



Trakehners Australia Inc passed the Rules and Basic Breeding Rules at special general meeting on 31/10/2021.

In addition to the rules in that document, a separate further document setting out the full details of the TA Breeding Program By Laws is being drafted but are not yet finalised; therefore, TA Inc now publish the following interim requirements for Stallion Grading and Registration for the 2024 tour.

**For stallion grading and registration in the 2024 Tour the following requirements apply:**

**1. For 2023, Stallion Grading and Stallion Registration will be available.**

When graded to the 75% level (see below),

- a. the stallion will be registered as a stallion and entered into TA Inc Stallion Studbook; and
- b. the stallion will be issued with Trakehners Australia Inc Service Certificates.

**2. Stallions/colts must be a minimum of 3 years of age at time of grading** (this calculated on the Southern Hemisphere “Horses’ birthday “of 1 August. Therefore a colt/stallion presented for grading in the 2023 tour must have been born before 1 August 2020.

**3. Entry of the stallion (3 years of age or older) for grading and stallion registration By TA Inc.**

- a. For a stallion that is NOT already registered as a foal with either TA Inc or the TV, by
  - i. submission of a Tour Entry Form for the stallion, and
  - ii. Submission of a Registration Application (registration fee of \$100 plus any necessary DNA testing fees).
- b. For a stallion that IS already registered as a foal with either TA Inc or the TV, by submission of the Tour Entry Form for the stallion.

**4. Grading of the stallion by the Grading Commissioner will be conducted in person,** and with scoring pursuant to Rule 93 of Division 6 of the TA Inc Rules and Basic Breeding Rules, being:

**93 Inspection of breeding stock**

*Breeding horses are evaluated on the selection criteria outlined in the Breeding Program By Laws. Evaluations are conducted at various locations, either central published locations or at private stud stops (approvals, mare shows, performance testing). The TA Inc committee at the time may make decisions as to the locations or such evaluations, within these rules and the Breeding Program By Laws. The minimum age for inspection is regulated in the Breeding Program By Laws.*

*If not stated otherwise in the breeding program, the evaluation is based on the following system in full and half marks:*

<i>10= excellent</i>	<i>5= sufficient</i>
<i>9 = very good</i>	<i>4= insufficient</i>
<i>8= good</i>	<i>3= rather poor</i>
<i>7 = fairly good</i>	<i>2= poor</i>
<i>6 = satisfactory</i>	<i>1= very poor</i>
	<i>0= not evaluated</i>

*If the final calculation of the evaluation is a score this is the arithmetic median of all single scores. It will be rounded. Deviations from this rule are outlined in the breeding program.*

*In addition, a written commentary or description may be provided.*

**5. Grading presentation requirements** for are set out in the separate document “Grading Tour Guidelines for 2023”.



**6. In summary the grading requirements and fees are:**

- a. A \$250 grading fee** (note this does not include registration fee) for 3 to 4 year old stallions, assessment based on the 4 stages of :
  - i. Stage 1 Initial presentation, and measuring; and
  - ii. Stage 2 In hand workout; and
  - iii. Stage 3 At liberty workout; and
  - iv. Stage 4 Free jumping.
- b. A \$330 grading fee** (note this does not include registration fee) for 4 year old and over stallions that are broken in, assessment based on the 4 stages as above; and
  - v. Stage 5 Ridden workout in addition. The Stage 4 jumping may be allowed under saddle for stallions that are broken in.

**7. Minimum grading scores required for TA Inc Stallion Registration:**

To be registered as a stallion in the TA Inc Studbook the stallion must:

- a.** achieve a minimum mean grading score of 75% across all elements of the grading, and
- b.** with no individual element score being lower than 50%,

- 8. Special exemption from certain stages of grading.** The Trakehners Australia Inc Committee, with approval from the Grading Commissioner, may exercise discretion to exempt a horse from any movement in any stage of grading based on veterinary or injury issues. You should give advance notice to the TA Inc Registrar as soon as you are aware that you may need to seek such exemption. A veterinary report may be required to establish whether the injury constitutes a hereditary disorder, and if so, the TA Inc Registrar will advise in writing.

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