1. The Role of the Development Department

The main function of the Development Department is to promote growth in the membership of the WBFSH. The Development Department is responsible for the processing of applications from studbooks that wish to join the WBFSH. Studbooks may be accepted as either a ‘Member’ or an ‘Associate Member’ in accordance with the Statutes of the WBFSH.

The Development Department assesses each application and presents it to the Executive Committee. Executive Committee makes a recommendation to the Board of the WBFSH in relation to membership applications. The Board decides on applications subject to ratification at the Annual General Assembly.

The Development Department is also responsible for proposing alterations to the Statutes of the WBFSH, as appropriate. In addition, the Development Department deals with matters that arise in relation to the adherence to the principles contained in the statutes of the WBFSH by member studbooks, and by the WBFSH itself.

The development Department received four completed membership applications since the General Assembly 2017. They are summarised below:

- Sporthorse Studbook India (INSH)
- North American Studbook (NAS)
- Asociación Española de Criadores de Caballos Anglo-árabes (AECCAá)
- Confédération Internationale de l’Anglo-Arabe (CIAA)
In addition to these applications, we have received correspondence from the following but no application form:

- **Confédération Internationale de l’Anglo-Arabe (CIAA)** – This studbook was sent a copy of the application form for full membership.

2. **Membership Applications**

2.1 **Sporthorse Studbook India**

The Sporthorse Studbook India (INSH) was founded in 2016 to promote the interests of the Indian Sport Horse. The studbook has approximately 15 members and operates in the Embassy International Riding School, India. This studbook is the first sport horse studbook to operate in India. Its goal is to provide the country with quality sport horses that are suitable to compete at international events such as the Olympics. It also aims to stimulate and promote quality sport horse breeding in India. The studbook was formed as breeders in India believed that there is a great demand for sport horses in India.

3.1.1 **Summary of Application:**
An application for membership was received by the Development Department on the 16th March 2018.

The application contained a letter from Ms Lara Becker, Partner Sporthorse Studbook India, summarising the application. Additional material included the application form, a copy of the Stallion Book, a copy of the studbook handbook, a copy of the studbooks Equestrian Times Magazine and a statement of recognition as an official studbook from the Indian Equestrian Federation.

The breeding goal of the INSH is to breed warmblood sport horses for the Olympic disciplines of show jumping, eventing and dressage. The studbook also aims to breed sport ponies for show jumping, eventing and dressage.

3.1.2 **Size of the INSH Studbook:**

- Number of members in the organisation: 15
- Number of active breeding mares in the studbook: 20
- Number of currently active stallions approved: 4
- Total number of horses registered: 44 (in 2016)
- Total number of foals: 20 (the studbook was established in 2016 therefore figures from the last 5 years are not available)

3.1.3 **Registration System**

The foal registration system includes microchipping, UELN and specified naming rules for foals. DNA checks are in operation to verify the pedigree of each foal.
Horses that fulfill the studbook requirements may be registered. The owner of each animal must be a full member to register any animal. The dam of the foal must be registered and the birth of the foal must be declared within 14 days. The foal must be microchipped and a marking certificate should be completed. Passports are not issued until all the required documentation has been submitted.

3.1.4 Breeding Programme
The INSH is an open studbook meaning that warmblood and thoroughbred horses may be included, they should however be crossed with Indian studbook inspections are held for mare and stallion licencing.

The characteristics assessed at inspection are conformation, movement and athleticism. Each characteristic is assessed on a scale of 0 to 10 with 0 being not rated and 10 being excellent.

Stallions
- May present for inspection from 2 years of age.
- Must not have any health deficiencies or genetic defects.
- The results from selections may be licenced, temporarily not licenced (allows the stallion to represent at inspection for a specified period of time) and not licenced.
- Must achieve an average score of 7.5 to be licenced.
- Stallions may be licenced with restrictions at the discretion of the studbook.

Mares
- May present for inspection from 2 years of age.
- Must not have any health deficiencies or genetic defects.
- Mare’s with an average score of 7 or more are eligible for Elite Mare Status if:
  - They have at least 2 foals
  - They have at least 3 placings in competitions at 1.50m or Prix St George.
  - They have at least 3 awarded descendants
- Mare should be de-registered if they are no longer used for breeding.

3.1.5 Governance
The INSH has 6 Board Members which are elected by members. The annual budget for the studbook is €40,000.

Further information regarding the INSH is available at the following link: [http://www.indiansporthorses.com/](http://www.indiansporthorses.com/)

It is the opinion of the Development Department that the WBFSH does not grant member status at this time and suggests that the Sporthorse Studbook India reapply for membership of the WBFSH when the studbook is more established.
2.2 The North American Studbook (NAS)

The North American Studbook (NAS) was founded in 2010. The studbook has approximately 92 members (at the time of application) and is based in the USA. NAS is officially recognised by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) as a studbook. Its goal is to create a competitive US based studbook that will produce Olympic level horses in the disciplines of show jumping, dressage and eventing. They also aim to help the US market with their enormous number of unregistered and undocumented horses by offering a simple, customer friendly was to do so through the use of their ID/CP book.

3.2.1 Summary of Application

An application for membership was received by the Development Department on the 22nd of June 2018.

The application the application form, a copy of the rules and regulations, proof of studbook recognition from USEF, a letter from Spy Coast Farm stating their intention to register animals with NAS, samples of passport pages and a sample DNA certificate.

3.2.2 Size of the Studbook

The studbook consists of the following books:

- Main Book (horses with verified NAS Approved pedigree).
- Auxiliary Book (horses with incomplete documentation, identity issues or incomplete pedigree that may wish to upgrade to the main book in the future).
- ID Papers/Certificate of Pedigree Book (horses that do not meet requirements for the other two books, horses in this book may enter the Auxiliary Book if they meet minimum scores at inspection).

Studbook statistics:

- Number of members in the organisation: 92 (expected to be up to 150 by the end of 2018).
- Number of active breeding mares in the studbook: 70 – 80 (expected to be over 100 by the end of 2018).
- Numbers of currently active stallions approved: 25 (expected to be at least 30 by the end of 2018).
- Total number of horses registered: 327 at time of application (expected to be about 400 by the end of 2018).
- Total number of Foals: 30 foals were registered from 2014 – 2017. They expect to register about 40 foals in 2018. Also about 20 animals (1yr-5yrs) are registered each year.

3.2.3 Registration

Horses may be named at the owner’s discretion however names may not be duplicated. Once approved the letters NA will be added the end of each horse’s name. Suffixes and prefixes will be protected by NAS.

NAS does not change the original breed code or registration status.

Horses are DNA tested and identified via passport. Mature horses accepted into the studbook are eligible for immediate branding, foals and young horses must return at 3 years of age for inspection to be eligible for branding.
3.2.4 Breeding Programme

NAS is an open studbook. They give full reciprocity to WBFSH studbook horses with some possible exceptions to US bred horses.

Inspections are carried out on a demand basis. All foals and yearlings are evaluated via the Young Horse Scoring Method and are awarded scores based on their conformation, gaits, type, athleticism and impression. The Young Horse Scoring method assesses these traits in hand on hard ground, in hand on a triangle and at liberty.

Horses of two years of age and over are evaluated using the Mature Horse Scoring Method consisting of one compulsory phase and two optional phases (loose jumping and under saddle). The core inspection includes measurement of height, presentation in hand on hard ground, on the triangle, and finally at liberty. During the compulsory phase horses are assessed for conformation, movement and type. Athleticism is assessed via the optional phases. During loose jumping the horse is assessed for technique, scope, carefulness and willingness. The ridden phase may be jumping or dressage orientated and the horse will be assessed for rideability, movement under saddle/jump under saddle and finally overall impression. The minimum acceptable score for mature horses is 6.5.

Any horses with a score of less than 6.5 or genetic defects such as parrot mouth will fail and will be issued with ID papers. They are not eligible for branding. Animals which fail on their scores may present for re-inspection the following year.

Stallions

Basic requirements for all stallions include:

- Minimum of 15.3h in height.
- Minimum of 2 years of age.
- A certified 5-generation pedigree.
- Dam and grand-dam must be at minimum in the Main Mare Book (or the equivalent in her registry of approval). Exceptions are Thoroughbred stallions and Arabian stallions that have been accepted for inspection.
- Original registration by the NAS, a NAS-recognized WBFSH registry, the Jockey Club or the Arabian Horse Association.
- The absence of non-recognized breeds from the pedigree, regardless of current registration. Examples of non-recognized breeds include Appaloosa, Morgan, American Paint Horse, Quarter Horse, Saddlebreds, Standardbreds, Mustangs, Friesians, Andalusians, Lipizzaners, pony breeds, etc.
- DNA-verifiable parentage.

Stallion licencing is a multiphase 5 step programme:

1. Nominate the stallion.
2. Submit health related documentation including x-rays, WFFS status and semen analysis (including EVA).
3. Attend NAS Inspection and receive a passing score.
4. Complete performance requirements.
5. Present quality progeny.
A stallion’s progression through this licencing process will be reflected in the three NAS Stallion books.

- Preliminary Book (complete health exam).
- Provisional Book (complete health exam and received a passing score at inspection).
- Lifetime Approved Book (completed all steps, met performance requirements and presented at least 8 First Premium or Second Premium Foals to NAS).
- Lifetime licences may be awarded to stallions that meet NAS recognised WBFSH registry requirements.

**Mares**

Mares approved with the main mare book of a recognized WBFSH studbook may not need to be inspected but will be reviewed for approval in order to enter the Main Book. Mare will be monitored to determine if they produce quality foals. Mares that fail to produce quality foals will be placed on a watch list and risk losing their approval status. Mares that produce quality offspring may be eligible for the Elite Mare Programme.

Basic requirements for all mares include:

- Minimum of 15.1h in height.
- Minimum of 3 years of age. (2 year olds can be inspected for the Mare Books but it is at the owner’s discretion).
- The absence of non-recognized bloodlines from the pedigree, regardless of current registration. Examples of non-recognized bloodlines include Appaloosa, Morgan, American Paint Horse, Quarter Horse, Saddlebreds, Standardbreds, Mustangs, Friesians, Andalusians, Lipizzaners, pony breeds, etc.

### 3.2.5 Governance

The General Secretary is elected by member voting every two years. Membership is free of charge.

It is the opinion of the Development Department that the WBFSH does not grant member status at this time and suggests that the The North American Studbook (NAS) reapplications for membership of the WBFSH when the studbook is more established.

#### 2.3 Asociación Española de Criadores de Caballos Anglo-árabes (AECCAá)

The Asociación Española de Criadores de Caballos Anglo-árabes (AECCAá) was established in Spain in 1995. The aim of the studbook is to promote the Anglo-Arab breed in Spain and to assist in the production of Spanish bred horses that will compete in the three Olympic disciplines, endurance and traditional Spanish riding. The Association is integrated into the International Confederation of the Anglo-Arab (CIAA) and holds the Vice Presidency of the same. The Spanish studbook of the breed (AECCAá) is internationally recognized. As a result of the publication of RD 1133/2002 of October 31, the AECCAá is recognized as the only Association representative of the Anglo-Arab race in Spain, and the Improvement Plan and Selection Scheme of the Anglo-Arab Race is reworked in accordance with
the new guidelines together with the Horse Breeding Service and the Technical School of Agronomists of the University of Córdoba, and approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Anglo-Arab horses excel in Spain (particularly in eventing). Some of these horses have participated in European Championships since 2011. They have also represented Spain in other Championships such as the Olympics. For instance Hito CP competed at the Rio Olympic Games. Other horses have competed up to CCI**** level at events such as Badminton. Another discipline in which Spanish horses have excelled is in endurance.

3.3.1 Summary of Application
The application for full membership was received, in Spanish, by the Development Department on the 27th of June 2018. The documentation received included a completed application from, proof of recognition as an official studbook, a copy of the studbooks rules and regulations.

3.3.2 Size of the Studbook
The studbook is split into 4 sections:

- Anglo-Arab of Section I
- Anglo-Arab of Section II
- Anglo-Arab of Section III
- Anglo-Arab of Section IV

AECCAá is a closed studbook (Sections I & II) according to the rules of the CIAA. Section III is partially open and section IV is open.

Studbook statistics

- Number of members in the organisation: 983 (315 breeders, 52 proprietors and 616 sympathizers)
- Number of active breeding mares in the studbook: 420
- Number of currently active stallions approved: 94
- Total number of horses registered: 7054
- Total number of foals in the last 5 years:

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3.3.3 Registration
Horse’s passports are only issued when the following documentation is received:

- Covering certificate
- Birth certificate (authorized by veterinarian)
- Certificate (authorized by veterinarian)
Horses must be DNA typed to prove pedigree, described and microchipped in order to be registered as per European standards. ULEN numbers are provided for each animal.

Names must be proposed by the owner of each animal and approved by AECCAá. The approved name for each animal is followed by the percentage of Arab blood and the letters AA.

3.3.4 Breeding Programme
Approval of animals for the studbook

From 3 years of age horses may be used for breeding. There is a voluntary test for colts & fillies from 3 years of age called “Selection Test for Breeding”. Horses that score over 70% in these tests are named as “Qualified Reproductive Horses”. Colts may participate in the cycle for young horses, if they obtain a certain standard they may be called “Young Recommended Stallions”. These colts must obtain an above average genetic score. They may also achieve “Elite Stallion” status through their progeny performance.

Breeding Improvement Plan

This is based on competition results in the three Olympic disciplines and in endurance. Through this horses will obtain individual and genetic grades. These grades are very useful for collecting information relating to their genetic potential. The programme is run in collaboration with the Genetics Department in the University of Cordoba. The system of evaluation used is called the BLUP protocol.

3.3.5 Governance

The studbook has a Board of Directors which consists of:

- A President
- A Vice President
- A Treasurer
- A Secretary
- 3 Members

The Board of Directors are elected by the full members at the General Assembly, by direct and secret ballot for 4 year terms.

Further information regarding the INSH is available at the following link: http://www.angloarabe.net/

It is the opinion of the Development Department that the Asociación Española de Criadores de Caballos Anglo-árabes (AECCAá) may be eligible for ‘member’ status of the WBFSH, subject to clarification of their relationship with the Anglo Arab Studbook of Origin. Clarification of this relationship has been sought from both parties.