot use same Service Book).

NO PERSON SHALL MAKE ANY ALTERATION OF INFORMATION ON A SERVICE CERTIFICATE.

A Service Certificate on which information has been changed will not be acceptable for the purpose of registering a horse with the Association.

No Service Certificate will be accepted for stallions unless they are classified and registered with the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd and the owner or lessee is a financial member.

The stallion owner or lessee must send to the AAA Ltd office, service certificates for all mares

exposed to the stallion whether tested in foal or not. Late certificates after July incur an extra fee - See Schedule of Fees.

The stallion owner or lessee must state full date and year mares are bred. Paddock bred is not sufficient. When paddock bred must state date when mare is placed in paddock and date she is taken out.

If certificates and fees are not in AAA Ltd office by 31st July each year and owners do not comply with AAA Ltd rules, their name may be listed in the National Appaloosa Journal and subject to suspension by AAA Ltd.

Note: Mare nominations for weanling Futurity are automatic with lodgement of Mare/Stallion returns received before 31st July each year.

3.37 UPGRADE TO STALLION

All colts Australian bred and imported must be veterinary inspected before upgrading to stallion.

The basis of veterinary inspection is designed to determine the eligibility of a stallion as a registered sire for breeding.

Colts are eligible for inspection from 1st August in the season in which they turn 2 years old.

Colts will be eligible for acceptance into the registry upon production of a certificate supplied by the Association and signed by a qualified veterinarian stating that the horse is:

Not a cryptorchid.

Not a monorchid

That both testicles are descended and evenly sized.

Not parrot mouthed.

Shows no visible signs of hereditary unsoundness,

At least fourteen hands high at the wither

All colts must be DNA tested before upgrading to stallion papers. DNA testing fee to be paid to the office prior to Veterinary inspection forms being sent to the owner,

The above certificate is to be accompanied by a coloured photograph of the horse signed by the veterinarian on the day of inspection verifying the identity of the horse.

The signed certificate and photograph should then be forwarded to the Association office together with; the required fee; a further four (4) recent photographs (2 nearside, 2 offside) of the horse and the certificate of colt recording. A registration certificate will be issued when all is in order.

3.38 TRANSFERS

It is important that all transfers be recorded with the AAA Ltd. If the horse is a stallion and a transfer is not recorded, then the AAA Ltd will not be able to accept any service certificates or stallion reports from a person who is not recorded as the owner of the horse. Any subsequent

foal owners will not be able to register their foals as sired by that stallion.

A horse shall be deemed to have been sold when a contract of sale has been signed by both parties and the horse in question is domiciled under the control of the purchaser or his agent.

Full payment of the purchase price or full transfer of the registration papers need not have been completed, provided that proof of intended payment and transfer has been supplied to the Association office.

To record such transfer, the responsible party shall supply the Association office with the following items.

The Registration Certificate of the horse;

A written report of the transfer (on a transfer form furnished by the Association) - completed and signed by the last recorded owner as the seller;

The required fee - see Schedule of Fees.

A new Photo is not required unless there has been a significant change in the horses colour or coat pattern.

The Association requires the signatures of all owners as disclosed on the Association's records, unless the Association has notarised documents authorising the acceptance of only one signature. (For example: husband cannot sign for wife; mother cannot sign for daughter; manager for owner).

Also this will mean if a firm does business under the firm's name or a ranch name any authorisation will have to be notarised and submitted.

On a transfer form, the Association shall only recognise the signatures of all of the joint owners of an animal if such owners are named on the horse's current registration certificate. The Association will not recognise one signature only.

If the registered owner of the horse is a minor and can write we must have their signature on the transfer application as seller. If they are too young and cannot write or print, we will accept the parent's signature, providing the age of the minor is given.

In cases of divorce we must have a certified copy of divorce decree and property settlement. The settlement must list all horses by registered name and number, as well as the name of the person appointed by the court to receive possession of the horses.

The divorce decree and property settlement may serve as a transfer of ownership application and the transfer will be completed to the person awarded the horses, or as an authorisation for the receiver to sign any and all papers regarding the horses.

If a horse is sold at a Sheriff's sale we must have a certified copy of the Sheriff's bill of sale. This certified copy will serve as the transfer of ownership application and the horse will then be transferred to the new owner.

If a dispute arises between seller and buyer, lessor and lessee, the AAA Ltd cannot be of assistance. We cannot act as a judge or jury to decide who is right or wrong. We do suggest that you contact an attorney and settle it in court. Our office will abide by the decision of the court. We may require a copy of the court judgment to complete the transfer.

No person shall make any alteration of a completed transfer form, nor in any manner deface, change or amend the provisions of it.

When the owner of any registered animal disposes of that animal without papers, the owner shall notify the Association of the fact and surrender the appropriate registration certificate to the Association for proper notation. If requested, the cancelled certificate will be returned to the recorded owner.

DIVISION 4 - REGISTRATION DISPUTES

4.1 PROTEST PROCEDURE

Any owner or lessee of a registered Appaloosa, or any current member of the AAA Ltd or any AAA Inspector, may protest the registration classification or status of any horse registered with the AAA Ltd by filing an official protest form together with a cheque or money order in the amount of \$500.00 made payable to the AAA Ltd.

The protest fee shall be refunded only if it is ultimately determined that the subject horse has been improperly registered.

Each Director may request an inspection of any horse which appears to be improperly registered. No protest fee shall be required in connection with any protest by a Director.

All protests shall be reviewed by the Registration Committee of the AAA Ltd under the direction of the Board of Directors.

The owner or lessee of the subject horse shall be given a written "Notice of Protest" within ten (10) days after receipt by the AAA Ltd of a properly completed protest form. The Notice of Protest shall state the reason for the protest and shall set a date for inspection and/or examination of the horse no later than 30 days or earlier than 15 days after the date the Notice of Protest is given. An alternative date may be selected if agreed upon in writing by the Registration Committee and the owner.

The owner shall submit at least three current coloured photographs of the horse and such other information as requested by the Registration Committee.

The owner or lessee shall promptly inform the Registration Committee in writing of the location of the horse and, upon request, shall transport the horse to a more convenient location to permit the inspection and/or examination at the set date. The registration of the horse shall automatically be suspended and the horse shall be ineligible to participate in any AAA Ltd approved event.

No person who files a protest or who otherwise participates directly or indirectly in filing a protest shall serve in any capacity in the determination of the validity or invalidity of the protest including any appeal thereof.

4.2 PROTEST APPEAL PROCEDURES

In the event that the Registration Committee has determined that the registration of a horse shall be revoked or corrected as a result of a protest, the owner of the subject horse shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Committee to the Board of Directors of the AAA

Ltd. No such appeal shall be heard unless an Appeal Notice Form signed by the owner or his authorised agent together with a \$500.00 appeal fee shall be received by the AAA Ltd within 20 days from the date the Notice of Decision was given to the owner. The registration status of the subject horse shall automatically be suspended if the owner fails to appeal within such 20 day period and, upon written request, the owner shall within 29 days return the Certificate of Registration of the subject horse to the Board of Directors for correction or other appropriate action. If the owner's appeal is upheld the fee will be refunded.

The Board of Directors shall conduct a formal hearing as soon as practicable after receipt of an Appeal Notice Form. Written notice of the date, time and location of the hearing shall be given to the owner not less than 15 days prior to the hearing. In selecting the location for the hearing, consideration shall be given to the residence of the owner and the location of the subject horse. If requested by the registrar, the owner shall transport the horse to the location of the hearing for purposes of an inspection by the Board or its representatives.

The owner may submit a written statement to the AAA Ltd Board of Directors prior to the hearing and shall have the right in person, to appear and present evidence at the hearing and to hear and refute evidence offered against the subject horse.

A written "Notice of AAA Ltd Decision" shall be given to the owner not later than 10 days after the hearing. The determination of the Board shall be final and binding on all parties. Following any final determination, the owner shall, within 15 days of any request, return the Certificate of Registration of the subject horse to the registrar for correction or other appropriate action.

4.3 RE-REGISTRATION AND CORRECTION OF CERTIFICATE

Re-registration certificates are those on which there is a change in the sire or dam, a different foaling year or a different sex (male to female or vice versa). A re-registration certificate requires a new application completed correctly and properly signed; a notarised statement from the owner of the dam at the time of foaling which gives details as to why the horse was incorrectly registered, and a registration fee which is determined by the age of the horse at the time of application for re-registration. The AAA Ltd must be provided with the original certificate before a re-registration certificate can be issued.

A corrected certificate is one which is issued to indicate a change in Colour, markings, foaling month, changing name of breeder or the removal of scars or brands which previously had been indicated on the certificate, or correction of minor errors on the original application for registration. The AAA Ltd office must be provided with the original certificate before a corrected certificate can be issued. See Schedule of Fees.

No fee is payable for corrections submitted within 30 days from the time the Registration Certificate is first mailed from the AAA Ltd office, the owner may return the certificate to the Association for correction of inaccuracies, accompanied by the necessary documentation for the change for no additional charge. The Postmark date will be considered in respect of the 30 days. Such corrections shall not include change of name from one which has been submitted by the owner.

DIVISION 5 - SHOWS

5.1 GENERAL

The Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd (AAA Ltd) Rule Book contains all rules for shows run by the AAA Ltd and affiliates. The AAA Ltd also recognises shows run under the Show and Performance rules as laid down by the Horse Show Association of Australia (HSAA) and the Australian Quarter Horse Association (AQHA).

The rules as printed in this handbook shall be used at all approved shows and contests, unless otherwise approved by the Board of the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd.

To compete at any approved show, all horses must be registered with the AAA Ltd.

All Competitors, strappers, riders or handlers must be financial members of the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd to compete at National and State Championship shows and "AA" Class shows.

A current financial membership ticket must be produced prior to commencement of show.

The National Show to be run at any time, dates or days of the week that the National Show Committee decides upon.

All National and State Shows must have High Point Horse Awards and High Point Youth Awards.

All 'AA' Class and above shows - ribbons and trophies must be presented in the arena.

At all shows including National, State, 'AA' and 'A' Class shows - Adult, Youth and Amateur Showmanship must be western attire.

At all shows including National, State, 'AA' and 'A' Class shows all Halter must be shown in western attire.

EFA Judges can only judge Dressage, Hack and Show Jumping events.

Safety helmets and appropriate riding boots must be worn at all time by youth when riding outside the arena at AAA Ltd. approved shows.

5.2 MISCONDUCT

Misconduct or unbecoming behaviour of a member whilst showing Performance or Halter at a horse show shall be defined as:

Abusive or insulting language to the judge, stewards or competitors whilst on the show ground.

Physical interference with a judge, steward, competitor or horse whilst on the show ground.

Cruel or painful physical usage of a horse whilst on the show ground.

Where a complaint has been lodged against a member for misconduct or unbecoming

behaviour on the show ground the following procedure will take place:

The member will be advised that such complaint has been lodged and requested to reply to the alleged complaint within 30 days

Such reply will be considered by a meeting of AAA Ltd Disciplinary Committee and if the complaint is found to be correct and true by a majority of the Disciplinary Committee the member will forfeit the right to show or handle Appaloosa horses in the show ring for a period specified by the AAA Ltd Board.

Should this member continue to show and handle Appaloosa horses at AAA Ltd approved shows then his suspension as a member of the AAA Ltd will be considered under the relevant articles in the Constitution of the AAA Ltd.

5.3 NATIONAL SHOW INSPECTION

Every horse which is to be entered in the National Appaloosa Horse Show, the Appaloosa Futurity or the National Sale (or any other National event), may be identified by an official inspection prior to participating in the National Event. An official AAA Ltd inspector may be available for such purpose at the site of each National Event. The Inspector may refuse to allow a horse to participate in the National Event if the registration of the horse appears invalid or otherwise improperly issued. The Inspector may, for example, refuse to permit the horse to participate in the National Event if the horse does not meet registration requirements. All approved shows requesting the services of an inspector and paying the appropriate fee shall be required to follow the procedures set forth in this section.

The owner of a registered Appaloosa may request, not less than 60 days prior to the National Event in which the horse is entered, that an official AAA Ltd Inspector inspect such horse on a nominated date . Such requests shall be made in writing to the Board of the AAA Ltd. The owner shall pay all actual and necessary expenses relating to the inspection.

Upon request, the owner shall transport the horse to a convenient location to permit the inspection. Failure to request such an advanced inspection shall be deemed to be a waiver of the privilege to participate in the National Event. The refusal of an Inspector to permit the horse to participate in a National Event, either at the time of an advance inspection or at the time of the National Event, shall constitute an adverse determination, that the registration of the horse shall be reclassified or cancelled. If the official inspector refuses to permit the horse to participate in the National Event, thus constituting an adverse determination the inspector shall prepare and forward to the Board an Inspection report and photographs.

However, the inspector may make a determination that the registration papers merely need correction and to stamp the registration papers accordingly. This correction procedure shall not constitute an adverse determination.

If an official AAA Ltd Inspector refuses to permit a horse to participate in a National Event, either at the time of an advance inspection or at the time of the National Event, the owner shall have the right to appeal such refusal to the Appeal Committee of the Board of Directors of the AAA Ltd. No such appeal shall be heard unless a written petition signed by the owner or his authorised agent together with a \$500.00 appeal fee shall be received by the AAA Ltd within 20 days after the date of the Inspector's refusal.

The petition shall set forth

The name of the Inspector,

The date and place of the refusal,

The reasons for the appeal and

The address to which notices from the AAA Ltd may be mailed.

If the owner's appeal is upheld the fee shall be refunded. If the written appeal and fee are timely filed the horse may show pending the outcome of the Appeal Committee hearing but any points or awards earned at that show or any subsequent show will be escrowed pending completion of the appeal process. The registration status of the subject horse shall automatically be suspended if the owner fails to appeal within such 20 day period and upon written request the owner shall return the certificate of registration of the subject horse to the Board for correction or other appropriate action.

The Appeal Committee of the Board of Directors of the AAA Ltd shall conduct a formal hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in the rules as soon as practicable after the receipt of any such petition and its decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

5.4 SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS

Order of Prestige Shows:

- i National Appaloosa Championship Show**
- ii State Championship Show**
- iii 'AA' Class Show**
- iv 'A' Class Show**
- v 'B' Class Show**
- vi 'C' Class**

Note: Members to submit their own point sheets for all shows except for National and State shows. National and State Show points are automatically recorded.

5.5 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.

The National Show is run by the AAA Ltd Board of Directors or a Committee/Delegate appointed by the Board on such terms and in such manner as determined by the Board. Points earned at National Shows are **triple 'AAA' Class points**

'AAA' National class points count towards ROM's and Annual National High Point Awards but DO NOT count towards State Awards.

5.6 NATIONAL FUTURITIES

Events:

Halter:

Section A - Weanling fillies, colts and geldings

Section B - Yearling fillies, colts and geldings

Section C - 2 Year old (combined sexes)

Section D - 3 & over (combined sexes)

Performance:

Section E - 2 Year old Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail.

Section F - 3 Year old Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail.

Section G - 4 Years & over Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure and Trail.

Section H - 2 yrs & over Hunter in Hand (all sexes)

Section I - Yearling Hunter in Hand (all sexes)

Note: or any other event determined by the AAA Ltd Board from time to time.

Scoring Systems:

1. THREE (3) JUDGE SYSTEM

All judges to place 1st to 10th

All horses not placed by a Judge will receive a '0'

Only two scores will be used. Furthest score to be thrown out - "0" is to be recognised as the furthest score in the first instance.

All placings will be converted to points, e.g. 1st 10 points, 2nd - 9 points, etc. Highest point scoring horse wins.

REFEREE JUDGE

A Referee Judge will be nominated prior to each event. The Referee Judges score will determine the placing if there is a tie.

2. TWO (2) JUDGE SYSTEM

Both judges are to place 1st to 10th.

All horses not placed by a Judge will receive a "0".

Both scores are to be used.

All placings to be converted to points, e.g. 1st - 10 points, 2nd - 9 points.

Highest point scoring horse wins.

REFEREE JUDGE

A Referee Judge will be nominated prior to each event. The Referee Judges score will determine the placing if there is a tie.

3. ONE (1) JUDGE SYSTEM

Judge to place 1st to 10th only.

Judges decision is final.

ELIGIBILITY

Section A: Mare nominations for weanling Futurity are automatic with lodgement of Mare/Stallion returns received before 31st July each year.

Section A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H & I. Three payments see below, See Futurity forms for conditions

PAYMENTS

Entry fees will be paid each year. See Futurity Forms for Conditions.

1st Payment due on 1st September, \$20.00 per horse per event. **Late payment** – late fee of \$20 per horse per event. **NB:** Post date on envelopes will be taken into account – no other exceptions.

2nd Payment due on 1st December, \$40.00 per horse per event. **Late payment** – late fee of \$40 per horse per event. **NB:** Post date on envelopes will be taken into account – no other exceptions.

3rd Payment due on 1st February, \$40.00 per horse per event. **Late payment** – accepted up until 3pm on the day prior to the commencement of National Show. Late fee of \$40 per horse per event. **NB:** Post date on envelopes will be taken into account – no other exceptions.

No refunds on any Futurity payments except upon death of the horse.

All expenses for running of Futurities will be paid out of the entry fees. A small amount each year can be retained for the following year's Futurities.

CANCELLATION OF AN EVENT

The committee reserves the right to cancel any event if less than 3 entries.

HIGH POINT SIRE

The Sire must be a registered Appaloosa to be eligible.

5.7 MATURITIES

A maturity is for horses 4 years old and over.

All rules pertaining to Maturities are the same as for Futurities. Maturity events can be Halter and/or Performance.

5.8 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS.

Applications to conduct State Championship Shows will not be accepted until ninety (90) days after the previous State Show, not any later than ninety (90) days prior to the proposed State Show.

The organising body should bear in mind when planning a State Championship Show that the programme should be set down in the best possible way in which the State Championship can provide both competitors and spectators with the highest standard of events.

Points earned at State Championships are **Double 'AA' Class points**

Requirements: ALL HORSES MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE AAA LTD.

All memberships and registrations are to be checked by the AAA Ltd office for eligibility.

Must have at least ten (10) halter classes.

Two for stallions 3 years and over

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Stallion

Two for colts under 3 years

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Colt

Two for mares 3 years and over

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Mare

Two for fillies under 3 years

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Filly

One for gelding 3 years and over

One for gelding less than 3 years

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Gelding

Supreme Champion Appaloosa

Must include mandatory events as follows:

2year old Snaffle bit/Hackamore Western Pleasure

2year old Snaffle bit Hunter Under Saddle

(EXCEPTION - any show held between August 1 and December 31 in any year, 2 year old ridden events are NOT PERMITTED)

Junior and Senior Hunter under Saddle

Junior and Senior Western Pleasure

Reining or Western Riding and two of the following:

Hunter Hack, Working Hunter, Show jumping, English Pleasure, Hack Class or Dressage.

Four (4) Limited Amateur classes being:
Showmanship
Hunter under Saddle
Western Pleasure
Trail.

Must have an International Judge or an HSAA or AQHA approved judge and must run under AAA Ltd rules.

All International Judges must be Appaloosa and/or AQHA or NSBA or American Paint judges ticketed in their own country.

Closed entries, use of numbers are compulsory.

Registration papers to be available for inspection.

Must have 5 youth events being:

- (i) Two youth showmanship of different age groups
- (ii) Youth Western Equitation or Horsemanship
- (iii) Youth English Equitation or Hunt Seat Equitation
- (iv) One other Youth western event.

Minimum of 4 Amateur Rider events, being Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle and Trail.

In the event of a tie for High Point Performance Horse, refer to Rule 5.27.

NOTE: State Championship points count towards ROM's and Annual National High Point Awards and for State Awards but ONLY for the State Championships held in the State where the competitor resides. See rule 5.23

5.9 'AA' CLASS SHOWS

Application for a "AA" Class Show must be received by the Association at least 30 days prior to the scheduled closing date for entries. The organising body should bear in mind, when planning the program that it should be set down in the best possible way in which the show can provide both competitors and spectators with the highest standard of events. **Double "AA" Class points are awarded for this show.**

Exception: All Royal Shows held in Australia Capital Cities, the NPHA and Halter Showcase are deemed to be 'AA' Class shows even if an application for approval as such has not been obtained from the AAA Ltd office and the following criteria has not been met. Other prestige Open Breed Shows may be included in this exception at the sole discretion of the AAA Ltd Board. If show approval has not been obtained from the AAA Ltd office a Show program MUST be sent to AAA Ltd office with point recording sheets.

Must have at least six halter classes:

One for stallion 3 years and over

One for colts under 3 years

Champion and Reserve Champion Stallion/Colt

One for mares 3 years and over

One for fillies under 3 years

Champion and Reserve Champion Mare/Filly

One for gelding 3 years and over

One for gelding under 3 years

Champion and Reserve Champion Gelding

All other events to be open to all breeds

Must have a minimum of \$5,000 prize money

Must have an international or an HSAA or AQHA approved judge and must run under AAA Ltd Rules or AQHA Rules / HSAA Rules.

All International Judges must be Appaloosa and/or AQHA or NSBA or American Paint judges ticketed in their own country.

Closed entries should be encouraged, use of entry forms compulsory. Use of numbers for competitors optional.

Registration papers to be available for inspection.

In the event of a tie for High Point Performance Horse, the horse having gained the highest number of points in the mandatory events shall be declared the winner

'AA' class points count towards ROM's, High Point State Awards and Annual National High Point Awards

5.10 'A' CLASS - PRE OR POST STATE/NATIONAL SHOW

Any Show run in conjunction with any State or National show **will be granted 'AA' class points**. One Judge ONLY to officiate. Approval will only be given to run one (1) of this class of show at any State or National Show.

Application must be received by the Association at least 30 days prior to the scheduled closing date for entries. The organising body should bear in mind, when planning the program that it should be set down in the best possible way in which the show can provide both competitors and spectators with the highest standard of events.

Must have at least six halter classes:

One for stallion 3 years and over

One for colts under 3 years

Champion and Reserve Champion Stallion/Colt

One for mares 3 years and over

One for fillies under 3 years

Champion and Reserve Champion Mare/Filly

One for gelding 3 years and over

One for gelding under 3 years

Champion and Reserve Champion Gelding

All other events on the program may be open to all breeds

Must have an International or an HSAA or AQHA approved judge and must run under AAA Ltd Rules or AQHA rules / HSAA rules.

In the event of a tie for High Point Performance Horse, the horse having gained the highest number of points in the mandatory events shall be declared the winner.

'A' class points count towards ROM's, High Point State Awards and Annual National High Point Awards.

5.11 'A' CLASS SHOWS

Application for an 'A' Class Show must be received by the Association at least 30 days prior to the scheduled closing date for entries. The organising body should bear in mind, when planning the program that it should be set down in the best possible way in which the show can provide both competitors and spectators with the highest standard of events. **Single 'A' class points are awarded for this show**

Must have at least six halter classes:

One for stallion 3 years and over

One for colts under 3 years

Champion and Reserve Champion Stallion/Colt

One for mares 3 years and over

One for fillies under 3 years

Champion and Reserve Champion Mare/Filly

One for gelding 3 years and over

One for gelding under 3 years

Champion and Reserve Champion Gelding

All other events open to all breeds

Must have an International or an HSAA or AQHA approved judge and must run under AAA Ltd Rules or AQHA rules / HSAA rules as applicable.

All International Judges must be Appaloosa and/or AQHA or NSBA or American Paint judges ticketed in their own country.

In the event of a tie for High Point Performance Horse, the horse having gained the highest number of points in the mandatory events shall be declared the winner.

'A' class points count towards ROM's, High Point State Awards and Annual National High Point Awards.

5.12 ANNUAL 'A' CLASS SHOW

All affiliated clubs can apply to run one 'A' Class show per year and obtain approval for 'AA' class points.

All conditions of an 'A' class show are required however it is expected that affiliate clubs will use the opportunity to make the show a more prestigious show by offering increased prize money or awards.

5.13 'A' CLASS SHOWS – EFA, NRHA & NCHA

Single 'A' class points will be allocated to the following shows –

Official and Associate Dressage days run by affiliates of the EFA and approved by the EFA.

NRHA approved shows for reining events.

NCHA approved shows for cutting events.

Show program MUST be sent to AAA Ltd office with points recording sheets.

Note: 'A' class points count towards Annual National High Point Awards, ROM's and High Point State Awards.

5.14 'B' CLASS SHOWS

Single 'B' class points will be allocated to the following shows -

All recognised Agricultural shows.

Annual horse shows.

AQHA approved shows with no AAA Ltd Approval.

Show program MUST be sent to AAA Ltd office with point recording sheets.

Note: 'B' class points count towards Annual National High Point Awards, ROM's and High Point State Awards.

5.15 `C` CLASS SHOWS

Any show not otherwise listed in these Rules.

Show program MUST be sent to AAA Ltd office with point recording sheets.

Note. `C` class points count towards ROM's only.

5.16 APPROVAL

Approval does not carry over from year to year, but must be obtained for each individual show or contest.

The application for approval must be accompanied by a complete list of all classes in the entire show whether or not all of the classes are limited to Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd registered horses. (This may be in the form of an updated schedule from the previous year). Appaloosa Halter classes must be for horses registered with the AAA Ltd. only. To gain Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd approval a show must be open to all Appaloosa owners who are in good standing with the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd.

If approval is sought by a AAA Ltd Affiliate Club then any Show application must include all relevant Insurance checklists and compliance requirements.

No Approved Appaloosa Show or contest shall require that an exhibitor must enter or pay entry fees for a horse in a halter class in order for that horse to be eligible to compete in a performance class. Nor may the management require a horse to be entered in a performance class in order that it may show at halter. Such entries shall be optional to the exhibitor.

If the "Application for Approval" is satisfactory, the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd office will issue a statement of official approval of the proposed show or contest. If such application is unsatisfactory, the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd office will so inform the organisation or individual making the application giving the reasons for not approving the show or contest.

Lack of approval of any certain class in a proposed show or contest, however, need not invalidate the recognition of the remainder of the show or contest.

All applications will be reviewed by the Association which has the right to refuse any application which it considers is not in the best interests of the AAA Ltd.

5.17 SCHEDULES AND PRIZES

Schedules and entry forms should be printed in order to ensure uniformity.

If money prizes are offered, the fixed amount of each prize shall be stated in the schedule.

Special prizes do not have to appear on the schedule but it is recommended because it enhances the attractiveness of the show or contest.

The show committee is not required to award any existing prizes not awarded.

The schedule should contain a list of officers of the show or contest and the names of the Appaloosa officials. The exact location of the show must be specified and the date or dates to be held, also the closing date of entries and the exact date and time judging will commence.

5.18 SHOW RESULTS RECORDED

The results of the National and State Championships and National and State futurities and maturities must be completed in their entirety on official forms furnished by the Association and forwarded to the Association office. All such points shall be recorded automatically and irrespective of payment of any points recording fee. All forms necessary to report the results of these shows will be supplied to the show management when that show is officially approved.

All forms necessary to report the results of all other shows approved will be supplied to the show management when that show is officially approved and must be completed in their entirety. Results from these shows is not recorded automatically for members but used for tabulation and cross checking purposes only.

If the show management does not report the show results to the Association, requests for approval of any subsequent show may be denied.

Failure to mail the completed result forms to the Association in such time that they will be postmarked no later than thirty (30) days after the closing day of the said show may result in approval being denied the following year and results of this year's show will not be published in the magazine. A \$100.00 a month penalty will be imposed on all results after 30 days, or at the discretion of the Board.

5.19 COMPETITORS SHOW POINTS RECORDING SHEETS

Competitors show points must be lodged with the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd office within 60 days of the show. After this time result point sheets will be invalid

EXCEPTON Year End High Point Awards are tabulated to 31 July each year and any point sheets related to this period must be received at the AAA Ltd. Office by August 31 of each year.

Points will not be accepted unless the points recording sheets are correctly completed, signed and readable and the point recording fee has been paid, see rule 5.20.

Registration pending will not be accepted.

For Shows run under rule 5.13, 5.14 and 5.15, a copy of show program must accompany show result sheets.

Correctly completed sheets must show:

- 1 Show Date
- 2 Name and Address of Show
- 3 Status of Show
- 4 Registered name and number of horse

- 5 Correct description of class
- 6 Placing awarded
- 7 Number in class
- 8 Owner's name, membership number and address
- 9 Signature the owner or his agent.
- 10 Signed by the Judge or Show Secretary

The Judge or Secretary to delete the excess lines on the Result Card before signing. Exhibitors are to request this. If this is not done your points may not be accepted.

Youth Events: Show points for youth events must be clearly marked "Youth Events" on a separate sheet.

Amateur events must be clearly marked "Amateur" on a separate sheet.

Where "spot checks" are done on show results, and entries shown to be incorrect by the exhibitor, all points won by the horse in question at the show, will be cancelled and disciplinary action may be taken against the member.

Points will not be accepted for shows or events held outside Australia.

Show point scores will not be given to any one other than the owner or properly authorised person and all such requests must be received by the Association in writing.

5.20 POINT RECORDING FEES

To record points for a Horse, Amateur, Youth , a member must pay a points recording fee for each horse, Amateur, Youth. For current fee see the schedule of fees printed in the AAA Ltd official Magazine. **Note:** This Fee may change annually.

5.21 HIGH POINT END of YEAR AWARDS.

The points table below will be used to calculate High Point End of Year Awards, ROM's etc.

POINTS TABLE

**No. horses exhibited
in class**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
1	1/2										
2 - 5	1	1/2									
6 - 10	2	1	1/2								
11 - 15	3	2	1	1/2							
16 - 20	4	3	2	1	1/2						
21 - 30	5	4	3	2	1	1/2					
31 - 40	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2				
41 - 50	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2			
51 - 60	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2		
61 - 70	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2	
over 70	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1/2

5.22 POINTS FOR CHAMPION AT NATIONAL & STATE LEVEL

At National and State Championship Shows where all classes are championship classes, points will be awarded as for normal classes except all National Show points will be tripled and all State Championship Show points will be doubled.

When the winners compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion at National Shows the points earned will be 3 for Grand Champion and 2 for Reserve Grand Champion.

At State Shows the points will be 2 and 1 respectively.

5.23 STATE SHOW POINTS

State Show points are included in State Hi-Point awards, but points will only be awarded for the State in which the owner of the horse, amateur or youth reside. Effective 1st August 2006.

5.24 HIGH POINT AWARDS of the SHOW.

The Following system will be use to determine High Point of the Show Awards

6 or more entries in a class, points to be awarded 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

5 entries in a class, points to be awarded 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

4 entries in a class, points to be awarded 4, 3, 2, 1

3 entries in a class, points to be awarded 3, 2, 1

2 entries in a class, points to be awarded 2, 1

1 entry in a class, points to be awarded 1.

In cases where there is a tie for the High Point refer to rule 5.27.

5.25 SUPREME, CHAMPION & RESERVE

Supreme Champion Appaloosas: (All Champions compete for this Award) 2 points if 3 or more in class.

Champion Appaloosa Exhibit: (All First Place Getters of each Class) 2 points if 3 or more in class.

Champion - chosen from first place winners of that gender and age.

Reserve - chosen from 2nd place winner to the champion and 1st place winners in other classes for that gender.

Where there is a reserve awarded, champion receives 2 points. Where a reserve is not awarded, champion receives 1 point.

At the discretion of the show management champion and reserve champion colt and filly classes may be provided with such classes to include two year old, yearlings and under.

5.26 RIBBON COLOURS

First: Blue
Second: Red
Third: Yellow

Champion: Red, White, Blue
Reserve Champion: Red, White, Red
Grand Champion: Purple

Fourth: Green

Fifth: Brown

Sixth: Pink

These ribbon colours are recommended but not mandatory.

5.27 NATIONAL & STATE SHOW TIE BREAKERS

The tie-breaker system to be used at National Shows & State Shows shall be determined by the most number of first placing's in the eligible events, then the further placing's progressively, then by the horse that has placed in the most number of eligible events.

5.28 INDIAN COSTUME HERITAGE CLASS

It is to be judged on authenticity of trappings and equipment, attire of rider, markings and colourful qualities of the horse - the overall picture and presentation to be considered.

General Information

Since the Appaloosa is rich in history, this class is designed to vividly portray some of this history. The rider shall be attired in the consistent and authentic period Indian Costume appropriate to the era in Appaloosa history so depicted.

The Indian Costume Heritage Class may be written as an open class or may be divided in the following two classes provided it is stipulated in the schedule.

Men's Indian Costume Heritage Class and Women's Indian Costume Heritage Class.

In a Men's Indian Costume Heritage Class (Warriors only) each entry may be given 30 seconds free time to show entry to the fullest advantage. The 30 seconds free time (work at will) in Men's Indian Costume Heritage Class only will be allowed at the Judge's and/or Show Committee's discretion if time is available and it is so stated in the schedule. In the "Work at Will" section of the Men's Indian Costume Heritage Class only, the entry may work at any gait or speed he desires.

Class Conditions and Rules

There shall be only one rider and one horse allowed per entry. Contestants will not be permitted to use a Travois in the Indian Costume Heritage Class for safety reasons.

The class shall be worked at a walk and trot ONLY on the rail, both directions of the ring. The Judge will then go through the line judging authenticity of the entries.

Any rider not having his mount under SUFFICIENT CONTROL shall be dismissed from the ring and shall be disqualified from that class.

Personal Appointments

Men and boys shall dress as Indian Chief or Braves ONLY.

Women and girls shall dress as Indian Women or Princesses ONLY.

Tack Appointments

The horses are to be shown in authentic period trappings and equipment with a bridle, hackamore, mouth rope or other suitable head stall which will enable rider to have full control of his horse. Reference to "Hackamore" in this class shall mean that the horse will be ridden only with rawhide braided leather or braided or rope bosal. No wire curbs, regardless if it is padded or taped or no chin strap narrower than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch will be permitted. CHAIN CURB ARE PERMISSIBLE, but must meet the approval of the judge and must be at least one-half (1/2) inch in width, lying flat against the jaw of the horse.

Prohibited Appointments

They are Travois, Hackamore Bits, and Mechanical Hackamores. Use of prohibited appointments is cause for disqualification of the entry from the class.

5.29 HOW SPRINT HORSES ARE RATED

STANDARD SPEED RATINGS – (Recognised Only on Approved Tracks and Using Electronic timing)

Metres	275	300	320	365	400
			17.50	19.80	21.50
		16.60	17.60	19.90	21.60
Top AAA	15.50	16.70	17.70	20.00	21.70
	15.60	16.80	17.80	20.10	21.80
		16.90	17.90	20.20	21.90
					22.00
		16.91	17.01	20.21	22.01
		17.00	18.00	20.30	22.10
AAA		17.10	18.10	20.40	22.20
		17.20	18.20	20.50	22.30
				20.61	22.41
A		17.21	18.31	20.70	22.50
(American		17.30	18.40	20.80	22.60
ROM)		17.40	18.50	20.90	22.70
		17.50	18.60	21.00	22.80

DIVISION 6 - HALTER RULES

6.1 GENERAL

All horses to be eligible to compete in approved halter events must have been issued with the correct registration certificate.

Horses are shown at halter in Western attire except where otherwise stated, under the following guidelines:

Personal Attire -

Western: Appropriate western attire which includes long sleeve shirt, sleeves down, western

hat, western type boots, body suits, slinkies and skivvies are acceptable, coat optional. All attire must be in good condition.

Note. Low crown hats, Snowy River, Down Under etc. are not permitted.

Tack (compulsory) -

Neat halter, silver optional, no bits of any type allowed, chains may be used over the nose or under the chin not through the mouth (except for lip chains). Stallions and colts over 1 year MUST be shown with a chain over the nose, under the chin or lip chain. Lip chains may be used on colts over 1 year old and stallions only.

Enhancements -

Artificial trappings being only ribbons, flowers and bands are allowed in mane, tail and forelock. False tails are allowed to enhance the features of the horse. Blackened hooves are optional for halter and performance classes.

GLITTER IS NOT ALLOWED. No whips or bats of any type.

Note: Any additions or enhancements are not to have the effect of changing the Colour or coat pattern of the horse.

6.2 JUDGING

Horses shall enter the ring and be lined up at the discretion of the judge. Entries shall be judged individually standing, and at a walk and trot on the line. Horses should stand, squarely and naturally, and are not to be stretched. Handled and shown by one person only; unruly or ill-mannered horses may be excused from the ring.

Emphasis shall be placed upon suitability, conformation, action substance, quality and manners.

Transmissible weakness and/or unsoundness shall be counted strongly against animals. A good sound horse is free from unsoundness such as impaired vision, parrot mouth, ring bone, side bone, spavin, thoroughpins, curb or bowed tendons. Unsoundness impairs or affects the horse's use. Unsoundness judging consideration shall also include the cryptorchid or monorchid conditions.

After the Ring Master announces to the judge "This is your Class", no horse may then enter the ring and be judged.

Halter Classes to be judged: 60% - Conformation, 20% - Suitability, 20% - Soundness

6.3 HALTER CLASSES

Colt/Stallion Classes:

Colts (the current year)

Yearlings

Two years old

Champion and Reserve Champion Colt.

Three years old

Four years and over

Champion and Reserve Champion Stallion.

Filly/Mare Classes:

Fillies (the current year)

Yearlings

Two year olds

Champion and Reserve Champion Filly.

Three year olds

Four years and over

Champion and Reserve Champion Mare.

Note: Spayed mares are ineligible in mare Halter Classes.

Gelding Classes:

Gelding (the current year)

Yearlings

Two year olds

Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Gelding.

Three year olds

Four years and over

Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Gelding.

Note: Champions chosen from first place winners in classes indicated above.

Reserve Champions are chosen from second place winner in the Champion's class and first place winners in other classes.

Spayed Mares:

For mares which have been registered in the Spayed Mare Registry.

Brood Mares:

Three year old and over Entries limited to mares visibly in foal or have a foal at their side', mares entered in dry mare classes are ineligible to enter the Brood Mare class and vice versa.

Note: Spayed mares are prohibited in Brood Mare Class.

Wet Mares:

Three years and over. Entries limited to mares who have foaled a current year foal and have that suckling foal at their side (foal must be easily recognisable and/or eligible for registration); mares entered in dry classes are ineligible to enter the Wet Mare Class and vice

versa. A tractable foal will be allowed into the judging ring with its dam in a mare halter class, provided the foal is led by a separate handler and does not interfere with the showing of other entries.

Mares are not permitted to accompany their foal in the judging ring in under 12 months Halter Classes.

Note: If both Brood Mare and Wet Mare classes are offered, there shall be no cross entering between the two classes.

6.4 GROUP HALTER CLASSES

The following are additional classes that are recommended if interest or entries justify them, but no points will be awarded. Horses shown in group class must be eligible to show in their individual halter class at that show.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The dam or sire may only be entered by the owner or by someone with the written permission of the owner.

Produce of Dam: (More than one entry accepted). Two produce, (either sex can show). Dam must be registered with the AAA Ltd but need not be shown nor need produce be owned by owner of the Dam. Deceased Dams are eligible.

Get of Sire: (More than one entry accepted). Three get, (either sex can be shown). Sire must be registered with the AAA Ltd but need not be shown nor need get be owned by owner of the Sire. Progeny of deceased sires are eligible.

Mare and Foal: Mare and Foal of current year to be shown. Mare and foal do not have to be owned by the same owner. Must be Adult registered or B or BT registered mare and foal.

Sire and Get: Sire with two get to be shown. Sire and get do not have to be owned by the same owner. Must be Adult or B or BT registered stallion and get.

Exhibitors Group: Group of Three head (3), any age or sex, all owned by the exhibitor and recorded in the Association office to that one ownership.

Herd Class: To consist of two stallions if one is Junior and one Senior and two mares or one stallion and three mares. The stallion or stallions must not be related in the first generation to the mares. They must be owned by the one owner. Geldings are ineligible for Herd Class. Junior Stallions shall be those of the yearling year or under and Senior Stallions shall be those two years old and older.

DIVISION 7 - AWARDS

7.1 NON POINT SCORING CLASSES

The following classes are non point scoring for high point awards and ROM's:

Beginner/Learner	Australian Stock Horse
Sire and Get	Straight Barrels
Get of Sire	Bending
Produce of Dam	Cow Hide Drag
Mare and Foal	Flag Race
Exhibitors Group	Jack Benny Classes
Herd Class	Relay Race
Matched Pairs	Team Penning
Costume Class	Team Roping
Maiden events	Novice Events (except Cutting, Dressage & Eventing)
Goat Tying	Rescue Race
Broken Coloured	Station Cutting
Rookie, Limited Non-Pro Reining (Amateur ROA Only)	
Snaffle-Bit/ Hackamore Cutting	Lady & Gent Rider Classes
Lady & Gent Hack	
Freestyle Dressage	
Green Horse and/or Green Rider	

7.2 AAA LTD END OF YEAR HIGH POINT AWARDS

All points earned by a horse in recognised events will count towards a horse's age category. OVERALL HIGH POINT PERFORMANCE HORSE - shall be determined by adding horse's points in Western performance classes to its English performance classes.

Note: Australian Pleasure Horse, Working stock horse class, Racing and Single Harness Driving points will only count towards Overall Performance horse and not individual categories.

Note: Any 2 year old horse competing in recognised games events will only have those points count towards Overall Performance Horse and not the individual category award.

All points, subject to the provisions below, earned by a Youth or Amateur in recognised

events will count towards the high point awards. To gain points, all Youth and Amateur must ride horses registered with the AAA Ltd.

Amateur must have AAA Ltd Amateur status prior to being eligible for the Amateur High Point awards.

An Amateur or Youth is not restricted to one horse per show but show points for one horse per age group only will be accepted. If the Amateur or Youth rides more than one horse per age group only the points for the highest placed horse in each Amateur or Youth class will be allocated to the High Point award.

An Amateur or Youth must nominate a maximum of two (2) horses per show year in writing to the AAA Ltd office in conjunction with payment of the point recording fee and points will only be recorded for nominated horses. If either horse is sold, injured or dies during any nominated period, no replacement horses points will be recorded until the AAA office is notified in writing of any change.

TO QUALIFY

To Qualify for a High Point Award a horse, Youth or Amateur, must have gained a minimum of 20 points in recognised events, e.g. A horse competing for High Point Junior Horse requires at least 20 points overall - not 20 points in each Junior horse recognised event .

To qualify for STATE HI-POINT AWARDS in W A. NT & TAS. 15 points only are needed.

RECOGNISED EVENTS

Recognised Events for Annual High Point awards and ROM's (dependant on awards offered and published by the AAA Ltd).

Note. 2yr old horses MAY NOT show in ridden classes between August 1 and December 31 of their 2yo year.

Hunter under Saddle	Bridle Path Hack
Dressage	English Pleasure
Hunter Hack	Working Hunter
Working Cow Horse	Eventing
Show Jumping	Calf Roping
Reining	Trail
Western Riding	Youth Rider/Equitation Classes
Youth Showmanship	Amateur Showmanship
Halter (Appaloosa only)	Open All Breeds Halter
Open All Breeds Halter Futurities / Jackpots	Camp draft

Single Harness driving	Stump, Stake & Rope Race
Barrel Race	Camas Prairie Stump
Keyhole	Steer Daubing
Western Horsemanship	Cutting
Steer Roping	Western Pleasure
Non Pro Cutting (Amateur only)	Non Pro Reining (Amateur only)
Steer Wrestling	Australian Pleasure
Youth Western Riding & Reining Control	Working Stock Horse class
Amateur Rider Western & English Equitation	Ltd Amateur
Hacking (Best Educated, Height & Weight Classes ONLY)	Youth Walk and Jog/Trot
Hunter in Hand	Yearling Led Trail
Suitability for Dressage	Yearling on Lunge
Led Hack	

7.3 AWARDS

A variety of awards are presented by the AAA Ltd for Horses, Youth and Amateur Riders.

RECOGNITION AWARD (Horses Only) Twenty Five (25) points at Halter or Twenty Five (25) points in any recognised event.

REGISTER OF MERIT AWARD (ROM)

The purpose of this Award is to establish a record for outstanding performance. There is a ROM for Halter, Showmanship and Performance events.

Qualifications:

For any one event in the AAA Ltd and HSAA Rule Books. (Exception Rule 81).

- (1) 50 points in any one event
- (2) 25 of these points in 'A' or 'AA' Class Shows

ROM for General Performance (Horses only)

Qualifications for ROM at General Performance:

- 1 Total 50 Performance points
 - 2 In a minimum of 3 events under saddle
 - 3 With a minimum of 5 points in any one event
- 25 of these points to be earned in an 'A' or 'AA' Class Show

REGISTER OF MERIT (Cutting, Reining, Dressage, Hacking, Jumping, Campdrafting, Eventing and approved Rodeo events).

Qualifications for ROM are:

(3) Minimum of 50 points.

ROM for Breeding Stock/AB (Horses only).

ROM's for horses with no show rights in closed Appaloosa classes.

(1) Minimum of 50 points.

MEDALLION AWARDS

After a Horse, Youth or Amateur has qualified for an ROM in an event, it can then qualify for a Medallion Award.

(2) Bronze Medallion:

100 points in any one recognised event

(3) Silver Medallion:

150 points in any one recognised event

(4) Gold Medallion:

200 points in any one recognised event

(5) Sapphire Award:

300 points in any one recognised event.

(6) Diamond Award:

400 points in any one recognised event.

(7) Platinum Award:

500 points in any one recognised event.

AAA LTD CHAMPION AWARD

The title of Australian Appaloosa Association Limited Champion is reserved by the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd for its own express use. It may be awarded only by the Association and is to be awarded to individual horses which meet the requirements outlined in the following paragraphs.

The title "AAA Ltd" Champion may be awarded to any individual stallion, mare or gelding registered in the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd registry after it has won a total of two hundred (200) or more points in competition in official shows, contests, and races recognised by the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd provided it has met with the qualifications below.

Register of Merit at Halter, plus 3 Performance Registers of Merit (this does not include General Performance).

When the title of AAA Ltd Champion is awarded, a proper certificate shall be prepared and sent to the owner of the said horse. Also a proper notation shall be made in an applicable stud book and in other records of the Association.

The registration certificate of any horse shall be revoked permanently by the Association if the owner thereof fraudulently advertises, claims or holds forth that this certain horse is entitled to any AAA Ltd award prior to the title being officially awarded by the Association.

SUPERIOR ALL ROUND HORSE AWARD

That recognition be given to horses who continue past the Champion to be Superior All Round Horse.

The title AAA Ltd Superior All Round Horse will be awarded to any stallion, mare or gelding which has been issued with showing rights registration certificate by the AAA Ltd, providing said horse meets the following requirements:

- 1 Must have Superior Rating in Halter, having earned 150 or more points.
- 2 Must have Superior Rating in one Performance Class, having earned at least 150 points in one of the recognised Performance events.
- 3 Must have at least 4 ROM's in Performance. (This does not include a ROM in General Performance).

AAA Ltd AMATEUR/YOUTH VERSATILITY AWARD

The title of Amateur/Youth Versatility Award may be awarded by the Board of the AAA Ltd to an individual Amateur or Youth Member after they have won a total of Two hundred (200) or more points in competition in official shows recognised by the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd., provided they have met with the qualifications below:

Register of Merit in Showmanship, plus 3 Performance ROM's.

The Board will notify the Amateur or Youth if they are the recipient of such an award.

AAA Ltd. AMATEUR/YOUTH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

That recognition is given to Amateur or Youth who continue past the Versatility Award.

The title of Amateur/Youth Award of Excellence will be awarded to any Amateur or Youth who have met the following requirements:

- 1 Must have earned a total of 150 points or more in Showmanship.
- 2 Must have earned a total of 150 points or more in a recognised Performance Event.
- 3 Must have at least 4 ROM's in Performance events.

DIVISION 8 - DISCIPLINARY RULES

8.1 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE & APPEALS.

The Disciplinary Committee of the Association shall consist of three members of the Board of Directors, appointed by the Board. The senior member of the Disciplinary Committee shall act as Chairperson.

8.2 DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

(Subject to Articles of Association)

- a. Any member may be disciplined, suspended or expelled and any member may be denied any or all of the privileges and rights of the Association by the Disciplinary Committee for cause after a hearing.
- b. Should a constituent membership need to be disciplined, all those individuals or groups listed on the application form will be deemed liable for disciplinary action. This not only includes the nominee but all of those whose names appear on the application form as

well as the constituent membership it self.

- c.** Written notice of the date, time and location of the hearing, together with a description of the violations charged shall be given to the member not less than 15 days prior to the hearing. All disciplinary hearings will be held at the place as specified by the Disciplinary Committee. Expenses incurred by the member will be at the cost of the member/members.
- d.** The Association has adopted the following regulation for the mutual benefit of the members and with the intention of reducing the Association's litigation expenses; as such expenses ultimately would be borne by members participating in the Association activities.
- e.** Every member, by joining the Association, by purchasing registered Appaloosas, filing registration applications or other documents with the Association or participating in the Association's approved events, does hereby agree:
- f.** If unsuccessful in an attempt to overturn Association decisions, actions, rules or regulations, to reimburse the Association for its reasonable legal fees, court costs and other expenses in defence of such suit; and
- g.** That they will not commence any action, whether in law or equity, against the Association in any courts other than those courts located in the Sydney Metropolitan area.
- h.** The member may submit a written statement to the Board of the AAA Ltd prior to the hearing and shall have the right, to appear in person to present evidence at the hearing and to hear and refute evidence offered against them.

8.3 SUSPENSION / EXPULSION / DENIAL OF PRIVILEGES

Causes for suspension, expulsion or denial of the privileges and rights of the Association at the discretion of the Board of Directors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a)** Violation of any pertinent Bylaw, rule or regulation of the Association.
- (b)** Misrepresentation in a membership or registration application.
- (c)** Failure to comply with the restriction or express conditions imposed as a result of a disciplinary action of the Association.
- (d)** Conduct detrimental to the Association, its programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationships of its members.
- (e)** Acting, inciting or permitting another to act in a manner contrary to the rules of the Association, or in a manner considered improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interest of the Association.
- (f)** Any act committed or remark made in connection with an approved event considered offensive and/or made with intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the judging or officiating.
- (g)** approaching a judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the Show Committee or Show Steward or inspecting a judge's card without the judge's

permission.

8.4 MEMBER OBLIGATIONS

When any member shall be in default in payment of dues for a period of 30 days from the date fixed by the Board of Directors for the payment of such dues, the member shall thereupon be deemed an inactive member and shall not be entitled to the privileges and rights of an active member. Such inactive member shall be reinstated as an active member with full privileges and right immediately upon payment of the full amount due.

Bank cheques, money orders, or cash are required from customers who have previously issued a non negotiable cheque to the Association. A service charge will be made on all returned cheques. (See schedule of fees).

The Executive may temporarily suspend any member and may temporarily deny the privileges and rights of the Association to any member for:

- a Failure to pay any obligation (other than dues) owing to the Association
- b Giving worthless cheques in payment of entry fees, stall fees, office charges, stock charges, purchases or any other fee or charge connected with the exhibition of horses at approved or authorized Association function or event or
- c Failure to file required annual stallion service certificates with the Association,
- d Failure to file required DNA test, or
- e Failure to return to the Association upon written request any Certificate of Registration for revocation, correction or other appropriate action; provided that written notice of the intention to suspend or withhold privileges and rights was given to the member no less than 15 days prior to effective date of such action. Any suspension or denial of rights and privileges under this rule shall terminate upon payment of the full amount due or upon filing of the requisite breeding report or returning the requested Certificate of Registration.
- f Any person suspended or otherwise disciplined by the National Cutting Horse Association, Australian Quarter Horse Association, Australian Paint Horse Association, Horse Show Association of Australia, any approved Breed Association, or the Australian Jockey Club and TRB is liable to be disciplined by the AAA Ltd upon notice to the AAA Ltd of such disciplinary action. All membership suspensions by these Associations could constitute membership suspension under the AAA Ltd rules and regulations, once the suspension is reported to the Association by mail; in the case of foreign approved breed associations, proof of due process hearing and written notice of decision must be supplied to the Association Office. The Association may from time to time recognize foreign associations which have as their purpose the promotion of the Appaloosa. The following associations are so recognized; Appaloosa Horse Club Inc., Appaloosa Horse Club of Canada, Appaloosa Horse Club of New Zealand, and British Appaloosa Society.
- g No person shall refuse any reasonable request by the Association or authorized agent thereof for assistance in locating, identifying, inspecting, examining or obtaining information concerning a horse which the person owned, was the owner of or had control of the sire or dam and which has been registered or identified with the Association or for which a registration application has been filed, or which is alleged to be an ancestor of a registered horse, or identified horse, or horse to be registered.

- h No person shall misrepresent the name, age, parentage or registration status of a horse.
- i No person shall represent by advertisement, claim or otherwise that a horse registered with the Association has earned or is entitled to any official Association designation or honour prior to the actual issuance of such designation or honour by the Association or after the Association has cancelled said designation or honour.
- j No person shall alter an official Association Certificate of Registration, or issue, sell, exchange, give or offer any false or fraudulent Certificate of Registration representing it to be a genuine Certificate of Registration issued by the Association.
- k No person shall advertise a horse or enter a horse in any Association approved event by a name other than the name under which the horse is registered or identified with the Association.
- l No person shall furnish information to the Association for the purpose of any official action which is not true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the informant.
- m No person shall conspire with one or more persons to violate any pertinent bylaw, rule or regulation of the Association, or knowingly co-operate with or contribute to any such violation.
- n No person shall commit any act which is prejudicial to the best interest of the Association, including but not limited to acting or inciting or permitting another to act in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interest of the Association.

Violation of any provision of these rules may be grounds for disciplinary action.

8.5 DETERMINATION ADVERSE TO MEMBERS - APPEAL

If the determination of the Disciplinary Committee is adverse to the member, the member shall have the right of appeal against such determination to the Board of Directors of the Australian Appaloosa Association Limited. No such appeal shall be heard unless a written petition signed by the member together with a \$500 appeal fee (if the appeal is upheld the fee will be refunded) shall be received by the Association within 20 days after the date the determination of the Disciplinary Committee was given to the member. If the member fails to appeal within the Twenty (20) day period, The determination and action of the Disciplinary Committee is deemed to be a decision of the Board of Directors and shall be final and binding.

The petition shall set forth the reasons for the appeal and the address to which notices from the Association may be mailed.

Appeals from the findings of the Disciplinary Committee shall be heard at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors following receipt of the written petition for a hearing. The member may submit a written statement to the Board prior to the hearing and shall have the right to appear in person and present evidence at the hearing and to hear and refute evidence offered against him. The AAA Ltd Executive may, by giving written notice of such action, temporarily suspend the subject person pending the hearing and final action by the Board. During the period of such temporary suspension, the subject person shall be denied all privileges and rights of the Association.

The determination of the Board shall be final and binding on all parties.

8.6 PUBLICATION OF SUSPENDED PERSONS

The name and address of any person suspended, expelled or denied the privileges and rights of the AAA Ltd by the Board after the hearing may be published in the National Appaloosa Journal. Such person shall be subject to the following additional restrictions during the disciplinary period.

The person shall be ineligible to participate in any Association approved event and to hold approved judge's credentials or any other Association accreditation.

The person and the person's spouse shall be prohibited from registering horses with the Association and from transferring registered Appaloosas into their respective names.

Any horse sired by a stallion or out of a mare owned by the person or the person's spouse shall be ineligible for registration with the Association if the breeding date of the horse is shown to be on or after the date of disciplinary action.

Horses registered in the name of the person or the person's spouse shall be ineligible to participate in any Association approved event or race.

The Association shall not accept the signature of the person's spouse on registration applications, breeding certificates, evidencing breeding on or after the date of disciplinary action, except that such signatures shall be honoured on transfers and bills of sale for the purpose of allowing the person or the person's spouse to transfer horses recorded in their respective names at the time of the disciplinary action to unrelated third parties.

The validity of written leases filed with the Association prior to the time of disciplinary action covering horses owned by the person or the person's spouse shall not be affected by the disciplinary action and the signature of the lessee shall be accepted during the term of such lease but not for renewal thereof.

Persons suspended, expelled or denied the privileges and rights of the Association shall not be allowed on the grounds of any National Show or any show or contest approved by the Association.

8.7 PROHIBITED DRUGS

No person shall cause to be administered internally or externally to a horse, either before or during an approved event, any medication, drug or mechanical device, or artificial appliance which is of such character as could affect its performance. Show management shall immediately disqualify the horse and report the matter to the AAA Ltd. Any action taken or substance administered internally or externally, whether drugs or otherwise, which may interfere with the testing procedure or mask or screen the presence of such drug, is forbidden.

No horse can be shown in any AAA Ltd. approved or sponsored event if the horse has been administered in any manner any forbidden substance, regardless of the amount administered. A forbidden substance is any drug, medication, stimulant, depressant, tranquilliser, local anaesthetic, or other substance foreign to the natural system of a horse or any metabolite or derivative thereof which could affect the performance of a horse. Stimulants and depressants are defined as medication which stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous system.

No horse can be shown in any AAA Ltd. approved or sponsored event if the horse has been administered in any manner any drug, medication or any substance foreign to the natural system of a horse or any metabolite or derivative thereof which could interfere with the

detection of a forbidden substance or mask or screen the presence of a forbidden substance.

No horse can be shown in any AAA Ltd. approved or sponsored event if the horse has had any mechanical device or artificial appliance inserted or implanted in its body or has undergone any surgical or other procedure, (except castration or spaying procedures) which could alter the horse's natural conformation or appearance or which could affect the performance of a horse, This rule applies to mechanical devices, artificial appliances, surgical procedures, which could affect a horse's natural conformation or which could affect the performance of a horse, even though placed, inserted, implanted, or performed by a licensed veterinarian performing such procedure for the purpose of protecting the health of a horse, unless and until report from the licensed veterinarian has been received by the AAA Ltd. Such report shall include the name and AAA Ltd registration number of the horse, the date such procedure performed, a description of the procedure performed by the veterinarian detailing the reasons why such procedure was performed by him or her, in what way the horses performance and/or its natural conformation or appearance was affected by the procedure and an affirmative statement by the veterinarian that the procedure was performed by him or her for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the horse. If at any time the purpose for the performance of any such procedure is shown to have been for a reason or reasons other than the sole purpose of protecting the health of the horse, all responsible persons as defined herein shall be subject to disciplinary action by the AAA Ltd.

Every responsible person, as defined herein shall, upon request of any AAA Ltd. representative, permit examination of a horse by a veterinarian licensed by any state, appointed by the AAA Ltd. for the purpose of determining whether or not violations of this rule, or any of its parts, has occurred. All horses in competition in an AAA Ltd. approved or sponsored event are subject to examination by such veterinarian appointed for that purpose by the AAA Ltd. Said appointed veterinarian, with the approval of the AAA Ltd. may appoint a technician to perform certain duties under this rule. Said Veterinarian may examine any or all horses in a class or all classes in an event or any horse entered in any class, whether in competition or not, if on the show grounds, or any horse withdrawn by an exhibitor within 24 hours prior to a class for which it has been entered, unless otherwise directed by the AAA Ltd.

Whether a horse is in competition or not, refusal to submit the horse for examinations or to co-operate with said veterinarian or his or her agents constitutes a violation of this rule and subjects all responsible parties to disciplinary action under this rule.

All responsible parties, as defined herein, shall co-operate fully with said veterinarian and his or her agents and shall promptly comply with all requests made by them. Such co-operation shall include the following:

- 1 Taking said veterinarian or his or her agents immediately to the location selected by the said veterinarian or agent for testing the horse and presenting it for testing.
- 2 Assisting said veterinarian or his or her agent in procuring the sample promptly, including but not limited to removing equipment from the horse, leaving it quietly in the stall, and avoiding any distractions to it. Schooling, Lengthy cooling off, bandaging, and other delays of this type are presumed to be non co-operation.
- 3 Polite attitude and actions toward said veterinarian and his or her agent.
- 4 The owner, trainer, or other responsible persons must witness the blood or urine sample collection and sign the forms required by the veterinarian. Failure to do so waives any subsequent objections to the testing process or results.

If the chemical analysis of blood, urine, saliva, or other samples taken from a horse indicates the presence of a forbidden substance, or any metabolite or derivative thereof, this will be prima facie evidence that the forbidden substance has been administered to the horse.

- 1 If the chemical analysis of the sample taken from a horse indicates the presence of

a forbidden substance, all responsible parties, as defined herein, shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with this rule, and in addition, shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the disciplinary rules of the AAA Ltd.

- 2 When a positive report is received from the chemist identifying a forbidden substance or metabolite or derivative thereof, a hearing will be held in accordance with this rule and the disciplinary rules of the AAA Ltd. No responsible party will be disciplined by suspension or otherwise, and no horse will be disqualified or barred from any future participation in any AAA Ltd. approved or sponsored event until after the conclusion of said hearing and a written ruling by the disciplinary committee has been made.
- 3 The owner of a horse registered with the AAA Ltd. consents and agrees as a condition to receiving points, awards or compensation of any and all types of AAA Ltd. approved or sponsored events to allow the escrowing of any points, awards, compensation, recognition or monies won or earned by said horse from and after the date of the reporting of a positive drug test involving said horse at any AAA Ltd. approved or sponsored event, until the exhaustion of all hearing procedures and/or subsequent litigation involving the alleged rule violation. All parties responsible for the condition of a horse under this rule (responsible parties) found to have a forbidden substance in its system, may be required to forfeit all prizes, money, trophies, ribbon and/or any other awards and "points" won in said event by any horse.
- 4 Any horse found to have a forbidden substance in its system may be suspended from future participation at any AAA Ltd. approved or sponsored event for such time as determined appropriate by the disciplinary committee. The disciplinary committee may require the owner of said horse to deliver the horse's registration certificate to the AAA Ltd. to be held by the AAA Ltd. office. During the period of such horse's suspension from participation, ownership of any suspended horse may be transferred to another party, but the transfer of ownership will not affect the suspension of the horse in any way.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY:

Responsible party is defined as the owner, or any person who has the responsibility for the care, training, custody, exhibition or performance of a horse.

8.8 INHUMANE and CRUEL TREATMENT

No person may treat a horse in an inhumane manner.

Inhumane treatment includes but not limited to:

Placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress.

Tying a horse in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress including but not limited to, in a stall, trailer or when longing or riding.

Letting blood from a horse.

Using of inhumane training techniques, equipment or methods including but not limited to poling or striking horse's legs with objects (i.e. jump poles, trail logs, etc.).

Attaching any item or appliance that restricts movement or circulation of the tail.

Intentional inhumane treatment that causes a horse to bleed.

Use of inhumane equipment including, but not limited to saw tooth bits, hock hobbles, tack collars or mechanical hackamores.

Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug which could affect the horse's performance or alter its natural conformation or appearance is prohibited, except for those procedures performed for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the horse. (See Drugs and Medications and devices and appliances for complete rules.).

Exhibit a horse that appears to be sullen, dull, lethargic, emaciated, drawn or overly tired.

Exhibit a horse that has an open, raw or bleeding sore.

Withholding food and/or water for prolonged periods of time such that it causes undue discomfort or distress to the horse.

The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive and inhumane.

This prohibition includes all horses, not just Appaloosa horses; as such conduct indicates a general treatment of horses that is unacceptable for AAA Ltd. Members. If an individual is convicted or found to have participated knowingly under state or federal law or rules of other equine breed associations in cruel or inhumane treatment of a horse, such conviction or finding shall create a presumption of violation of this rule.

Upon discovery by a show official of inhumane treatment, show management shall immediately report the matter to the AAA Ltd.

Pending final hearing by the disciplinary committee, the board may, by giving written notice of their action to the owner of record at his/her current address as evidenced by AAA Ltd. records, temporarily suspend a horse and/or any responsible party as defined in Responsible Party from further participation in AAA Ltd. approved or sponsored events or shows.

The Board may secure the opinion of a licensed veterinarian or other appropriate professional to aid in the determination of violation of this rule.

8.9 UNSPORTSMANLIKE / OFFENSIVE CONDUCT

Any act or remark made in connection with the show or contest considered offensive and/or made with intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the Judge; approaching the Judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the Show Manager, Show Committee or Ring Steward; and/or inspecting a Judges card without the Judge's permission is considered a violation of the rules of the AAA Ltd. A Judge (or Judges) shall present in writing any grievance that he or she may have against contestants or shows to the Secretary or appointed representative of the sponsoring Association at the time of the grievance, and forward a copy to the AAA Ltd., and his or her case will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee.

Any unsportsmanlike conduct by an owner and/or exhibitor shall jeopardize their right to further exhibit in the show. At any time, the Judge and/or Show Committee may issue a first warning to any exhibitor and/or owner for unsportsmanlike conduct. Upon failure to comply with the warning, the judge or show management will disqualify the exhibitor from further classes for the remainder of the show.

8.10 CODE OF CONDUCT

No member will attend a show or event under the influence of alcohol or drugs and behave so as to bring the Association into disrepute or endanger themselves, any competitor, show official or member of the public.

No member will consume alcohol or drugs at a show or event so as to bring the Association into disrepute or endanger themselves, any competitor, show official or member of the public.

A member will always conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner and obey all instructions and directions given by any show official or Judge.

A breach of the Code of Conduct may result in the member being called before the disciplinary committee and dealt with in accordance with this division.

DIVISION 9 - REGIONAL/AFFILIATED CLUBS

9.1 OBJECTS AND AIMS

All Clubs wishing to affiliate with the Australian Appaloosa Association Ltd must comply with the following:

To co-operate with and aid in every way possible the program and function of the AAA Ltd.

Recognizing that the AAA Ltd being the parent organisation will maintain files, records and issue Certificates of Registration for such animals thought fit for REGISTRATION.

To co-operate with the overall program of the AAA Ltd and to promote interest in the breed from a regional or area stand point.

To gain, favourable, publicity through all forms of media, including Radio, Television Newspapers and magazines.

To gain classes for Appaloosas registered with the AAA Ltd in local, country, district and State shows.

9.2 REGULATIONS

All Regional / Affiliate Clubs must comply with the following regulations:

Pay the annual affiliation fee on or before 31 August each year.

Pay the annual insurance premium on or before the 1 February each year.

Any payment outstanding more than 30 days from the due date will incur a \$50.00 per month penalty.

Submit by 31 August each year the Clubs most recent Annual balance sheet (this must be audited) and a report on the clubs activities over the preceding 12 months to the AAA Ltd.

No shows or activities will be approved until all the above requirements are met.

All affiliated Clubs must run a minimum of 3 Shows and 1 other promotional activity (ie Clinic, Training day, Trail Ride, organise and implement Appaloosa Classes at a local Agricultural Show) per year.

To forward any historical data, show records as requested and general information to the AAA Ltd which would help the Appaloosa promotion in Australia.

If the Club decides to wind up the said Club after all debts and liabilities have been paid then any money or property that remains shall be given or transferred to such other Regional Clubs or to the parent body being the AAA Ltd.

Allow any AAA Ltd Director to attend any meeting of the Club and to be allowed to speak on any matter pertaining to the AAA Ltd.

Send minutes of the Clubs Annual General Meeting to the AAA Ltd office within 30 days of said meeting and on request copies of other meeting minutes.

Must be incorporated in their own right in their own State and abide by their rules of incorporation.

Show results for shows conducted by the Club must be forwarded to the Secretary of the AAA Ltd within 30 days or a penalty fee of \$100 per month will apply (or at discretion of the Board).

Must comply with all directives from the AAA Ltd regarding insurance and complete all compliance checks and forward as directed.

9.3 COMMITTEE

As the club is a REGIONAL APPALOOSA/AFFILIATED CLUB the President and either the Treasurer or Secretary must be financial members of the AAA Ltd.

DIVISION 10 - AUSTRALIAN APPALOOSA AMATEUR ASSOCIATION

10.1 OBJECTS AND AIMS

- (1)** To co-operate with and aid in every way possible the programme and function of the AAA Ltd.
- (2)** To gain favourable publicity through all proper forms, including media and magazines.
- (3)** To allow any AAA Ltd. Director to attend any meeting and be allowed to speak on any

matter pertaining to the AAA Ltd.

(4) To consider the well-being of all Amateur members of the AAA Ltd.

(5) To raise funds for the benefit of all Amateur Members of the AAA Ltd.

10.2 REGULATIONS

The Australian Appaloosa Amateur Association (AAAA) must comply with the following:

(a) They must hold an Annual General Meeting in conjunction with the National Appaloosa Championship Show.

(b) All Members of the AAAA must be current financial members of the AAA Ltd.

(c) At their AGM they must elect a President and Secretary/Treasurer, and State Representatives where possible.

(d) They must have a bank account in the name of AAAA. This account must be kept at the same branch as the AAA Ltd. head office accounts.

(e) They must have their bank account co-signed by a Director of the AAA Ltd.

(f) They must send minutes of the AGM and other meetings to the AAA Ltd. Office.

10.3 AMATEUR RULES

(a) An Amateur, for the purpose of this rule book, is any person who is no longer eligible to show in youth classes and has not been a professional for the last three (3) years.

(b) A professional is an adult who, within the past three years:

- 1.** Has accepted remuneration directly or indirectly for breaking, riding, training, schooling, driving, halter preparation, showing in halter or under saddle.
- 2.** Has conducted clinics or seminars or given instruction in showing, training or riding, where any remuneration has been received directly or indirectly.
- 3.** Has performed the above list of activities for which another person in his/ her family or a corporation, which a member of his/her family controls, will receive remuneration directly or indirectly.
- 4.** Has performed such activities while accepting remuneration directly or indirectly for employment in another capacity for an employer or a member of said employer's family, who owns, boards or trains the involved horse.
- 5.** Has ridden, driven or exhibited in halter in horse shows any horse he/she or a member of his/she family accepts remuneration directly or indirectly for boarding or training.

(c) The following activities shall not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified:

- 1.** The writing of books or articles pertaining to horses.
- 2.** Accepting remuneration for judging or stewarding.
- 3.** Receiving Prize money.
- 4.** Having the occupation of a Farrier or Veterinarian, Thoroughbred trainer or trotting trainer or
- 5.** Owning or operating a saddlery, stud or breeding farm or breeding stable.

- (d) All individuals entering approved amateur classes must hold a current AAA Ltd Amateur Card. In order to be enrolled in the Appaloosa Amateur Programme an individual must be 19 years of age or older, and ineligible for the Appaloosa Youth classes and hold either a current Full, Couple, Life, nominee of Constituent membership or Honorary Life Membership of the AAA Ltd.
 - (e) All applications for amateur status must be completed on official forms supplied by the AAA Ltd. Renewal is due August 1st each year (see schedule of fees).
 - (f) Change of Status: any person who has been a professional and who desires to be reclassified as an amateur on the grounds that he/she no longer engages in the activities which made him/her a professional they must in writing on approved forms, give six (6) months notification to the AAA Ltd. that they will be applying for amateur owner status with the AAA Ltd six (6) months from this date. All other rule pertaining to eligibility for amateur status will apply. The burden of proving amateur status is on the applicant. (See schedule of fees).
 - (g) In amateur classes the horse or horses used by amateur participants must be owned or leased and registered wholly or in part by the participant or their immediate family.
- Note.** Refer to Rule 1.4 Definitions.
- (h) Leasing; Amateurs will be allowed to show leased horses. The lessee of the horse is for A.A.A. Ltd purposes deemed to be the owner of the said horse for the period of the lease. Proof of lease must be available to show management upon request.
 - (i) Upon application, a free Amateur membership is made to a member for their first year out of youth.
 - (j) In an Amateur Halter class, if an Amateur has qualified more than one horse eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion, Grand or Reserve Grand Champion or Supreme Exhibit, another Amateur may assist exhibit the horse/s provided the Amateur that originally qualified the horses leads one of the horses in the Championship class.

(k) LIMITED AMATEUR DIVISION

All Amateurs must abide by these rules to be eligible for Limited Amateur Status.

- i No Limited Amateur may show in any event a horse that is not owned or leased by the Amateur or their immediate family.
- ii Limited Amateurs showing Halter horses &/ or Ridden Horses are covered by these Limited Amateur rules
- iii Any Amateur that holds a current Amateur membership and meets the following capping criteria is eligible for Limited Amateur.

Limited Amateur Capping System

- i The capping system works on the accumulation of points on each individual Amateur and Limited Amateur event offered at all Appaloosa State Shows and the National Appaloosa Show. The points have been recorded and placed in numerical order since the inception of the Amateur events.
- ii Once a Limited Amateur reaches the capped figure of 5 points in an individual Amateur event the Amateur is no longer a limited rider in that individual event.
- iii Once the capped figure of 5 points is reached in that event there is no returning to limited status in the particular event.
- iv At the completion of each show season July 31st the capping system will be updated.
- v The accumulated score at the 1st August stands for the next 12 months.

- vi To check your eligibility go to the AAA Ltd. Website: www.appaloosa.org.au
- vii Classes scored under this system; Showmanship, Hunter under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Trail. Western Equitation, Hunt Seat Equitation, Horsemanship and Dressage.

(I) AAAA Points and Awards

- i Amateur points are recorded in accordance with AAA Ltd rules.
- ii The following additional High Points awards are calculated, sponsored and awarded by the Australian Appaloosa Amateur Association:

AAAA Yearly High Point Amateur Halter Horse; All points earned by the Appaloosa in Amateur Appaloosa Halter classes at recognized shows, must be forwarded by the Amateur to the assigned Amateur scorer for that year within 30 days of the show accompanied by a copy of the program. Points tabulated as per AAA Ltd Rule book (Rule 5.21).

AAAA Yearly High Point Limited Amateur Rider; All points earned by the Limited Amateur in Limited Amateur classes at State and National Shows only, are automatically tabulated by the Amateur point scorer. Points as per AAA Ltd Rule book (Rule 5.21).

AAAA Yearly State High Point Amateur Halter Horse; All points earned by the Appaloosa in Amateur Appaloosa Halter classes at recognized shows in the Amateur's State of residence, must be forwarded by the Amateur to the assigned Amateur scorer for that year within 30 days of the show accompanied by a copy of the program. Points tabulated as per AAA Ltd Rule book (Rule 5.21).

- iii National Shows points will be triple and State shows points will be double.

DIVISION 11 - AUSTRALIAN APPALOOSA YOUTH ASSOCIATION (AAYA)

11.1 OBJECTS AND AIMS:

The objects and aims of the AAYA are as follows:

- (1)** To co-operate with and aid in every way possible the programme and function of the AAA Ltd.
- (2)** To gain favourable publicity through all proper forms, including media and magazines.
- (3)** To allow any AAA Ltd. Director to attend any meeting and be allowed to speak on any matter pertaining to the AAA Ltd.
- (4)** To consider the well-being of all Youth members of the AAA Ltd, provide guidance to other youth members and foster good relations and sportsmanship.

- (5) To always conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner and obey all instructions and directions given by any show official or Judge.
- (6) To raise funds for the benefit of all Youth Members of the AAA Ltd.

11.2 REGULATIONS

The AAYA must comply with the following:

- (a) They must hold an Annual General Meeting in conjunction with the National Appaloosa Championship Show.
- (b) All Members of the AAYA must be current financial members of the AAA Ltd.
- (c) At their AGM they must elect a President and Secretary/Treasurer, and State Representatives where possible.
- (d) They must have a bank account in the name of AAYA. This account must be kept at the same branch as the AAA Ltd. head office accounts.
- (e) They must have their bank account co-signed by a Director of the AAA Ltd.
- (f) They must send minutes of the AGM and other meetings to the AAA Ltd. Office.

11.3 YOUTH RULES

All Youth wishing to compete at shows run by the AAA Ltd or any Affiliate must have written permission and signature on Entry Form, signed by a parent or guardian, and must be lodged with the Show Secretary prior to showing.

No Stallion regardless of age will be permitted in any youth class.

The maximum age limit for youth competitors shall be 18 years. For horse show purposes the age of an individual on 1st August shall be maintained throughout the entire year.

The minimum age for youth shall be 2 years of age. Proof of age must be produced upon request of Show Management.

When classes are offered for different age groups, a youth may only enter his particular age division.

It is Mandatory for all youth to wear an Approved Safety Helmet when riding on the grounds of a show and when schooling or competing over fences. In other events it is optional.