



OFFICIAL HANDBOOK  
OF THE  
SPANISH BARB HORSE ASSOCIATION

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## **SECTION II - General Rules and Regulations**

### Membership

1. All members in good standing (members whose dues are current and who are in compliance with the rules and regulations) shall have equal rights, interests and responsibilities with respect to the Association; shall have the right to vote, in person or by proxy, in all membership meetings and to hold office and committee assignments.
2. All members shall be admitted to the Association on written application, accompanied by the appropriate dues, unless rejected by the Board of Directors. Memberships are not transferable.
3. Proper membership cards shall be issued upon payment of dues. Memberships are renewable on a calendar year basis and notice of renewal fees shall be sent to members at their last known address.
4. Members' dues will be set by the Board of Directors in accordance with the needs and requirements of the Association.
5. The membership renewal dues are due and payable on or before each anniversary date. Any member whose membership becomes delinquent may be reinstated by paying the current years dues.
6. The name of the individual applying for registration of a horse shall be the same as that appearing on the membership card.

### Elections

1. The procedure for electing the Board of Directors is as follows:
  - A. An Election Committee is appointed by the sitting Board of Directors.
  - B. Nomination forms are sent to the membership.
  - C. Nominated candidates are notified and sent a form for acceptance.
  - D. A ballot is compiled from the list of nominees who accept their nomination.
  - E. Ballots are mailed to all members in good standing. .
  - F. The ballots are counted at the Annual Meeting and the results announced.

### Committees

1. Committees may be appointed by the President to attend to special business. These committees shall serve for the duration of the special purpose.

## **SECTION III - Rules and Regulations For Registration**

100. It is the purpose of this Association, to the best of its abilities, to perpetuate through selective breeding the six primary old strains of Spanish Barb horses known today: the Scarface (Romero/McKinley); the Rawhide (Belsky); the Sun; the Coche Two, Aka-wi (Brislawn); and Wilbur-Cruce bloodlines.  
The breeding goals of the SBBA are to preserve the high quality, true bloodlines and Breed Standard conformation of the Spanish Barb breed through strict registration requirements and inspection.
101. No horse of SBBA registered parents is eligible for registration if its conformation so lacks in breed standard that it is not representative of the breed. No Monorchid or parrot mouthed stallion is accepted.

102. All horses applying for registration prior to three (3) years of age shall be issued either General or Appendix numbers. At three (3) years of age a horse shall be eligible to apply for advancement to the Permanent Division. A physical inspection may be required. Any horse failing to score high enough for advancement may be re-applied until it reaches the age of six (6).
103. The official Registry and Studbook of the Association shall consist of the following:  
 Permanent Division  
 General Division  
 Appendix Division  
 Half Blood Division
- A. Permanent Division: All horses out of a SBBA registered sire and dam that have attained advancement. Their registration number shall be preceded by the letter "P".
  - B. General Division: All horses out of a SBBA registered sire and dam that have been accepted for registration. Their registration number shall be preceded by the letter "G". This registry was previously named the Tentative division, therefore registration certificates issued before July of 2005, will have the letter "T" preceding the registration number.
  - C. Appendix Division: This division is a dual-purpose classification for
    - 1) purebred foals out of SBBA registered sire and dam which do not conform to the requirements for General registration'
    - 2) purebred Spanish Barbs out of SBBA registered sire and dam whose owners have failed to file the required documentation within one year of the mandatory filing date.
104. No purebred foal may be registered which has been sired by an SBBA registered stallion that has not been blood typed and a copy of said blood type being on file in the Office of the Registrar.
105. An Alternate Registration process, allowing horses to be registered in the General or Appendix Division, shall be imposed on:
- A. Any Spanish Barb horse out of SBBA registered sire and dam, or an outcross from any SBBA sire or dam and an approved Spanish or Barb horse, whose owner does not apply for registration on the horses prior to the animal attaining four years of age.
  - B. Any horse of undetermined parentage that conforms to the SBBA Breed Standard and whose blood typing shows it to be of Spanish descent.
    - 1) An official inspection of the horse must be made by designated inspectors. This inspection may be initially by photographs, however if deemed necessary by majority of the inspectors, a physical inspection will be required by at least one inspector. This inspection may take place at the annual SBBA meeting or at the location of the horse. If at the location of the horse, all expenses of the inspector(s) will be met by the owner of the horse to be inspected.
    - 2) No foals produced prior to registration of said horse shall be eligible for registration unless the Alternative Registration process is underway.
    - 3) An additional fee may be assigned to Alternative Registration applicants as determined by the board of directors. All fees and expenses involved with the Alternative Registration application are non-refundable.
    - 4) Horses accepted into the General Division will then be eligible to apply for advancement to the Permanent Division under the existing regulations.
106. Registration fees shall be set by the Board of Directors in accordance with the requirements and needs of the Association. All fees, with the exception of Transfer of Ownership, are double for non-members. No application fees are refundable.
107. All horses will have one calendar year from the foaling date in which they may be applied for registration without late fees being imposed.
108. All registration decisions are made by the Official Inspectors. Decisions may be appealed to the Board of Directors and their decision shall be considered final. The Official Inspectors and/or the Board of Directors have the authority to require a colt/stallion be accepted as a "Gelding only".

109. Each horse being applied for registration for any division in the Registry must be given an acceptable name which does not conflict with the name of any other registered horse. The name of a horse that is registered may be changed provided:
- 1) they have no progeny
  - 2) they have not been published in the Studbook.
- There is a fee for Change of Name.
110. All Applications for Registration must comply with the requirements listed on the "Instructions for Applying for Registration", which may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.
111. Failure by an applicant to acknowledge any correspondence relative to the registration of any horse will result in that file being closed and all fees being forfeited after thirty (30) days.
112. In all proceedings concerned with, or affecting, the registrations and records of the Association, and in all disciplinary actions, the burden of resolving any doubt as to the true parentage or identification of the horse shall be upon the applicant, owner, lessee or other member(s) involved.
- The Board of Directors may require the foal and dam to be blood-typed by an approved institution. The determination, decision and action of the Board of Directors upon all such questions shall be final and binding on all parties.
113. No inspection for any stallion, mare or gelding shall be made until the animal is at least three (3) years of age. Inspection fees shall be mileage costs for two (2) official inspectors and reasonable room and board costs unless provision for inspection has been made to coincide with the Annual Meeting.
114. When a horse attains advancement, it shall become necessary to surrender the General or Appendix Certificate of Registration. If the certificate is not surrendered, a notarized statement shall be furnished to the Office of the Registrar, giving satisfactory cause and reason why the certificate in force cannot be surrendered.
115. A Transfer Report and the appropriate fee shall be submitted on all horses within thirty (30) days of the date of sale. As of 20 December, 1993 a Bill of Sale with the date and description of the horse can be submitted in lieu of a Transfer Report.
116. The owners of a horse registered in any division shall notify the Officer of the Registrar on the following:
- A. Report of Castration
  - B. Report of Death
117. The Association shall list as the breeders of a horse the **owner of the dam** at the time of service unless a current Lease Agreement is on file in the Office of the Registrar.
118. All required documentation must be on file in the Office of the Registrar before any horse shall be presented to the Official Inspectors for review.
- A. Stallion Breeding Report due thirty (30) days after the last mare is bred and no later than 30 January of the following year. Late charges will be levied on all delinquent Stallion Breeding Reports.
  - B. Foaling Reports are due thirty (30) days after the owner's last mare has foaled. Late charges will be levied on all delinquent Foaling Reports.
119. No Artificial Insemination is permitted except with the prior written approval of the Board of Directors. Forms outlining the requirements will be issued when approval is granted.
120. No Embryo Transfer is permitted except with the prior written approval of the Board of Directors. Forms outlining the requirements will be issued when approval is granted.
121. Half-blood horses produced by either a SBBA registered sire or dam are eligible for registration in the SBBA Half Blood Division. All rules and registration procedures are the same as for purebreds.

### Rules Infractions and Disciplinary Action

201. All information furnished to the Association as a basis for any action by the Association, or any of its officers, with respect to a horse must be true and correct to the best of the information and belief of the informant. No member shall represent, advertise, or enter in a competition any horse except as he is registered and numbered in the official Registry. No change or alteration of a certificate shall be made except by the Association
202. Any member may be disciplined, censured, suspended or expelled from the Association and any member may be denied any and all privileges of the Association whenever it has been established, by evidence, that such member has knowingly and willingly violated any pertinent rule to the Association. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - a) Refusing on reasonable request to assist the SBBA, its Officers, committees or agents in locating, identifying and inspecting a horse or an ancestor thereof, which is in the member's ownership or control.
  - b) Refusing to answer promptly and truthfully questions concerning a horse, or an ancestor thereof, which has been registered, or one which application for registration has been made.
  - c) Failure to pay when due any obligations owing the Association.
  - d) Violate the Bylaws, Rules or Regulations of the SBBA.
  - e) Falsify reports, applications for registration or any other documentation in regard to the Registry.
  - f) Intentionally misrepresent Registry horses through erroneous publicity or literature.
  - g) Partake in any practice that is detrimental to the Association, the Registry horses, the future of the breed, or conduct themselves in such a manner as to endanger the good order, welfare or credit of the Association.
203. Whenever any member shall be accused of any violation, they shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard and to submit evidence to the Board of Directors in their own behalf and to hear and refute any evidence brought against them. The burden of proof in all disciplinary actions shall be on those bringing charges and the proof required for disciplinary actions shall be a preponderance of the evidence. The disciplinary action taken shall be selected by the Board of Directors at their discretion.
204. On and after such time as any member has been suspended, expelled or denied further Association privileges, the Association shall not accept the signature of the member nor the member's spouse nor an agent of the member except on a Transfer Report or Bill of Sale. Any written leases filed with the Registry prior to disciplinary action will be honored but no renewal of said lease will be accepted.

## **SECTION IV - Spanish Barb Breed Standard**

The breed standard for the Spanish Barb, just as the standard for any breed, is a criterion by which the individuals of the breed are judged. The standard also serves as a basis of comparison by which horses are measured for either acceptance and placement, or rejection, in relation to being numbered within the Registry. Every aspect of the breed standard has been designed to promote the IDEAL for the breed, an ideal by which the goal of complete restoration, in quality and excellence, will be attained.

The overall appearance of the Spanish Barb is one of balance, smoothness and depth of neck and body, roundness of hip, of short, clean legs and a well set, distinctively refined head.

Standard height of the Spanish Barb is 13.3 to 14.3 hands. A few individuals may mature slightly under or over but will not represent the norm.

All colors are found within the breed: dun, grulla, chestnut, black, bay, roan and paint (overo, tobiano and sabino), as well as color variants.

The head is distinctively Spanish in type: lean, refined and well formed, averaging 19-22 inches from the poll to any imaginary line across the top of the nostrils, with a broad, flat forehead. The profile is straight or slightly convex. The ears are short to medium, curved inward and slightly back at the tips, measuring from 5 to 5 1/2 inches in stallions and 1/2 inch longer in mares. The eyes are set well forward on the head are primarily brown but blue eyes occur occasionally. A prominent bone structure above the eye is characteristic. The muzzle is refined, short and tapered, being set off by a shall mouth and firm lips. The nostrils are crescent shaped and of ample size for air intake when enlarged during exertion.

The chest is strong, medium in width and sufficiently muscles inside the forearm to form an arch. The ribs are well-sprung, never slab-sided and the heart girth is deep, varying from 67 to 74 inches in circumference, depending on the height and overall size of the horse. The shoulder is well-angled and in balance with the back and heart girth.

The back is short and strong, in proportion to the length of the shoulder, forelegs and depth of girth. The loin is short, straight, strong and full. The croup is round and sufficiently full in width and length to be in balance with the body. The hindquarters are not heavily muscled. The flank is deep. The tail set is medium to low.

The legs are straight, strong and well formed with long muscling in the forearms and thighs, and with short, clean cannons. The bone is dense. The circumference of the front cannons average 7 1/4 to 7 7/8 inches. During the summer the feathering is either lacking or curled tightly against the lower leg. The joints are well developed, strong and free of excess flesh. Chestnuts on the front legs should be small, smooth and not protruding. Chestnuts, when they appear on the hind legs, should be extremely small and flush with the leg. Ergots are either lacking, very small or appear more as a callous. The pasterns are strong, medium in length and slope and have good flexibility which contributes to the smoothness of the gaits. The hooves are ample and well shaped, with an excellent frog formation and thick walls which are extremely hard.

Under normal conditions the mane, forelock and tail are quite long and full. An exceptionally full mane will sometimes fall naturally on both sides of the neck.

The classic style characteristic to the Spanish Barb and all Iberian/Barb descended breeds is displayed by their natural carriage, action, intelligence and temperament under saddle. These somewhat elusive traits remain an important part of their heritage and appeal and are basic to the successful restoration of the breed.