

THE STUD-BOOK-INSPECTION



What is a Stud-book-inspection?

All mares and stallions which shall be used in Hanoverian breeding must be entered into the Hanoverian mare or stallion stud-book. All the information concerning the horse are noted here (e.g. pedigree, colour, sex, date of birth, inspection score, performance test etc.) The breeding stock must pass through a section procedure before being entered. With regard to the mares this is the stud-book inspection. A foal can be registered and branded only if its dam was entered into one of the stud-book divisions. This can be carried out even in the year of birth of the foal, i.e. it need not necessarily be carried out in the year of mating. But first let us have a look at the different sections of the stud-book.

The Hanoverian Stud-Book is subdivided in four sections:

Stud-Book divisions	1. Main-Stud-Book	(Symbol H)
	2. Stud-Book	(Symbol S)
	3. Pre-Stud-Book I	(Symbol V)
	4. Pre-Stud-Book II	(Symbol A)

As only mares that fulfil the pre-conditions for the Stud-Book or the Main-Stud-Book are registered abroad the rules of both of these sections shall be described in more detail. To be in a Stud-Book-section certain requirements concerning pedigree, conformation, and movement of a mare must be met.

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Which marks are given at the Stud-Book-Inspection?

The Stud-Book-Inspection-Commission gives the marks that can be seen on the stud-book-entry form (page 13). The scores cover the marks from 1 (the worst) to 10 (the best). The marks in the left column are the main scores and decisive for the stud-book-entry. The total score approximately represents the arithmetic mean of the six criteria above. Only full numbers are given. The marks in the right column are the subscores for the respective score Conformation (left column).

In the original breeding-area the Stud-Book-Commission is comprised of the manager of the State Stud at Celle or his deputy, the Breeding Manager of the Society or his deputy, and a selected breeder. In breeding areas of registered Hanoverians abroad the Stud-Book-Inspection is carried out annually by a representative of the Society.

Attention: Stud-Book-Inspection and the branding of foals must always be carried out at a central location. An inspection directly on each breeder's farm is not practicable.

Which mares can be presented at the Stud-Book-Inspection?

The registration requirements concerning Main-Stud-Book and Stud-Book mares are generally valid for three-year-old mares and older ones bearing the Hanoverian foal-brand.

Eligible are :

Three year old and older non-Hanoverian mares with at least 50% Hanoverian bloodlines, whose non-Hanoverian ancestors belong to the following population:

- Holstein
- Westphalia
- Trakehner
- Thoroughbred
- Arab and Anglo Arab

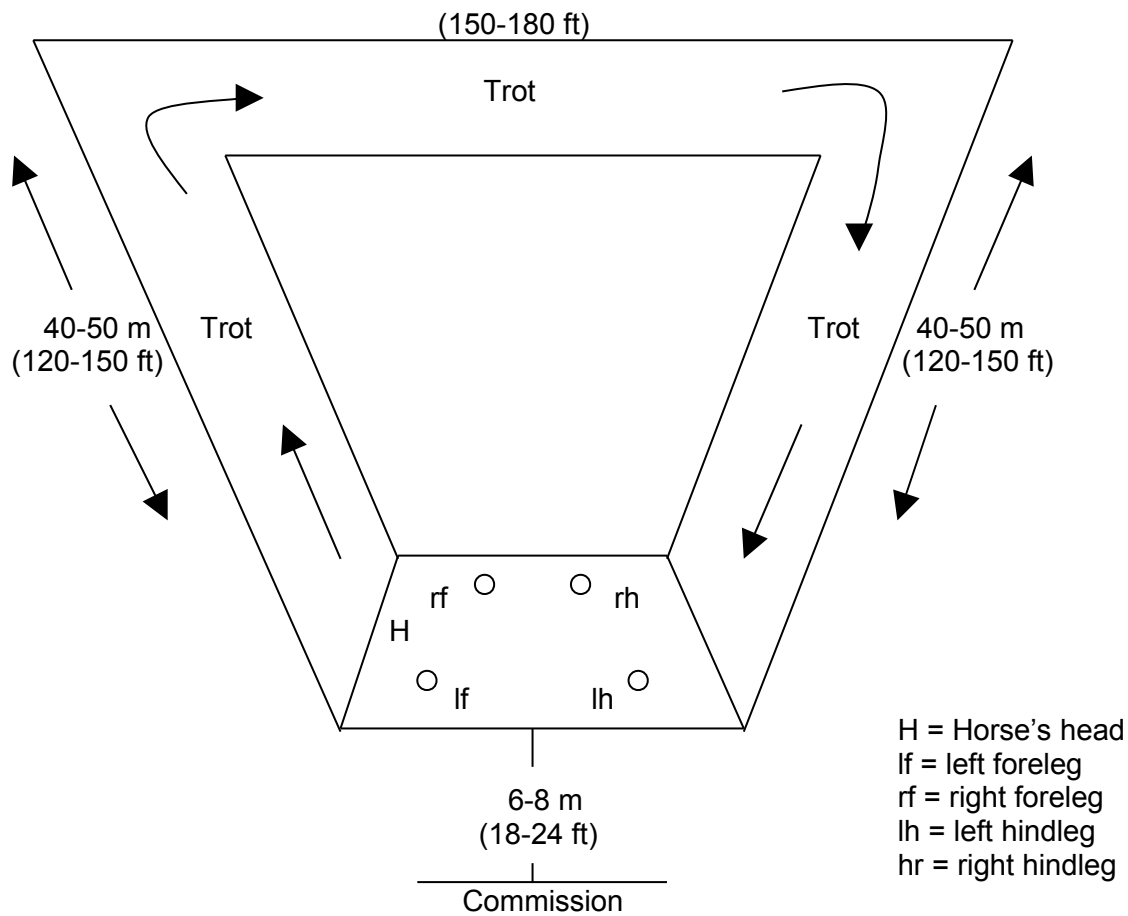
these mares need a total score of 7 or better. In these cases, however, our office should always be contacted in advance to ask whether or not a pedigree is acceptable.

What must I do if I want to present a mare at a Stud-Book-Inspection?

As already mentioned at least one inspection trip per year for Stud-Book-Inspection and foal-branding takes place in the individual countries. If you are a member you receive a letter some weeks before the tour begins. This letter contains the times at the individual places as well as a form in which you are asked to advise the Society's office of the mares and foals that shall be presented.

Before the Stud-Book-Inspection the mares should be trained in presentation and in handling in walk and trot. It is advantageous to lunge the mare regularly before the Stud-Book-Inspection. You should ensure that the mare is in good condition (not too fat, not too skinny), has a shiny coat which indicates a good general condition, and also well groomed hooves. Moreover it is the custom to braid the mares' manes. It is imperative that you bring the pedigree paper of the mare with you because this paper must be handed to the Society's representative. If the pedigree paper is not procured a mare cannot be registered. First the representative compares the colour and markings noted on this paper, afterward he takes the paper along with him to the Society's office where the stud-book entry is filled in.

The Stud-Book-Inspection always takes place on a triangular course. The first step is the individual inspection. You place the mare at a distance of about 4 to 5 meters in front of the judges. Here the so-called open position is obligatory (see illustration).



Presentation in trot

... give the individual marks for conformation. Afterwards you are asked to trot one lap with the mare. The judges stay at the same place, and due to the triangular form of the course they are able first to inspect the mare from behind, then its action deployment from the side, and finally its correctness from the front. For that purpose it is, however, necessary to follow exactly the triangular form of the course.

PRESENTATION

At the trot the mares should be given the chance to move as freely as possible. With regard to very actively moving mares the exhibitor should be someone who is able to move well enough himself to be able to show this movement. When trotting your mare you take both the reins in your right hand.

It is advisable that someone with a whip is driving your mare from behind as you are expected to show the mare without riding-whip. After the trotted lap the mare is turned once again and shown to the judges from the right side standing.



Presentation of walk

When a number of mares have been judged at a trot they are assembled in a large circle and judged at a walk. The walk should also be shown as freely as possible. Afterwards the judge will announce the result of the inspection