

2014  
AHHA Breeding Stock Approvals



**ENTRY RULES**

(Entry form and schedule will be posted separately)

**Judges: Small Site – Arlene Rigdon, Matt Davis**  
**Large Sites – Michael Gonell (HV) and Arlene Rigdon, (AHHA)**

**25195 SW Parkway Ave., Ste. 201 ♦ Wilsonville OR 97070**  
**503.570.7779 ♦ (fax) 503.570.7779**

**You can download your approvals application form online at [www.holsteiner.com](http://www.holsteiner.com). You can fill it out and either mail or fax your application directly to the AHHA!**

**NOTICE!** If you entered horses in the 2013 AHHA Breeding Stock Approvals that were not inspected, the fees can be carried over to this year only and are good only for the same horse.

**BUT.....You must re-submit ALL FORMS!**

The primary goal of the AHHA Breeding Stock tour is to evaluate mares and stallions for entry into the Studbooks. Weanlings, yearlings and geldings are evaluated as products of the breeding program. The 2014 tour will consist of a large tour beginning mid September and ending mid October. (*Schedules are subject to change as sites may be being added.*) The large tour will have 2 - 3 judges at each the large sites. Mares, geldings, yearlings and weanlings can be presented at any of these sites as well. The Mare Performance Test (MPT) should be offered at most sites.

The small sites will have one judge. Mares, geldings, yearling and weanlings will be judged. Some sites may offer the MPT. NO stallion prospects will be judged at these sites.

Inspections serve an educational, as well as a social, function. They are a great way to meet fellow breeders and form long and lasting relationships. Many horsemen look to the inspections as a place where they can see many Holsteiner offspring at once, not to mention a place to shop for future prospects.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

All participants are responsible for knowledge of the enclosed information as well as the official AHHA Breeding and Registration Rules. It is highly recommended to read this catalog thoroughly, from beginning to end, to have a full comprehension of the inspection process. If questions still arise regarding this information, the inspection process, or the application forms, please phone the AHHA Office at (503) 570-7779, fax at (503) 570-7781, or email [holsteiner@bellsouth.net](mailto:holsteiner@bellsouth.net). For your convenience, the Breeding and Registration Rules are also available on line at [www.holsteiner.com](http://www.holsteiner.com) and in the 2014 Stallion Roster.

## AHHA 2014 Breeding Stock Approvals Tour Schedule

Listed below is the 2014 AHHA Breeding Stock Approval Tour Schedule and list of inspections performed at each type of site. *The schedule is subject to change at the digression of the AHHA office and does not reflect any actual order at this time*

Start Times at the sites will be announced later, as they are determined by number of entries and flight schedules. Directions, stabling information, etc. will be provided by your site host. **Please contact them directly.**

*If the postings do not show a site accessible to you, please contact the office at (503.570.7779)*

Date	Location	Site Host	Site Type
<b>Sept. 27</b>	Wild Turkey Farm Wilsonville OR	Barbara Ellison Phone: 503.682.4109 Fax: 503.682.4119 <a href="mailto:barb@wildturkeyfarm.com">barb@wildturkeyfarm.com</a>	Large
<b>Sept. 29</b>	Le Haras des Saules Calixa-Lavallee, QU	Karine Belliard Phone: (450) 583-5800 <a href="mailto:belliardkarine@hotmail.com">belliardkarine@hotmail.com</a>	Large
<b>Oct. 1</b>	Hyperion Stud, LLC Barboursville VA	Aubrie Shaner Phone: 434.973.7700 <a href="mailto:hyperionstudllc@gmail.com">hyperionstudllc@gmail.com</a>	Large
<b>Oct. 2</b>	Prairie Pines Sporthorses Wellborn FL	Andras Sziebarth (386) 963-2920 (c) (386) 965-4621 <a href="mailto:szipi@windstream.net">szipi@windstream.net</a>	Large
<b>Oct. 3</b>	October Hill Farm, Weatherford TX	Wendy Davis-Gerrish Phone: (817) 341-2012 <a href="mailto:wendy@octoberhill.com">wendy@octoberhill.com</a>	Large
		<b>SMALL SITES</b>	
<b>Sept. 7</b>	First Flight Farm, Boerne TX	Tricia Velez 830.537.4150 Fax: 830.537.4154 <a href="mailto:tricia@firstflightfarm.com">tricia@firstflightfarm.com</a>	Small
<b>Sept. 30</b>	Page Brook Farms Whitney Point NY	Jayshree Schrubb (607) 692-3934 Cell (978) 867.5735 <a href="mailto:jayschrubb@gmail.com">jayschrubb@gmail.com</a>	Small
<b>Sept. 30</b>	Solvang, CA	Solvang area Contact Kim Gill-Favier at Phone: (916) 952.0522	Small
<b>TBA</b>	Rancho Corazon Lemitar NM	Tim Forster Phone: 575.835.4686 Fax: 575.835.4089 <a href="mailto:ranhocorazon@gmail.com">ranhocorazon@gmail.com</a>	Small
<b>TBA</b>	Rising Star Farm Silver Creek GA	Ronda Stavisky Phone: 512.751.2390 <a href="mailto:ronda@risingstarfarm.net">ronda@risingstarfarm.net</a>	Small
<b>TBA</b>	Hidden Pearl, Bethel PA	Nick Edmunds Phone: (914) 318-6003 <a href="mailto:nickedmunds@juno.com">nickedmunds@juno.com</a>	Small
<b>TBA</b>	CO	Kathleen Benedict Phone: (970) 221-1265 <a href="mailto:evendounfarm@lpbroadband.net">evendounfarm@lpbroadband.net</a>	Small
<b>TBA</b>	Westridge Farm New Berlin WI	Parvin Work Phone: (262) 679-8220 <a href="mailto:horsnut@aol.com">horsnut@aol.com</a>	Small (Limited space)

# American Holsteiner Horse Association

**Completed forms should be mailed or faxed to  
The American Holsteiner Horse Association  
25195 SW Parkway Ave., Ste. 201  
Wilsonville OR 97070  
Fax: 503.570.7781**

<b>INSPECTION SITE</b> _____ <b>DATE</b> _____
<b>OWNER INFORMATION:</b> Owner's Name _____ Current Member ____ New Member ____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

**MARES/GELDINGS FOR INSPECTION and/or PERFORMANCE TESTING:** A copy of the registration papers that contains a 3 generation pedigree **must** accompany each entry. Check box if horse is coming for Inspection only, Performance Testing (MPT) only, or both. **Qualified non-Holsteiner mares that have performance records should submit them with the entry.**

Horse's Registered Name	Registration #	Breed	Sire's Name	Dam's Name	INSPT.	MPT

## FOALS/YEARLINGS FOR INSPECTION and BRANDING (optional)

Foal's Registered Name	YOB	Registration No.	Sire's Name	Dam's Name	Branding Y/N*

\* For foals to be branded, it must be fully-parent verified prior to presentation

**STALLIONS FOR INSPECTION:** A copy of the stallion's registration must accompany each entry.

Stallion's Registered Name	YOB	Registration #	Sire Name	Dam Name	Breeder

**TURN OVER FOR FEE CALCULATIONS**

CUMULATIVE TOTAL SHEET FOR APPROVALS  
THE AMERICAN HOLSTEINER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Division	# of Horses	Full Member Fees	Amount
<b>Membership fees</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full/Renewing</li> <li>• Upgrade from Associate/Junior</li> <li>• Life Member</li> </ul>		\$85.00 \$35 or \$55 \$850	
Stallion Candidate (Drug kit included)		\$750	
Re-Boniting Stallion (Drug kit included)		\$400	
Potential Stallion Candidate Evaluation (2 year olds)		\$175	
Holsteiner Mare		\$175	
Foundation Mare		\$175	
Re-boniting Mare		\$175	
Mare Performance Test		\$150 (\$100 for mares in MMP studbook)	
Sporthorse Gelding		\$175	
Yearlings (foals of 2013)		\$85	
Weanlings (foals of 2014)		\$85	
<b>Subtotal</b>			
<b>Herd Discount:</b> 5 – 10 mares/foals (10%)			
11-29 mares/foals (20%)			
30 or more mares/foals (30%)			
DNA kit for mares being presented		\$65	
<b>Late fees: Large</b> Tour – <b>Two</b> weeks prior to <b>your</b> site. <b>Small</b> tour: <b>Two</b> weeks prior to <b>your</b> site		\$30 \$30	
2014 Foal Futurity		\$25	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED</b>			

☐ Check enclosed
 ☐ I wish to pay by VISA/Mastercard  
 Card# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ V- code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

★ **ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SIGNED:**

The applicant acknowledges that there are risks inherent in participation in this event and warrants and agrees that he/she will make no claim or file suit for any injury to person(s) or horses, including damage to reputations, or for any loss, damage or destruction of any property of any kind or nature, in connection with participation of entrant in the AHHA Breeding Stock Approval Tour (Approval), against the site host(s), facility, staff, inspection team, American Holsteiner Horse Association, Inc., its officers, directors, employees and /or agents or persons connected in any way with the Approval or in control of the facility premises or equipment. This agreement is made in consideration on the admission of entrants to the Approval and like agreements made by all other entrants. The Applicant acknowledges that as part of their participation in the Approval, that their entrants will be publicly critiqued upon conclusion of their presentation to the inspection team. The Applicant understands that this application will not be accepted without payment of all fees. The Applicant has read the Approvals information and the AHHA Breeding and Registration Rules and agrees to abide by both. The Applicant agrees to abide by the decision of the inspection team. **Submission of this entry form is binding on the owner of the horse appearing on this entry form and any agent, handler and/or rider acting on their behalf.** WARNING: A FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITY SPONSOR, FARM ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL, OR OTHER PERSON DOES NOT HAVE THE DUTY TO ELIMINATE ALL RISKS OF INJURY OF PARTICIPATION IN FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES. THERE ARE INHERENT RISKS OF INJURY THAT YOU VOLUNTARILY ACCEPT IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES.



Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

## OUR JUDGES



**Arlene Rigdon**

Arlene Rigdon has been a licensed Senior Dressage Judge (S) for 35 years and has judged all over the U.S. and Canada. She is a USEF 'R' Sport Horse Breeding judge having held that license since its inception in 1990. Ms. Rigdon has been involved in breeding, training, and competing Holsteiner horses for 25 years. Though her field is dressage, she has produced horses that have gone into jumping and combined driving with much success. She has been long-listed for the USET Dressage Team and earned her bronze, silver, and gold USDF Rider Medals. A published author of articles on training, evaluating breeding stock and bio-mechanics, she has also given many lectures and clinics. Arlene has been a judge on the AHHA Tour since 1986.



**Michael Gonell**

Joining Arlene Rigdon on the main tour of large sites is Germany's Michael Gonell. Mr. Gonell owns a successful equine operation outside of Kiel where he breeds and markets jumping horses. His own show jumping career spans up to Grand Prix. Mr. Gonell has been a member of the Inspection Committee at the Holsteiner Verband since 2001 and currently focuses on judging jumping horses. He has been on the AHHA tour for several years and continues to enjoy the improvements in breed quality that he has observed over that time.



**Matt Davis**

Matt Davis has been actively involved in breeding, developing and showing Holsteiners for the last 15 years both in the U.S. and Germany. He has also helped judge the annual AHHA Breeding Stock Evaluation tour since 2007. Matt had a successful show career as a junior showing in both the hunter and jumper rings and now serves on both the USHJA Hunter Breeding and Jumper Breeding Task Forces.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

All owners and participants are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner. AHHA Judges have been hired to provide professional quality feedback to you and to the AHHA regarding the results of our members' breeding programs. The Judges are available to discuss the scores with exhibitors as time allows at the completion off the inspection; their decision is final, however, and exhibitors are not permitted to argue about scores given. Any exhibitor that does not display proper respect and decorum will be asked by the site host to immediately leave the premises.

## GENERAL RULES

- All horses must be officially entered in order to participate in an AHHA inspection. Late fees will apply. See information on deadlines below.
- All applications are bound by the AHHA Breeding and Registration Rules.
- Membership in the AHHA is not required for participation, however the posted fees are for AHHA full and life members only. Fees are doubled for non-members and Association/Junior members. You can join the AHHA or renew your membership on the Approvals entry form to avoid paying double fees. No application will be accepted without the full fee payment. For non-Holsteiner horses, a copy of the registration papers must accompany the application.
- Owners who have completed and submitted an application for AHHA Certificate of Registration or Certificate of Pedigree (this includes dual registration application for imported stallions and mares being presented), and have not yet had their papers delivered from the office may submit inspection entries without providing copies of such papers.
- Fees are non-refundable except in case of ineligibility of the horse. Fees can be carried over for one year only. Stallion candidates, if carried over another year, will incur an additional reprocessing fee of \$100.00.
- Owners will incur a \$15.00 re-processing fee for incomplete entries.
- The AHHA will send written or email confirmation of entries. If this notice is not received within three weeks of mailing or faxing, contact the office at (502) 863-4239 or by email at [holsteiner@bellsouth.net](mailto:holsteiner@bellsouth.net)

## REGISTRATION & PAPER REQUIREMENTS

- AHHA Certificates of Registration or Certificates of Pedigree are required for all Holsteiner horses and foals applying for inspection. (Pedigrees of Certificate of Pedigree horses must contain only qualified blood to be eligible for presentation. Please call the office with questions.)
- All horses that are already registered with the German Holsteiner Verband must be dual registered with the AHHA prior to inspection. Dual registration applications are available from the AHHA office or the website. Mares inspected and entered into the German Holsteiner Verband Studbook are automatically entered into the AHHA Studbook and therefore do not need to be re-inspected.
- Foals will not be inspected or branded if registration applications, including applicable fees, are not received by the AHHA office prior to the date of inspection. Late fees may apply if entry deadlines are not met.

## BRANDING

- To be branded, the foal must either have their registration certificates or Certificate of Pedigree, have been parent-verified prior to the date of the inspection site or still be at its dam's side. Foals of mares that have not completed studbook entry due to delayed DNA/PV may not be eligible for branding at an inspection site until the requirements are met.
- Branding usually takes place towards the end of the day's schedule. Owners who have signed up on their entry form to have their foal branded will be asked to bring the foal to a branding location at the site. Following the branding, the brander will make a notation on the reverse side of the registration papers. (If not, send the papers to the office and they will be amended and returned to you).
- HELPFUL TIPS
  - It is helpful, in order to get a good impression, to shave the foal's hip.
  - If the owner feels the foal may be unmannerly, a mild tranquilizer can be administered prior to branding.

**The authority of the brander is paramount. If they feel that they or the handlers are in danger, they can refuse to brand the foal. If they feel that the owner(s) of the foal are not able to control the foal or mare, they can offer to have handlers to hold the foal or mare for the owner or they can refuse to brand the foal.**

**Note:** Those Certificate of Pedigree foals or yearlings whose dams are being presented for inspection will only be

eligible for branding at the site if the dam completes all requirements for entry in to the studbook, including having DNA records on file with the AHHA office.

## **DNA & PARENT VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- All horses applying for AHHA Certificate of Registration or Certificate of Pedigree must have a DNA type on file as part of their permanent record.
- All horses entering the studbooks (mares and stallions) must have a DNA type on file as part of their permanent record before entry is considered official. A DNA type from another registry is acceptable.
- If DNA/PV is not on file with the AHHA office at the time of approval, studbook entry will be delayed until such requirements are met. Owners who need DNA kits can order them from the AHHA office.
- If owners are uncertain as to whether or not their mare requires DNA/PV, they may contact the AHHA office for confirmation prior to submitting an approvals entry. This will save time and avoid confusion later.

## **DEADLINES**

Entries not postmarked by the published deadlines will be considered late and may incur penalties. In the event of a double postmark (i.e. postage meter with a postal service cancellation mark), the official postal service mark will be considered as the entry date.

**Registration Deadline for the LARGE tour is THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO SITE DATE. For SMALL tour, two weeks before date of site.**

Completed registration and approvals applications due with required fee(s). This includes all necessary documentation, including any required DNA typing (see below). No applications will be accepted without the required fees.

After the deadline, a late fee of \$30 will apply. Sign ups will be accepted up to 4 days PRIOR to the site. No applications will be accepted without the required fees and late fees.

## **WHAT TO BRING TO AN INSPECTION SITE:**

Along with the basic needs for your horse you will need the following items:

- Owners must present the horse or foal's **original** Certificate of Registration (or Certificate of Pedigree) at the site. Copies are not acceptable. This requirement is waived in the case of AHHA horses if the original papers have not been issued.
- Many site hosts require proof of negative Coggins, and some require health certificates. Contact your site host to learn specific requirements.
- Some site hosts provide professional handlers, braiders, photographers and even videographers at their locations. Owners should bring methods of payment for these individuals. Contact your site host to learn more.
- Bring all items needed to present your horse (grooming items, halters, bridles, personal clothing).
- Bring longe whips or other aids with which to encourage the horse's movement during the at-liberty phase.

### **German Verband Eligible Mare Program**

The German Verband Eligible Mare Program is a special Holsteiner Verband program begun in 2008 that permits Holsteiner mares meeting certain criteria to be eligible for entry into the Verband studbook Mare Book as well as the AHHA Studbook. Eligibility for this program is based upon a combination of pedigree and breeding stock inspection scores.

Key program elements:

- This program is for mares only. Mare must be sired by a German Holsteiner Verband approved stallion.
- Mare must be out of a dam which is either in the German Holsteiner Verband studbooks or is from an unbroken line of VE mares.
- Mare must score at least 39 points at the AHHA Breeding Stock Approvals Inspection. This score must be given by a Verband judge. The AHHA will make every effort to bring Verband judges to as many sites as



possible.

- If your mare entered the AHHA Studbook prior to 2008, then it will be considered to have been inspected by a Verband judge. There is no need to have an approved mare re-inspected.

### **Free Jumping of Mares**

At most sites, the AHHA will offer optional free jumping for mare owners who would like to have the jumping ability of their mares evaluated by AHHA judges. Free jumping scores will be recorded on the score sheets and in the approvals results. Every effort will be made to publish the names and photos of the mares that receive a score of 8.0 or above in the Holsteiner Magazine.

### **Foal Incentive Program**

If you own a current year foal whose sire was entered into our current year Stallion Service Auction, the AHHA is taking a percentage of funds raised through its annual Stallion Service Auction and awarding the stallion owner and foal owner of the highest scoring foal(s) at our Approval Inspection a cash prize that will be awarded at the Annual meeting. No fee is required and no application to submit. It's our way of saying **THANK YOU** to the stallion owner for making your donation and to the foal owner for sending us your foal.

## **PRESENTING YOUR HORSE**

Striving for an excellent presentation will go far towards enhancing the horse's performance and scores. Horses that won't stand, fail to exhibit all three gaits, or are generally ill-mannered, may detract from the judge's ability to score the horse effectively.

### **HANDLERS**

Handlers should be appropriately and neatly dressed. Recommended attire is white or khaki pants, belt, and a red, collared shirt. Running shoes are strongly recommended. Long hair should be tied back. *(You won't be penalized for attire...just make it neat!).*

Handlers should have the ability to run fast enough to keep the horse's neck straight and correct while at the trot. Owners who may have worries about being able to present a horse may wish to consider hiring a professional handler.

With good turnout and adequate preparation of the horse beforehand, the judges will have a good sense of the harmony, balance, development, alertness, impulsion and power of the horse.

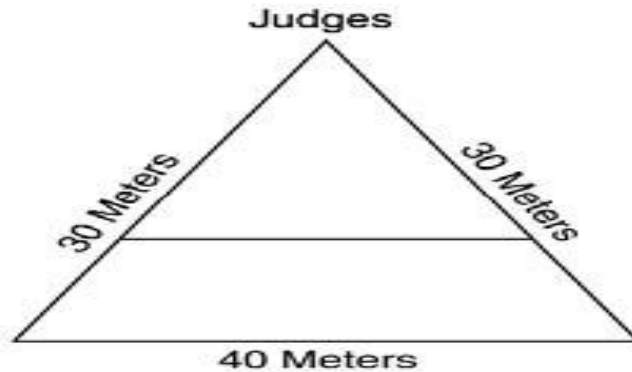
## **WEANLINGS AND YEARLINGS**

**Eligibility:** Eligible weanlings (2014) and yearlings (2013) hold either an AHHA Certificate of Registration or Certificate of Pedigree (Certificate of Pedigree foals must have pedigrees acceptable to the AHHA. Please call the office with questions.) Presentation of weanlings and yearlings is optional and not required. However, it is a valuable source of feedback on an owner's breeding program and for stallion owners. Branding is offered at no charge at official AHHA inspection sites; branding may be arranged at other locations, but the owner will incur brander's travel expenses.

**Note:** Those Certificate of Pedigree foals or yearlings whose dams are being presented for inspection will only be eligible for branding at the site if the dam completes all requirements for entry in to the studbook, including having DNA records on file with the AHHA office.

**Tips and Preparation:** Foals need to be clean and well groomed. They should be in good weight and fitness. They should be manageable and easily caught. Braiding is optional; at this age, topline and necks may not be something to showcase because of underdevelopment. Foals do not need to be body clipped; long hair, or "foal fuzzies," is acceptable.

To prepare for inspection, spend some time in prior weeks working on leading and teaching the foal to stand quietly. Find a well-fitting and attractive halter that will not detract from the foal's features. (It is recommended that the handler wear the bridle number rather than putting it on the foal's halter. They will show better without it!).



**Presentation:** In turn, foals are led to the apex of the triangle and presented for a conformation evaluation. The judges may walk around the foal for a look from all sides. Foals are not walked or trotted in hand on the triangle during inspection, but, upon signal from the judge, the handler releases them for the gait evaluation. Keep your foal moving during the at-liberty phase, with emphasis on showing each gait to its greatest potential. On signal from the judges, catch the foal quickly and bring him again to stand before the judges until dismissed from the ring.

**Note:** Foals coming at the side of mares which are also being inspected for mare book entry will be scored at the same time as their dams. It is important, then, to have two good handlers available if presenting a dam and her foal together at inspection.

**Scoring:** At the conclusion of the evaluation, Weanlings and Yearlings receive one score for conformation/type and a second score for quality of movement. The sum of these two scores is used to award either merit status (12-14 points) or premium status (15+ points) to the foal or yearling.

Example of Horse in 'Open' stance



## BROODMARES & SPORTHORSE GELDINGS

**Eligibility:** Mares must be evaluated and entered into one of the AHHA marebooks in order to produce foals that are eligible for full registration. Mares must fulfill the following requirements for inspection and stud book entry:

1. Must be at least two years of age.
2. Must stand at last 15.2 hands in height.
  - a. Must be DNA typed and (where possible) parent verified before entry into the studbooks (see section on DNA typing in this catalog).
3. Holsteiner Mares must be registered in the AHHA registry.
4. Non-Holsteiner mares must either
  - a. hold original Jockey Club registration papers
  - b. A European born and registered Warmblood from an AHHA recognized studbook with a European approved sire or
  - c. An American born and American or European registered Warmblood from an AHHA recognized studbook with a European or American approved sire. Or
  - d. Holds an AHHA Certificate of Pedigree where both the sire and the dam each holds a full registration

paper of any of the following:

1. An AHHA registered Holsteiner or
2. A Jockey Club registered Thoroughbred or
3. A European born and registered Warmblood from an AHHA recognized studbook with a European Sire or
4. Holds documentation of a three-generation pedigree in which only horses described above appear or
5. the third generation (great-granddaughters) of a Certificate of Pedigree mare which had acceptable blood but had an unapproved/unacceptable sire or dam may themselves be eligible for inspection after application via petition.

*(Horses not holding AHHA registration, other than Thoroughbreds, should call the office to determine eligibility).*

Mares not meeting the above criteria must petition the Breeding and Registration Committee for possible eligibility for the Studbooks.

**Sporthorse Geldings** must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Must be registered or dual-registered with the AHHA, AaoBoHH or German Holsteiner Verband, or hold a Certificate of Pedigree with the AHHA.
2. Must be at least two years of age.
3. Must be a gelding.

**Tips and Preparation:** Presenting a mare or gelding in good body condition and well-groomed exhibits good management. The horse should be braided and excessive hair under the jaw should be trimmed away. Some presenters bang, or blunt cut, the tail at a height between the hock and fetlock areas. Trim long hairs from the legs and fetlocks to present clean legs. Have your farrier scheduled to trim and rasp hooves (or reset shoes) about a week before inspection. A bit of hoof polish applied on the day of inspection will complete the picture.

Mares and geldings must be presented in a bridle. Choose a bridle that accentuates the horse's head. Some presenters choose to remove the noseband to showcase their horse's features. Reins with clips for attaching to the bit are the most convenient for inspections, allowing for quick release and recapture of mares during the at-liberty phase. These clips can be found at many tack shops and are easily attached to the reins.

Prepare the horse for the inspection by working with it in the weeks prior. Teach it to stand in the open position. Practice walking and trotting in hand on a triangle pattern. Find the best pace at which to

showcase the horse's stride and gait quality. Lunging the horse will help add fitness and muscle to the horse's frame; start this work at least ninety days prior to the inspection for maximum benefit.

**Presentation:** At each site, the first order of the day, after site registration, is the measuring of mare and sporthorse gelding candidates. (Mares already in the studbooks are not required to be re-measured.) Mares are brought by their owners or handlers to the measuring area. If their mare's registration papers have not already been given to an AHHA representative at sign-in, bring them to the measuring area).

Following measuring, judges will move to the inspection arena and evaluations will commence.

Mares and sporthorse geldings are inspected in three consecutive mandatory phases followed by an optional phase of free jumping. In the first phase, the horses are led, in turn, to the apex of the triangle, before the judges, and stood in the open position for conformation analysis. Remember that the horse is being judged from the moment it steps into the ring, and a good handler will exhibit the very best walk possible as he approaches the triangle apex. At this time, the horses are judged on the quality and correctness of the head-neck connection, saddle position, shoulder, frame, front legs, hind legs, back, loin, hindquarters, joints, and the inter-relationship of these parts. Judges may walk completely around the horse.

The next phase is the in-hand gait quality analysis. At the judge's signal, handlers complete the triangle pattern first at the walk and then at a trot, and return to the triangle apex. Make straight lines around the triangle. The ideal walk should exhibit four even beats with straight, even strides, freedom of the shoulder and haunches, an elastic swing through the back and loin, and a ground covering gait with a marching quality. The ideal trot should exhibit two even beats, straight even strides, with freedom of the shoulder and haunches, natural engagement and impulsion from the hindquarters, articulation of the joints, balance, elasticity, suspension, and power with an upward thrust. Stride should

lengthen slightly across the back side of the triangle when moving laterally to the judges.



The third phase is the at-liberty gait quality analysis. Upon a signal from the judge, the handler is to walk the horse to the center of the ring and remove the reins from the bridle, turning the horse loose. Keep the horse moving during this phase, making the most of the short time available, and endeavor to help it exhibit both its best at-liberty trot and best at-liberty canter gaits. Again, at the judge's signal, catch the horse and return to the apex of the triangle, presenting once again the open stance, until dismissed from the ring.

During the gait analysis, judges evaluate freedom, articulation of joints, swing, natural balance and brilliance, elasticity and cadence of the trot, and impulsion and self-carriage of the canter.

**Scoring:** Each mare and sporthorse gelding receives seven subgroup bonit scores, in order, for the following during the mandatory phases of evaluation: type, topline, front legs, hind legs, walk, trot, and canter. These seven numbers are then added together to determine a mare's placement in the mare books. Geldings are not entered into the studbook.

The following grid will help you to understand the new Mare Book and Main Mare Book

### **Studbook Placement Criteria**

#### **Foundation mares (includes Holsteiner Certificate of Pedigrees with appropriate pedigree)**

<b>Enters Main Mare Book</b>	With Inspection scores of 46 – higher or with 41 – 45 and meets performance criteria
Foal receives	Gold papers and AHHA Holsteiner brand
<b>Enters Mare Book</b>	With Inspection scores of 43 – 45 and no performance record
Foal receives	Silver papers and AHHA Holsteiner brand

#### **Holsteiner mares with gold Main Registry papers or German Holsteiner Verband papers**

<b>Enters Main Mare Book</b>	With Inspection scores of 39 - higher
Foal receives	Gold papers and AHHA Holsteiner brand

#### **Holsteiner mares with silver Registry papers**

<b>Enters Main Mare Book</b>	With Inspection scores of 46 – higher or with 41 – 45 and meets performance criteria
Foal receives	Gold papers and AHHA Holsteiner brand
<b>Enters Mare Book</b>	With Inspection scores of 43 – 45 and no performance record**
Foal receives	Silver papers and AHHA Holsteiner brand

**\*\*These Holsteiner mares with silver papers scoring 43 – 45 and no performance record will be listed in the Mare Book until such time as there are three generations of Holsteiners in the dam's line. At that point, the offspring when inspected will be eligible for the Main Mare Book. The Performance criteria are posted on the website at [www.holsteiner.com](http://www.holsteiner.com).**

All mares receiving MM book bonit scores will be brought back at the end for ranking and awarding for Site champion and reserve. At sites with large number of mares, mares may be brought back in groups ranked by bonits.



Mares earning 46-49 points (with no subgroup score less than 5) are designated **Main Mare Book Premium (MMP)**. Mares earning 50 points and higher with a type score of seven or above (and no subgroup score lower than six) are awarded **Main Mare Book Premium Select (MMPS)**.

Horses which participate in the free jumping test will receive an additional three scores reflecting, in order, technique, scope and willingness. These scores can be used for studbook placement. In order to effect studbook placement, the minimum score is twenty-two (22) and must be comprised of at least two scores of seven (7) and one of eight (8). The free-jumping test also allows the breeder to derive, among other things, valuable information about his breeding program, the prepotency of the parents in the resulting offspring, and a means for promoting the mare or its offspring for sales. Owners who choose to participate are encouraged to practice at home to prepare their horses for this evaluation. At the inspections, the jumping chute will consist of a ground pole, a vertical, an oxer (square or ascending) and an oxer (square or ascending) in that order, placed at distances approximately 9', 22' and 24', in that order. Distances may be adjusted on an-as needed basis. Initially the jump rails will be set low. Fence heights will be raised at the discretions of the owner/trainer/judge to best evaluate willingness, technique and scope.

## STALLIONS

**Eligibility:** Young stallions, aged three and up years, may be presented. In addition, all studbook candidates presented must meet these additional requirements:

- Must be registered in the AHHA Registry Book with a documented five generation pedigree. (Owners of imported Holsteiner stallions must complete the dual registration process before entry applications will be considered complete).
  - Must have an AHHA or Holsteiner Verband Studbook dam with two generations of Holsteiner blood.
  - Must be at least three years of age.
  - Must stand at least 16.0 hands at the withers.
- (Stallions aged two can be presented to the judges but will receive verbal comments only).*

**Tips & Preparation:** All stallion candidates should be presented in excellent body condition and at the height of fitness. They should be braided and groomed to the extreme. Remember to address hooves (trims and resets) in the weeks leading up to the inspections. As with mares, excellence in presentation will go far in enhancing the scores a stallion receives.

Prior at-home preparation for the testing is highly recommended. Stallions should exhibit a commanding and alert



presence, but should at the same time be safely managed by the handler. The owner should devise a program for preparation best suited to the individual horse. It is recommended that any fitness program be commenced at least ninety days prior to the scheduled inspection date.

All stallions are presented in bridles with easily detachable reins (see Tips on mare presentation above). Bridles should enhance the stallion's head, not detract from it. Tack and other equipment needed for the Stallion Testing should be clean and in good repair.

**Veterinary Inspection:** All stallions will undergo a mandatory veterinary inspection at the approval site prior to being officially seen by the judges. This examination will include testing for lameness and wind, drawing blood to test for prohibited substances, and a general external exam of health, conformation and breeding soundness. The veterinary inspections are to be conducted by the official site veterinarian only and will be arranged by the site host.

**Withdrawal of Stallions:** If it is determined by the veterinarian that the stallion is not fit to be presented (either ill or lame), the horse may be immediately withdrawn at the discretion of the owner or agent, and all entry fees may be carried over to the following inspection year. Stallions that are presented on the triangle for judging are considered to have commenced the approval process and fees will not be carried over.

**Presentation Requirements of All Stallions:** As with mare book candidates, all stallions must be presented to the judges for measurement prior to the commencement of the approval process. Owners should remember that this is their first opportunity to show the stallion to the judges and that first impressions are important. It is advised then to bring your stallion to the measuring area in a proper fitting bridle and well-groomed. Owners must also bring with them the verified copy of the stallion's papers, which are provided to them by the AHHA representative at site check-in.

Following measuring, all stallions will be shown on hard ground before the judges. Handlers will walk and then trot the stallion both away and towards the judging panel and the official site veterinarian. At this point, the official veterinarian will offer a simple gait soundness evaluation.

In turn, stallions will commence their presentation on the triangle. Just as with mares, stallions are presented in a three-phase evaluation process on the triangle, starting with a conformation evaluation at the apex, followed by an in-hand demonstration of both the walk and trot on the triangle pattern, and a demonstration of at-liberty gaits. For more detailed presentation instructions, please refer to the section on mare presentation which appears earlier in this catalog.

Stallions will be required to participate in the free jumping evaluation. The jumping chute will consist of a ground pole, a vertical, an oxer (square or ascending) and an oxer (square or ascending) in that order, placed at distances approximately 9', 22' and 24', in that order. Distances may be adjusted on an as-needed basis. Initially the jump rails will be set low. Fence heights will be raised at the discretion of the owner/trainer/judge to best evaluate willingness, technique and scope. Stallions may be asked to return again to the triangle for a second in-hand presentation. Remember that it is important to show the horse's gaits to the maximum ability during all portions of the approval. Once all the stallions have completed the testing, they will return as a group with their handlers to the arena for the announcement of results.

### **Scoring of Stallions:**

Stallions receive subgroup bonit scores for the following: type, topline, front legs, hind legs, walk, trot and canter. They also receive scores for their pedigree and for the free jumping portion of the test. The first seven subgroup scores are added together to determine the final bonit score. Stallions receiving a minimum bonit score of 47 with a minimum subgroup score of 7 on type and no other subgroup score less than six will receive a temporary breeding permit in effect until the end of their sixth year.

In order to maintain their approval status after their sixth year, and later receive a full breeding license, young stallions will then have to either successfully complete an AHHA recognized 70-day stallion testing program or return to an AHHA inspection site to participate in a Final Stallion Testing and then complete the performance in sport requirement.

### **Presentation Requirements of Stallions: \*\*Stallion Testing sites are limited to certain sites only.\*\***

Stallions are presented for measurement, evaluated on hard surface, shown on the triangle and at liberty and finally tested in the jumping chute. The jumping chute will consist of a ground pole, a vertical, an oxer (square or ascending) and an oxer (square or ascending) in that order, placed at distances approximately 9', 22' and 24', in that order. Distances may be adjusted on an-as needed basis. Initially the jump rails will be set low. Fence heights will be raised at the discretions of the owner/trainer/judge to best evaluate willingness, technique and scope.

Afterwards, stallions will participate in the riding test. This riding test is not published and consists of the judges asking for changes in gaits. Once all stallions have completed the testing program, they will return with their handlers to the arena for the announcement of results.

### **Scoring of Stallions:**

Stallions must achieve a minimum score of 67 points with a minimum bonit score total of 47 points, including at least a 7 on type and no subgroup score less than 6. Stallions will also receive scores, up to a maximum of ten points each, for pedigree, dressage and jumping index which are added to the bonit total to determine the final score.

Stallions that achieve the minimum score or better will be awarded a temporary three-year breeding permit and have three years to accomplish their performance requirements. Performance requirements for mature stallions can be either successful completion of an AHHA-approved 70-day testing or through performance in sport. The Breeding and Registration Committee approves a regimen of sport requirements each year and is posted on our website site.

## **AHHA MARE PERFORMANCE TEST**

### **What's the value of the Mare Performance Test and why should my mare do it?**

Owners are encouraged to Performance Test their mares to determine their rideability and whether their talent lies in jumping or dressage. A study in Germany shows a high correlation between the Mare Performance Test (MPT) results and the ability to predict the talents of a mare's offspring. The Holsteiner Verband in Germany encourages the performance testing of all mares entering the stud book.

The test is not required, but can provide valuable information about the mare and to aid in stallion selection for her. The genetic correlations especially related to jumping and the heritability of gaits make the MPT an important tool in deciding to breed a mare to produce jumping or dressage offspring.

The MPT evaluates a mare's rideability, gaits and jumping talent. During the under saddle flat portion of the test, a mare's gaits are rated in addition to her temperament and character. The movements will be called out by the Judge. The Free-Jumping chute will consist of a ground pole, a vertical, an oxer (square or ascending) and an oxer (square or ascending) in that order, placed at distances approximately 9', 22' and 24', in that order. Distances may be adjusted on an-as needed basis. Initially the jump rails will be set low. Fence heights will be raised at the discretions of the owner/trainer/judge to best evaluate willingness, technique and scope. Mares will not be unduly penalized for "green horse" mistakes.

### **Reasons for testing?**

One is to obtain a performance record to use as a tool in making breeding decisions; another is to obtain the prestigious title of [MPT] after the mare's name (minimum score required) which becomes an official part of the mare's name and will appear anytime she is mentioned and on her progeny's registration papers.

### **What mares are eligible for the Mare Performance Test?**

- Mare must be minimally three years of age.
- Any mare being presented for studbook inspection or any mare already in the Mare, Main Mare or Main Mare Premium Studbook of the AHHA is eligible to do the test and receive a designator of having passed the test.

*Note: Any mare already in the Main Marebook, the Main Marebook Premium, or the Main Marebook Premium Select sections of the AHHA studbooks will be eligible to receive the "MPT" suffix on its name after successfully passing the test.*

### **Mare must be pre-entered**

The Mare Performance Test is only offered at those sites that can accommodate the test and only guaranteed at those sites where a minimum of three (3) mares have pre-entered the Mare Performance Division. The fee is \$100 for those mares already in the Main Mare Premium Book. All others are \$150. The test is published in the Tour Entry Booklet

**Tips & Preparation:** If the mare is not already entered into the mare book, she will first be presented in the same

manner as mare candidates (see earlier section on mare presentation). Once again, it is recommended to spend ample time in the weeks prior to the inspection preparing the mare for the elements of the test. Mares should be presented in good body condition and a high level of fitness and should be groomed to the utmost.

Owners who enter a mare in the MPT but later scratch from the test will forfeit the entry fee. The MPT may be held for fewer than three mares at the discretion of the judges and the site host. If the class is cancelled by the site host or by the AHHA for lack of entries, the entry fee will be refunded. In cases of oversubscription, preference will be given to Holsteiner mares.

**Presentation:** Mares that have entered the MPT will be required to complete two testing phases. The first phase is free jumping. The chute is set up to the same specifications as the stallion free jumping test. Judges/rider/trainer may, at their discretion, raise the jumps to effectively evaluate willingness, technique and scope.

The second phase is an under saddle riding test, the movement of which will be called out by the Judge.

## **-CONTENT OF THE PERFORMANCE TESTING-**

### ***Riding On the Flat***

Stallions and Mares

Trot work may be either sitting or rising. In the flat test, the judges are assessing the trot, walk, canter, submissiveness and general impression. Horses will not unduly penalized for "green" mistakes.

Splint boots, wraps, bell boots and other protective leg gear are not allowed. Martingales are not allowed. Horses must be ridden in a plain cavesson (with or without flash, dropped or figure 8 nose band) and snaffle bit. Snaffles must be smooth and solid, metal or rubber/leather coated. No twisted or wire mouthpieces. Spurs are allowed but severity will be at the discretion of the judges. Whips may be carried but must be no longer than 4' including the lash.

### ***Free-Jumping Assessment***

Stallions and Mares

Following the presentation on the triangle, the horse will be required to participate in the free jumping evaluation. (Mares can also elect to do the free-jumping test). The stallion will negotiate obstacles in a free jump chute.

The jumping chute will consist of a ground pole to either a small cross rail or vertical, to a vertical and then to an oxer (square or ascending) in that order, placed at distances approximately 9', 22' and 24', in that order. Distances may be adjusted on an as-needed basis. Initially the jump rails will be set low. Fence heights will be raised at the discretion of the owner/trainer/judge to best evaluate willingness, technique and scope.