

THE BASICS OF REGISTERING A NRS STANDARDBRED (NON-RACING STANDARDBRED)

These basic guidelines have been developed in conjunction with the Rules detailed in the

Non-Racing Stud Book Standardbred NRS Standardbreds and Partbred Standardbreds 2nd Edition 2020

managed by the Standardbred Horse Association of Australia Inc. (SHAA).

This is the only program, approved by Harness Racing Australia, for the registration of Non-Racing Standardbred horses in Australia.

To register a purebred Standardbred horse that is bred for pleasure and/or performance other than harness racing and, more importantly, a horse that will not be freeze branded OR a partbred Standardbred, owners are now required to verify the bloodlines via DNA testing which is done in accordance with Harness Racing Australia's guidelines and provision. Once DNA confirmation is received these horses will be registered in either the Non-Racing Stud Book Standardbreds (NRS Standardbreds) or the Partbred Standardbred register, also managed by the SHAA.

For a purebred NRS Standardbred horse:

Confirmation of 100% Standardbred bloodlines is required to register a NRS Standardbred horse. Without this registration the horse will be unable to compete as a Standardbred in any equine activity within Australia.

If the sire and dam of the NRS Standardbred are horses that carry a harness racing freeze brand and were foaled after 2002 their DNA should already be on file, but not guaranteed. If either of the parent horses were freeze branded prior to the commencement of the collection of DNA at the time of freeze branding, it is probable that an owner wanting to register a NRS horse will have to secure access to the parent horse / horses that was not DNA recorded so a current sample can be taken. In some cases, it may be possible to match to a related horse that has its DNA on file. In the worst case, an owner may be required to pay for the testing of 3 DNA samples.

If the owner of the horse has access to the sire and dam and their DNA is on file, the basic steps to register a NRS Standardbred horse are as below.

- 1 The owner joins their State's SPPHA group (SAQ in Queensland).
- 2 The owner pays a horse registration fee for the horse they wish to register and signs acceptance of being required to make the relevant collections and payments.
- 3 The local SPPHA group forwards a copy of the horse registration form to Maree Lund, from the SPPHAV and SHAA who, working with Harness Racing Australia, determines whether a DNA sample will be required from the purebred sire and / or dam.
- 4 The owner pays the \$80 fee for the DNA testing of all (1 or 2) horses that are not currently DNA recorded. These fees are to be paid direct to the SHAA bank account or forwarded to SHAA, with a payment cheque, to PO Box 57, Yea, 3717. NOTE: If the DNA matching requires going back to a grandparent or other related horse, the fee is \$135.
- 5 Once a copy of the registration form and DNA fees have been received by the SHAA the owner of the horse, that is to be registered as a NRS Standardbred, will be sent collection kits for each horse from which a sample is to be collected – with an instruction sheet.
- 6 The owner secures access to the horse(s) for the taking of the DNA samples by a member of their state's SPPHA Committee or has their Vet to do so. Form(s) and DNA kit(s) will be sent for this. Any expenses (vet fees) will be met by the owner of the horse to be registered as a NRS Standardbred.
- 7 All DNA samples are to be posted to the SHAA for the preparation of the necessary information to accompany the samples when sent to HRV for forwarding to the overseas testing laboratory. Samples are sent off with other Harness Racing DNA samples so there may be a delay before these sample(s) are sent to the laboratory.

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- 8 Once verification is received the NRS Standardbred shall be registered with the State SPPHA and issued with a horse registration card verifying its certification and the owner will be able to commence showing / competing with it. A copy of the certificate received from the laboratory is also provided to the owner and to the state SPPHA group. If confirmation is not available the horse registration fee will be refunded by the state group, but not the membership or the DNA fees and the horse will be ineligible for showing in any Standardbred ring or competing as a Standardbred in any equine event in Australia.

Any potential NRS Standardbred horse registration that does not fall into the basic guidelines above will require discussion with Maree Lund from the Standardbred Pleasure and Performance Horse Association of Victoria Inc. Maree is also Secretary of the SHAA.

Maree Lund is happy to speak with any owner wishing to register their NRS Standardbred horse prior to taking the first step of applying for registration with the state SPPHA group Maree can be contacted via email at: memberships@spphav.org.au.

Contacts for the respective state Standardbred Pleasure Organisations are:

Standardbred Pleasure & Performance Horse Association of Victoria Inc.	memberships@spphav.org.au
Standardbred Pleasure & Performance Horse Association of South Australia Inc.	contactspphasa@gmail.com
Standardbred Pleasure & Performance Horse Association of NSW Inc.	members@standardbred.org.au
Standardbred Pleasure & Performance Horse Association of Western Australia Inc.	spphawa@hotmail.com
Standardbred Association of Queensland Inc	secretary@saq.com.au

These state associations are all members of the Standardbred Horse Association of Australia Inc. (SHAA).