



WBFSH

WORLD BREEDING FEDERATION
FOR SPORT HORSES



Motion of the Board to the General Assembly 2023:

Rightful Breeder of a Horse

INTRODUCTION

With changes in the breeding landscape over the past years, through new breeding technologies and changes in EU legislation, it has become necessary to review the definition of the rightful breeder of a horse. Breeders have the choice of which studbook they want to register their foals in, and trade of embryos across borders is increasing. The increased use of surrogates for flushed or ICSI embryos, as well as the fact that many studbooks no longer require covering certificates, means that the first concrete, verifiable contact by a studbook for a foal, is the entity that owns & registers that foal, applies for identification documents and provides material for DNA verification of the pedigree. A definition presented at the WBFSH GA-2022 (Dresden) was not approved, and therefore the Department of Breeding has made a review for an amended definition.

PROPOSAL

To be registered as the breeder of a foal in a studbook:

If the breeder who made the choice of the genetic match still owns the foal at birth, they will be registered as the breeder. If they have sold the mare in foal, or the embryo before birth, and want to be registered as the breeder, they need to make an agreement with the new owner, who births the foal and notifies the studbook for its registration.

The studbook which is asked as first to register the foal should therefore obtain a clear confirmation by the person or entity which is asking for registration of the foal, which person or entity is legitimised to be registered as rightful breeder.