

REGULATIONS FOR THE BREEDING PROGRAMME OF THE STUDBOOK FOR
HAFLINGER HORSES

Art. 1

1. The Studbook of origin for Haflinger horses, pursuant to Regulation EU 2016/1012 and to Italian legislative decree No. 52 dated 11 May 2018, is administered by the Associazione Nazionale Allevatori Cavalli di Razza Haflinger in Italia (National Association of Breeders of Haflinger Horses in Italy - herein after "ANACRHAI") as recognised under decree by the President of the Italian Republic No. 637 dated 5 October 1974. ANACRHAI is recognised as a "breed society" by the Italian Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, herein after "Competent Authority" for the purpose of carrying out a "Breeding programme", in accordance with the principles set out in these Regulations.
The activity extends to the entire national territory.
2. The Studbook regulated by these standards in harmony with EU provisions, is the Studbook of origin of the breed. ANACRHAI, pursuant to Annex 1, Part 3, Paragraph 3 of Reg. EU 1012/2016, publishes and keeps updated on its institutional website a document entitled "Founding principles of the breed", in line with the Breeding programme, which is available to the other recognised societies keeping filial studbooks of the Haflinger breed.

CHAPTER I
LAYOUT OF THE STUDBOOK

Art. 2

1. The Breeding programme is instrumental to improving the breed and to safeguarding variability. At the same time, the purpose is to improve production at both technical and economic level and favour, through the selective and genetic improvement of the breed, the production of resistant and lively specimens for horse racing, horse riding, equestrian and agricultural tourism activities.
2. The activities indicated in these Regulations are carried out in compliance with the standards given in the following articles, under the supervision of the Competent Authority pursuant to Italian legislative decree No. 52 dated 11 May 2018.

Art. 3

1. ANACRHAI carries out the activities of the Breeding programme and keeps the Studbook by means of:
 - a) the Central Technical Commission;
 - b) the Central Office of the Studbook;
 - c) the Body of Experts.

Art. 4

1. The Central Technical Commission studies and determines the criteria and the guidelines for improving the breed and preserving the generic variability and biodiversity and proposes any required changes to these Regulations.
2. The Central Technical Commission is composed as follows:
 - Two representatives of the Competent Authority, one of them in charge of continuously supervising compliance with the obligations under these Regulations;

- Three technicians, experts in horse breeding, representatives of the Regions or of the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and of Bolzano in which the breed has the largest number of specimens registered in the Studbook (the appointment of these technicians is done by the respective offices);
 - A representative of the Italian Ministry of Health – Veterinary Department, appointed by said Ministry;
 - Three representatives of the Haflinger horse breeders appointed by ANACRHAI;
 - A representative of the breeders of the area of origin appointed by the Province of Bolzano;
 - An expert in genetic improvement, appointed by the Competent Authority based on the proposal by ANACRHAI;
 - A zootechnical expert from the Centro di Ricerca Zootecnia e Acquacoltura (Research Centre for Animal Production and Aquaculture) of CREA (Council for Research and Experimentation in Agriculture), appointed by the Competent Authority;
 - A representative of the Body of Experts, appointed by them;
 - The Chairman of ANACRHAI;
3. The Director of ANACRHAI participates in the assemblies with a consultative vote and acts as Secretary to the Central Technical Commission, if necessary via proxy.
 4. The installation assembly is summoned with at least 15 days' advance notice by the Chairman of ANACRHAI.
 5. The Central Technical Commission elects its Chairman exclusively among the member Haflinger breeders and its Vice-Chairman among all members of the Commission.
 6. The appointment of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman is the first item on the agenda of the installation assembly. Until the election of its Chairman, the Central Technical Commission is chaired by its eldest member.
 7. Summons to participate in a Central Technical Commission's meeting shall be made by the Chairman of the Central Technical Commission at least 15 days prior to the date set for the meeting, and any necessary documents about the topics to be addressed shall be attached thereto. The Chairman of the Central Technical Commission may invite external experts to participate as consultants in the Central Technical Commission's meetings to debate specific topics that so require.
 8. The Chairman shall summon the Central Technical Commission at least once a year or when at least half of its members with right to vote plus one request it. In the event of his absence or failure to do so, the Vice-Chairman or the Ministerial Official in charge of the supervision may convene it.
 9. The Central Technical Commission's meetings are valid with a quorum of at least half its members plus one.
 10. The resolutions are passed by the absolute majority of votes of the members attending; in the case of parity, the Chairman's vote is the casting vote.
 11. In the event of the Chairman's absence, the meeting shall be chaired by the Vice-Chairman. If the Vice-Chairman is absent, the meeting shall be chaired by the eldest member attending.
 12. Minutes are taken of each meeting and undersigned by the Chairman and by the Secretary.
 13. The members of the Central Technical Commission remain in office for three years starting from the date of the installation assembly and anyhow up until the installation assembly of the next appointed Commission. They can be reappointed. Each member of the Central Technical Commission retains his or her functions and full powers until the installation of the next mandate.
 14. The members of the Central Technical Commission who are absent and not excused for three consecutive meetings of the Commission shall be deprived of their membership in the Central Technical Commission and shall be replaced by the competent body by means of a new appointment, which is made with the same appointment procedures applied to renewals.
 15. ANACRHAI shall guarantee the necessary continuity to the work of the Central Technical Commission and shall promptly activate the procedures to renew this Body when the three-year mandate is about to expire; it shall also promptly summon the installation assembly as soon as it

has been verified that at least half of the members of the Central Technical Commission plus one, including the representatives of the Competent Authority, have been appointed.

Art. 5

1. The Central Office is the organised combination of personnel, structures and equipment necessary for the fulfilment of the aims and purposes set out in Art. 2 above.
2. The purpose of the Central Office is to:
 - a) carry out the tasks pertaining to the operation of the Studbook and to the organization, coordination and performance of the activities which are necessary for the carrying-out of the Breeding programme;
 - b) coordinate and check, even via inspections, the work of the breeding farms in order to guarantee consistency and promptness in implementing the provisions of these Regulations;
 - c) collect data and coordinate and supervise the work of any organizations delegated to perform this task;
 - d) process and publish data which is collected or gathered by the Central Office within the framework of the Breeding programme;
 - e) prepare and issue identification documents, zootechnical certificates and any other official document or certificate of the Studbook, unless specific activities of the Breeding programme are entrusted to third parties acting on behalf and under the control of the Central Office;
 - f) check the quality of data supplied, if the collection activity is delegated pursuant to art. 4 of Italian Legislative Decree No. 52/2018;
 - g) disseminate other documents and publications which pertain to the Breeding programme and the Studbook;
 - h) carry out the genetic evaluation and performance testing of the breeding animals, as established in the Breeding programme and by the Central Technical Commission.
3. The Director of ANACRHAI is responsible for the enforcement of the Regulations of the Breeding programme and of the Studbook, of the technical provisions, and of the decisions made by the Central Technical Commission.

Art. 6

1. The Central Office is responsible for the collection of data for the Breeding programme and for the performance of genetic evaluations. At the discretion of ANACRHAI, data collection may be delegated to organizations meeting the requirements to collect data as envisaged by the relevant standards.
2. The delegations shall be detailed in terms of the delegated powers and the operating modes. The activity carried out by the delegated organizations is subject to control by the Central Office. The data collected through the Breeding programme and the Studbook belong to ANACRHAI.

Art. 7

1. The Body of Experts is governed by specific regulations prepared by the Central Office, in accordance with the Central Technical Commission's opinion and as approved of by the Competent Authority and consists of the following figures:
 - Breed experts;
 - Aptitude judges.
2. Breed experts are breeders and/or specialised horse breeding technicians who are recognised as capable, specifically competent, objective and authoritative for examining and assessing the morphology of the horses when they are entered into the Studbook, at shows, at any other official events of the Studbook, and in the examinations envisaged by the Breeding programme

as established in the regulations applicable to the work of experts. Furthermore, Breed experts verify and indicate, if required, the existence of morphological and genetic defects, as indicated in the Technical Norms, which prevent inclusion in the registers for breeding males and females that have already been registered.

3. Breed inspectors are identified and proposed by the Central Office and are appointed by ANACRHAI.
4. The activity of the Breed experts is coordinated by the Central Office. As a rule, they are entrusted with tasks in rotation on the national territory and, whenever possible, outside their area of residence. Experts remain in office for 3 years and can be appointed again.
5. Experts shall attend all refresher courses established by the Central Office. Barring force majeure cases, if they fail to attend, they shall be barred from office.
6. Penalty the expulsion, Breed experts shall not judge at or participate in events which have not been authorized by the Central Office, unless specifically authorised in writing by the latter.
7. Should a Breed expert, after his or her nomination, take an elective post within the Association or in organizations delegated to collect data (art. 4 Italian Legislative Decree No. 52 dated 11 May 2018), he or she shall be suspended from office for the entire period of his/her mandate.
8. Aptitude judges are technicians appointed by ANACRHAI and are entrusted with the task to carry out evaluations at aptitude tests and in other aptitude employment activities, such as performance testing, of the horses registered in the Breeding programme.
9. When they are appointed, Aptitude judges shall already be qualified as Judges by one of the following sports organizations: Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI), Federazione Italiana Sport Equestri (FISE), Federazione Italiana Turismo Equestre (FITETREC-ANTE). ANACRHAI's appointment is specific for the equestrian discipline for which the judge is qualified by his or her sports organization. The Central Office may ask the appointed Judges to do an internship before they are employed on the field and/or to attend specific training pathways. This internship aims at specializing the sports technicians at best as regards the Haflinger breed and the aptitude activities of the Breeding Programme.
10. Aptitude judges belong to the Body of Experts and are subject to the same provisions established in this article and in the Regulations.
11. All members of the Body of Experts are explicitly forbidden to engage in any behaviour that may be in contrast with or detrimental to ANACRHAI, under penalty of expulsion.

CHAPTER II INCLUSION OF BREEDING FARMS IN THE BREEDING PROGRAMME AND REGISTRATION OF BREEDING ANIMALS

Art. 8

1. Participation in the Breeding programme is voluntary: breeders/owners who intend to register their specimens shall apply to the Central Office as established in article 11 below and shall declare to know and accept the contents of these Regulations. In order to be included, the breeding farms must meet the requirements set out in article 13 of Regulation EU 2016/1012 and shall:
 - a) undertake to perform activities to improve the breed under the terms of the Breeding programme;
 - b) have the structures and organization to ensure the correct implementation of the activity envisaged in the Breeding programme;

- c) be checked as established by the competent Health Authorities.
2. Eligibility, limited to points a) and b) above, is pronounced by the Central Office.
3. The Central Office expels breeders who have resigned from the Breeding programme and breeders who no longer meet the eligibility requirements.
4. The owners of stallions registered in the “Register of breeding stallions” are considered breeders included in the Studbook and shall therefore comply with the provisions of these Regulations.
5. The Central Office excludes from the classes of breeding females and breeding males any breeding animals that present the morphological and genetic defects indicated in the Technical Norms;
6. The breeder who has not received a favourable opinion on eligibility by the Central Office or for whom the Central Office has adopted measures to expel the breeding farm or breeding animals, may appeal to the ANACRHAI in the ways established in Article 16 below.
7. For investigations and for data collection purposes, the Central Office may at any time take biologic samples and analyse them based on the methods approved by the Central Technical Commission.
8. In accordance with the Central Technical Commission’s opinion, the Central Office may make lineage verification compulsory for all specimens.

Art. 9

1. The Register of breeders/owners is constituted at the Central Office. Natural and juridical persons that own Haflinger specimens, participate in ANACRHAI’s Breeding programme and meet the specified requirements can apply for inclusion.
2. Inclusion in the Register as of paragraph 1 is requested in writing by applying breeders and owners to the Central Office. Their application shall include personal and tax data and the information indicated, using the specific forms prepared by the Central Office.
3. The Central Office shall delete from the register any breeders who no longer meet eligibility requirements as well as breeders who have resigned or who are in arrears with the payment of the contributions for the financing of the Breeding programme and the Studbook. The full personal and tax data of owners that are not breeders and that were received by the Central Office due to changes in ownership are recorded in a specific section of the Register.

Art. 10

1. The breeder shall notify the birth of a foal to the Central Office, within the terms established by the Central Office itself, in harmony with the current provisions applicable to horse registers.
2. Newborn specimens are identified by delegates of the Central Office, in the ways established in the provisions of the horse registers.
3. The Central Office will organize farm inspections or meetings to identify newborn specimens and for the evaluations envisaged by the Breeding programme.
4. The Central Office may request a lineage verification for newborn specimens, based on the decisions of the Central Technical Commission and on technical and operational needs requiring such action. Lineage verification is compulsory for newborn horses that are not presented together with their mother.

Art. 11

1. The inspection for the registration of specimens in the merit classes as provided for in article 12 is carried out during specific meetings, or at individual farms, once a year as established by ANACRHAI.
2. When registered in the Breeding programme the males and females deemed eligible can be branded by the Breed Expert with a brand the patent of which is held by ANACRHAI, upon explicit request of the owner. Branding is optional and the practice shall be discontinued if prohibited by law or by operational instructions issued by the competent Ministries.
3. If branding takes place (making sure that all necessary precautions are taken to limit any stress to the animal), it shall be carried out on the left haunch of horses born in farms in Italy participating in the Breeding programme. A second brand may be placed on the left side of the neck of horses that qualified for inclusion in the Registers of breeding stallions/mares, upon request of the breeder/owner.

Art. 12

1. The Studbook for Haflinger Horses includes one main section which is divided into a “Basic register”, a “Register of breeding mares” and a “Register of breeding stallions”. The Registers of mares and stallions are then divided into merit classes.

2. MAIN SECTION

Purebred breeding animals are entered into the Main section in accordance with Annex II, Part I, Chapter I of Regulation EU 2016/1012.

The Main section is divided into the following Merit classes:

The “**Basic register**” lists:

- i. Male and female Haflinger horses with parents entered into the Main section of the Studbook.
- ii. Male and female Haflinger horses from a foreign Breeding programme, with a Zootechnical certificate issued by a recognised breed society as provided for in Regulation EU 2016/1012.

The “**Register of breeding mares**” lists only females over 30 months old, entered into the Basic register, with 6 generations of Haflinger ancestors (including in the generation count the specimen itself) and which have passed the official morphological evaluation, as specified in the Technical Norms of the Breeding programme.

On the basis of the qualification achieved in the morphological evaluation, mares are included in one of the following merit classes of the register:

- Selected mares of value: mares which have obtained at least Good IIa in the final morphological evaluation, with a genetic index of selection (Total Merit Index - TMI) higher than the minimum established by the Central Technical Commission and which have successfully passed the Performance Test or another Aptitude Test with a minimum score of at least Good IIa. The performance test and other aptitude tests shall be organized by ANACRHAI or by another breed society whose Performance Test is declared equivalent by the Central Technical Commission. If the TMI selection index is below the minimum level, the mares shall be included in the class of “Distinguished mares”;
- Distinguished mares: mares which have obtained at least Good IIa in the final morphological evaluation, which have obtained at least Good in the evaluation of “typical features” and “general harmony”;
- Ordinary mares: mares which have obtained at least III in the final morphological evaluation.

Based on the criteria established in the Technical Norms of the Breeding programme, breeding mares may be given special awards for their aptitude in terms of offspring quality and/or sporting performance.

The “Register of breeding stallions” lists only males over 30 months old entered into the Basic register, with 6 generations of Haflinger ancestors, which have passed the official morphological evaluation, as specified in the Technical Norms of the Breeding programme. On the basis of the qualification achieved in the morphological evaluation, stallions are included in one of the following merit classes of the register:

- Selected stallions of value: stallions which have obtained at least Good IIa in the final morphological evaluation, with a genetic index of selection (Total Merit Index - TMI) higher than the minimum established by the Central Technical Commission and which have successfully passed the Performance Test or another Aptitude Test with a minimum aptitude score of at least IIa. The performance test and other aptitude tests shall be organized by ANACRHAI or by another breed society whose Performance Test is declared equivalent by the Central Technical Commission. If the TMI selection index is below the minimum level, the stallions shall be included in the class of “Distinguished stallions”;
- Distinguished stallions: stallions which have obtained at least IIa+ in the final morphological evaluation.
- Ordinary stallions: stallions which have obtained IIa – IIb - III in the final morphological evaluation.

Based on the criteria established in the Technical Norms of the Breeding programme, breeding stallions may be given special awards for their aptitude in terms of offspring quality and/or sporting performance.

All males entered in the Register of breeding stallions are eligible for artificial insemination.

Art. 13

1. The change in ownership or the death of any registered specimen shall be officially notified by the owners, within the terms established by current Horse register norms, to the Central Office.
2. The Passport/ Identification record/ Zootechnical certificate is issued by the Central Office. The Central Office may entrust the activity of issuing them to Organisations that have been formally designated by the Breed Society, exclusively within the exact territorial limits of competence defined in the entrusting procedure.
3. Each animal is issued only one original Zootechnical certificate.
4. In the event of loss of the original certificate, to be duly notified to the Central Office and to the competent authorities by the party involved, a second Certificate can be issued bearing the word “DUPLICATE”. Duplicates of the Identification document (Passport) can be issued pursuant to current Horse register norms.

CHAPTER III DATASHEETS, FORMS AND REGISTERS OF THE STUDBOOK

Art. 14

1. A single database, containing all information on every farm and animal registered, is set up for the operation of the Breeding programme.

2. Information gathered by the Central Office and by the Body of Experts by means of the collection instruments established by the Central Office flow into the database, including information collected through:
 - Notification of Birth.
 - Horse identification document, with Zootechnical Certificate.
 - Notification of Sale or Death.
 - Linear Morphological Evaluation Datasheets.
3. The Central Office issues the identification document, which also includes the Zootechnical Certificate pursuant to current norms governing Horse registers. The document can be updated due to operating and technical Studbook needs as well as for the purpose of adjusting it to current norms governing Horse registers.

CHAPTER IV

BREEDER OBLIGATIONS – FUNDING OF THE BREEDING PROGRAMME

Art. 15

1. The Breeder or the owner who has obtained inclusion in the Register of breeders under article 9 undertakes to:
 - a) comply with these Regulations, with the Technical Norms of the Breeding programme as well as with the provisions issued by the Central Office for the operation of the Breeding programme;
 - b) contribute to the funding of activities of the Breeding programme with the fees established by the Board.
 - c) perform the activities envisaged in the Breeding programme;
 - d) comply with the indications given by the Central Office concerning notices, declarations, and the keeping of identification documents and registers.
 - e) supply the competent bodies with explanations and news about horses participating in the Breeding programme; including the publication of all the data on the breeding and on the specimens, including at the end of the registration of the breeding farm in the Studbook;
 - f) allow ANACRHAI to collect and use biologic samples taken from horses registered in the Breeding programme for research and investigation purposes.
 - g) keep the horses in hygienic shelters that allow to perform cleaning and disinfection operations in a rational way and that are checked as established by the competent Health Authorities, in respect of animal welfare;
 - h) refrain from behaving and acting in ways that might damage or harm ANACRHAI, the Breeding programme or the organization of Studbook;
 - i) permit the collection of data on the registered animals' morphology, aptitude and vital and reproductive events, at least as often as the Central Technical Commission establishes.

Art. 16

Disciplinary measures

1. In case of infringement of obligations under article 15 above, the breeder is subject to the following penalties to be applied in a proportionate manner:
 - a) Warning.
 - b) Temporary suspension from the Breeding programme.

- c) Exclusion from the Breeding programme.
 - d) Expulsion from the Studbook of the entire breeding farm participating in the Breeding programme in case of many and recurrent cases of supply of unreliable personal data of the breeder or of unreliable horse details, production, genetic or genomic data.
 - e) Reporting to the Judicial Authority in the event of suspected fraud.
2. The warning is issued by the Central Office, which informs the Board.
 3. The measures indicated above – letters b) to e) – are decided by the Board of ANACRHAI at the proposal of the Central Office; the breeder in question may appeal to ANACRHAI by registered letter with a form for acknowledgement of receipt or by certified e-mail, within 15 days from the documented receipt of the above said decision.
 4. The merits of the appeal are evaluated by the Appeals Board formed by the Board of arbitrators, the Expert of genetic improvement appointed by the Competent Authority within the Central Technical Commission and a member appointed by the Central Technical Commission.
 5. The Appeals Board makes a final decision within 60 days from the documented receipt of the appeal.

Art. 17

1. The Breeding programme is funded as follows:
 - a) contributions paid by the Breeders, Owners and Members for the carrying out of the activities of the Breeding programme
 - b) earnings from the official document issuing services of the Studbook;
 - c) contributions in application of the laws concerning zootechnical matters;
 - d) any other earnings.

CHAPTER V GENERAL CLAUSES

Art. 18

1. The Registers, certificates, forms as well as all deeds in general deriving from these Regulations, marked with the registered mark of ANACRHAI, have an official value. Anyone found stealing, changing or counterfeiting the documents or the registered marks, or using them in an unlawful manner, shall be legally prosecuted.

Art. 19

The Technical Norms

1. The Technical Norms establish:
 - the morphological features of the breed;
 - the minimum requirements for the inclusion of mares and stallions in merit classes, if envisaged by these Regulations;
2. The Technical Norms are issued by the Central Office with the Central Technical Commission's favourable opinion and subject to the approval by the Competent Authority.
3. The Technical Norms may be changed based on the initiative of the Competent Authority or of ANACRHAI.
4. Changes based on the initiative of the Competent Authority come into force on the date of the related decree of approval.

5. Changes proposed by ANACRHAI shall be communicated to the Competent Authority within 60 days from the date of the Central Technical Commission's decision of compliance. They come into force on the date of the related decree of approval or anyhow after 90 days from the date of their communication to the Competent Authority unless the Competent Authority itself expresses an unfavourable opinion on them.

Art. 20

1. Changes to these Regulations made following an initiative by the Competent Authority and changes proposed by ANACRHAI, based on the Central Technical Commission's favourable opinion, shall come into force on the date of the related decree of approval.

Art. 21

Transitional provisions

1. The horses already registered in the Studbook of Haflinger Horses when these Regulations are approved, pursuant to the Regulations approved with Italian Ministerial Decree No. 20637 dated 21 September 2010, are included in the corresponding sections of the Breeding programme as per these Regulations. Mares and stallions born before and including 2010, which possess the final qualification of Ia-Ib and IIa+ on the date of approval of these Regulations and which meet the following requirements:
 - for mares – at least 3 sons or daughters entered into the Italian Studbook, which have obtained a morphological qualification of class I or IIa+ or which have obtained sports results suitable for entry in the Élite Sport class;
 - for stallions - at least 10 male or female offspring (stallions, mares or geldings) entered into the Italian Studbook, of which at least 30% obtained a morphological qualification of at least class I or IIa+ or which have obtained sports results suitable for entry in the Élite Sport classare admitted to the merit class of Mare/Stallion of value without undergoing aptitude or performance tests.