

**Passed by the PFHA Board of Directors, effective August 1, 2015**

## **CHAPTER EIGHT, REGISTRATION RULES,**

**Section 1. Introduction (C). Binding Use of Privileges.** All members of the Association and all non-members who utilize the privileges of the Association, for example, by signing any portion of any document required for the registration of a horse or for the transfer of a Certificate of Registration into or out of their ownership:

1. Agree to be bound by, obey and follow all provisions of the rules of the Association and all decisions and actions of the Association; and

2. Acknowledge and agree as follows:

a. Pursuant to Chapter 1, Section VIII(D) of the Rule Book, ownership of an issued Certificate of Registration remains with the Association;

b. The Association's Registry selection criteria protect and maintain the integrity of the Registry and the natural characteristics and heritage of the Paso Fino horse. Any past or future unauthorized use of Registry information, including, without limitation, the use of any Certificate of Registration to register a horse with a registry that has not been approved by the Board of Directors as an "Accepted Registry" pursuant to Chapter 8, Section IV(A) of the Rule Book is prejudicial to the best interests of the Association and constitutes a violation of Association rules; and

c. The Association's Registry is protected under U.S. and foreign copyright laws. Accordingly, any unauthorized reproduction of the Registry, creation of derivative works, distribution of the Registry or copies thereof, display of the Registry, or other action described in 17 U.S.C §106 is strictly prohibited and constitutes a violation of the Association rules.

**Section IV. Requirements for the Registration of Paso Fino Horses.**

The following requirements must be met for registration of a horse with the Association. Deceased horses are not eligible for registration.

**A. Pedigree Eligibility.**

1. **Pure Paso Fino Required.** The horse must be of pure Paso Fino blood as verified by its pedigree. The burden of proof that a horse is a purebred Paso Fino rests solely with the person applying for registration. Horses produced by any cloning process are not

eligible for registration. Cloning is defined as any method by which the genetic material of an unfertilized egg or an embryo is removed, replaced by genetic material taken from another organism, added to / with genetic material from another organism, or otherwise modified by any means in order to produce a live foal.

2. Registration of Sire and Dam. Both the sire and genetic dam (hereafter referred to as "dam") of the applicant horse must be registered with the Association or with an entity recognized as an accepted registry by the Association's Board of Directors (hereafter referred to as an "Accepted Registry").

a. If an applicant horse and/or its sire and/or dam are registered with an Accepted Registry other than the Paso Fino Horse Association, copies of their Certificates of Registration from the accepted registry must accompany the Registration Application. The Certificate of Registration of the sire and dam may be utilized in processing a Registration Application in lieu of signed

Breeder's Certificates or the Stallion Breeding Report. If copies of the Certificates of Registration of the sire and/or dam, but not the applicant horse, cannot be obtained, a signed statement will be required from the Accepted Registries verifying the registration and pedigree of the sire and/or dam.

b. When copies of Certificate of Registration or statements indicating the pedigree from an Accepted Registry are utilized in lieu of a Stallion Breeding Report and Breeder's Certificate, the pedigree in which the horses listed in the second generation (grand sire and grand dam) or beyond differ from the pedigrees previously recorded with the Association, the lower case letters "stb" meaning "said to be" will be placed after those names that differ.

c. Only a purebred Paso Fino horse will be accepted from an Accepted Registry. If the applicant horse, sire and/or dam are registered with an Accepted Registry, the modality of the applicant horse, sire and dam must be listed as "Paso Fino" on their certificates of registration utilized in lieu of a Stallion Breeding Report and Breeder's Certificate for registration purposes. If the Accepted Registry designates partial percentage blood as purebred Paso Fino, that registry will be excluded as an Accepted Registry.

d. A list of Accepted Registries will be provided by the Association upon request and will be published periodically.

e. The offspring of a cloned horse as defined in this Chapter Eight. Section IV. A.1., above, is not eligible for registration.

## Section XIV. Cancellation of a Certificate of Registration by the Association.

### A. Grounds for Cancellation.

The Association may cancel the Certificate of Registration of a horse (i) if it is found that there is reasonable ground to believe that a horse identified as the subject of a Certificate of Registration is not the subject of that Certificate of Registration. In addition, Certificate of Registration may be cancelled (ii) for nonpayment of fees associated with that specific certificate; or (iii) if the Association has reason to believe that the Certificate of Registration was used to register the horse with a registry that is not an Accepted Registry in violation of Chapter 8, Section I(C)(2) of the Rule Book. A member may avoid cancellation of a Certificate of Registration if, within forty-five (45) days after the effective date of this rule, the member provides the Association with proof that the subject horse has been withdrawn from the non- Accepted Registry.

**NOTICE TO PFHA MEMBERS  
OF THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED RULE CHANGE TO BE BROUGHT FORTH TO  
THE PFHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A VOTE IN JULY, 2015  
If passed by the PFHA Board of Directors, this Rule Change Proposal would become  
effective August 1, 2015**

*Please note that changes to the current rule are indicated in red. In addition, should this and another submitted rule change be adopted by the PFHA Board of Directors, the former Section B will become Section C, and the former Section C will become Section D.*

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**I. Introduction**

**A. Maintain Registry.**

One of the principal objectives of the Association is to register and maintain an official Registry (hereafter referred to as the "Registry") of purebred Paso Fino horses as defined by the Breed Standard of the Association.

*B. Other Registries.*

*The Association may also, upon the direction of the Board of Directors, establish and maintain additional registries of other breeds of horses provided that:*

- 1. These horses shall not be part of the Association's Paso Fino registry.*
- 2. The record of Registration of these horses will be maintained separately within the Association's information system.*
- 3. The horses will be issued a registration number prefixed specifically to identify their specific breed.*
- 4. A procedure is established to specifically process these registrations and any associated transactions.*
- 5. The other registry will develop and maintain its own specific breed standard.*
- 6. Registration of crosses of pure bred Paso Fino horses to any other breed for which the Association maintains a registry will be strictly prohibited.*

*Once any additional registries are determined to be established, all Association registration rules and requirements will pertain to said registry.*