Breeding Programme for Oldenburg Horses



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1. Information on the Studbook

The Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes e.V. maintains the studbook on the origin of the breed Oldenburg Horse in accordance with the requirements of the EU and German animal breeding laws.
The principles for breeding the Oldenburg horse breed are binding for all affiliated studbooks and are published on the website www.oldenburger-pferde.com.
Affiliated stud books will be informed of any changes to the principles in a timely manner.

The breeding program shall be published on the website of the Oldenburger Verband www.oldenburger-pferde.com.
Changes to the breeding program will be published in the magazine "Oldenburger-International" according to A.13 of the Statutes, as well as on the website (www.oldenburger-pferde.com).

2. Geographical area

The geographical area in which the Verband carries out its breeding programme, in addition to Germany:

Argentina, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Hungary, South Africa and the American continent, Cyprus.
The core breeding area is the former administrative district of Oldenburg of the State of Lower Saxony and the former Oldenburg district of Lübeck/Ostholstein, as listed under A. 10.1.1 items 1-8.

3. Size of the breeding population

The size of the population is (as of: 01/01/2023):
Mares: approx. 7,400
Stallions: approx. 300
Breeders: approx. 4,500

4. Breeding goal

The breeding programme shall aim at progress towards the defined breeding objective and thus the improvement of the characteristics of the breed, and shall include all measures and activities which are conducive to that objective.
For the Oldenburg horse the following breeding objective applies:
A noble, long-lined, correct, high-performance and healthy sport horse shall be bred with energetic, spacious, elastic movements, that is suitable for sport purposes of every kind due to its predisposition.

5. Characteristic features and qualities

5.1. Exterior

Colour: all colours

Type:
The exterior of an elegant, long-lined and harmonious riding horse is desirable, characterised by expression and nobility. Breeding stallions and brood mares should have clearly defined gender features. In particular, a coarse, ungainly, or disharmonious exterior is undesirable and considered a lack of gender features in breeding horses.

Physique:
A generally harmonious body structure is desirable, which allows the horse the sustained ability to to provide its services in all areas of sport. The limbs should be correct in the position and angularity of the limbs and fit the overall physique in accordance with strength and proportion. The joints, bones and tendons should be clearly defined. The withers height for 3-year-olds should measure between 160 cm and 170 cm. In the manifestation of individual parts of the body, the following features are desirable or especially undesirable:

	Desirable	Undesirable
Head	Expressive, distinctive, fine, noble head	Expressionless, coarse head, “ram’s nose”
Eyes	Big, lively, friendly eyes	Small, hooded, dull, lustreless eyes
Throatlatch	Refined throatlatch	Thick, coarse throatlatch
Neck	Fine, medium-long, well positioned, light poll	Low neck, low-set neck, wedge-shaped, fat, weak neck, too short neck
Saddle area	Long, well developed and prominent withers with large oblique shoulders and long upper arms	Too short, flat or too high withers, small, short, high shoulders and short upper arms
Frame (top-line)	In rectangular format standing over generous ground, good harmony between forehand, body and hindquarters with long, slightly inclined croup	Square, soft or rigid back, open, long flanks, short or horizontal croup
Forelimbs	Well-muscled, correctly placed forelimbs with large, prominent joints and elastic medium long pasterns and well-formed hooves	Weak muscled, stocky forelimbs with small, flat joints, forward bending, backward bending, laced forelimbs, flat heels or too narrow hooves, steep, short pasterns, pigeon-toed or splay-footed position
Hind limbs	Well-muscled and well-placed hindquarters with wide, clear, dry and correctly articulated hocks, elastic pasterns and well formed hooves	Too strongly angulated, too straight hindquarters, narrow or short hocks with incorrect articulation, short pasterns, cow-hocked, bow-legged

5.2. Movement incl. jumping
Basic gaits:

Desirable elements include industrious, rhythmic and expansive basic gaits (walk - 4-beat, trot - 2-beat, canter - 3-beat). The movements should develop with suppleness and energy from the hindquarters over the loosely swinging back to the free forehand anticipating from the shoulder. The movement of the limbs should be directed straight forward.
Movement on the ground should be supple and elevated, with clear push-off and landing. The movements at trot and canter should be elastic with a clearly recognisable suspension phase, energetic, light-footed, sustained and with a natural elevation and balance.

Particularly undesirable are short, flat and inelastic movements with a rigid back or shoulders, little thrust from the hindquarters, as well as ponderous and out-of-step movements, as well as swaying and rocking or paddling, turning, base narrow, pigeon-toed, base wide or splay-footed movements.

Jumping:
A skilful, capable and carefully considered jumping, indicating calmness and intelligence. Desirable in the course of the jump are a clear, collected balance, fast push-off in the jump, a pronounced quick bending of the limbs (as horizontal as possible position of the forearm over the
the jump), and an arched back with clearly prominent withers and downwards-curved neck with open hindquarters (bascule). The end of the movement and the rhythm of the gallop should be maintained in the overall process. Especially undesirable elements include jumping with lack of prudence and ability, with legs hanging down, nose high over the jump, in connection with a pushed-out back, in which the flow of movement and the rhythm of the canter is lost, as well as uncontrolled or indecisive jumping.

5.3 Interior qualities
(disposition, character, temperament, health)

Desirable qualities are rideability, versatility, willingness and capacity for riding and suitability for all kinds of sport. The horse should be uncomplicated, sociable, but at the same time enthusiastic, strong-nerved and reliable with good character traits and a serene, balanced temper. Especially undesirable qualities include being difficult to handle, nervous or mean. Other desirable qualities are robust health and good physical and mental resilience, natural fertility and the absence of genetic defects. Health information from veterinary examinations form a basis for breeding health. Veterinarians need these examinations in order to provide information for diagnoses. Using the latest scientific methods, the Verband can incorporate health information long-term on the basis of a data pool. Any additional extraction or provision of genetic material that may be necessary for this purpose shall be accepted.

6. Selection characteristics
The following selection characteristics are assessed for registration in the Studbook (except Foal Book and Annex).

Selection characteristics include:
- ancestry
- exterior
Movement incl. jumping and
- Inner qualities such as performance, character, temperament and health
- Riding or jumping facility
- Results of performance tests and breeding value assessment

The animals are evaluated using linear scoring according to the system explained in the statutes under number B.15 (Basic provisions for the assessment of breeding horses). Mares and stallions are registered in the Studbook with a summarising overall mark awarded on the basis of the assessed qualities. Both whole and half marks are permitted.

Of particular importance for breeding progress is the use of selected young stallions. If a sufficient use of the young stallions is not guaranteed, appropriate measures should be taken to promote them so that an earliest possible assessment of the breeding value can be made on the basis of the offspring performance.

The Oldenburg Verband shall be responsible for performance assessment of offspring. The following results will be considered:
- foal offspring inspections
- stallion approvals, entry in Studbook for mares and mare shows
- stallion and broodmare tests
- selection for Verband auctions as well as findings during auction training
- achievements in competitive sport

7. Breeding method

The breeding goal is achieved through the method of pure breeding, which is open for horses of other populations whose inclusion is conducive to achieving the above objective, i.e. the inclusion of stallions and mares from other populations is acceptable.

Oldenburg horses are mating products of Oldenburg horses or of breeding horses of approved breeds, provided that these are registered in the Oldenburg Studbook. The breeds approved for the Oldenburg horse breed (mares and stallions), which are identified as such in the Studbook and, if applicable, on the animal breeding certificate, provided that they meet the performance requirements for the relevant classes of the Studbook:

Argentine Warmblood, Bavarian Warmblood, German Horse, German Sport Horse, Hanoverian, Hessian Warmblood, Holstein, Mecklenburg, Oldenburg Jumper, Trakehner, Rhenish Riding Horse, Westphalian Riding Horse, Württemberger, Zweibrücker Riding Horse, American Warmblood, Anglo European Warmblood (AES), Australian Warmblood, Belgian Sport Horse, Belgian Warmblood, British Warmblood, Canadian Warmblood, Danish Warmblood, English Warmblood, Estonian Sport Horse, Finnish Warmblood, French Riding Horse, Irish Sport Horse, Irish Warmblood, Italian Riding Horse, Royal Dutch Warmblood (KWPN), Gelderlander, Croatian Warmblood, Latvian Warmblood, Lithuanian Warmblood, Lusitano, Luxembourgian Warmblood, Moroccan Sport Horse, Dutch Riding Horse (NRPS), Norwegian Warmblood, Austrian Warmblood, Polish Warmblood, Portuguese Warmblood, Pura Raza Espanola (PRE), Romanian Warmblood, Swedish Warmblood, Slovenian Warmblood, Slovakian Warmblood, Swiss Warmblood, Scottish Sport Horse, Spanish Sport Horse, Sport Horse Great Britain, Sport Horse La Silla, South African Sport Horse, Czech Warmblood, Hungarian Sport Horse, Zangersheider Horse as well as Arabian, Arabian Thoroughbred, German Precious Blood, Shagya Arabian, Anglo-Arabian and English Thoroughbred and Achal-Tekkiner, Ukrainian Riding Horse, Bulgarian Riding Horse.
Exceptions are pairings of Arabian thoroughbred (ox with ox) interbred, English thoroughbred (xx with xx) interbred (exception stallion in insemination), and Shagya Arabian interbred (ShA with ShA).

8. Subdivision of the Studbook

The stud book for stallions is divided into a main section and a supplementary section.

The main section of the Studbook for stallions is divided into the following classes

- Stallion Book I,
- Stallion Book II,
- Annex and
- Foal Book.

A supplementary section of the Studbook for Stallions is the

- Pre-Studbook.

The Studbook for mares is divided into a main section and a supplementary section.
The main section of the Studbook for mares is divided into the following classes

- Studbook I,
- Studbook II,
- Annex and
- Foal Book.

The supplementary section of the Studbook for mares is the

- Pre-Studbook.

Section	Sex	
	Stallions	**Mares**
Main Section (HA)	Stallion Book I (HB I)	Studbook I (S I)
	Stallion Book II (HB II)	Studbook II (S II)
	Annex (A)	Annex (A)
	Foal Book	Foal Book
Supplementary Section (ZA)	Pre-Studbook (V)	Pre-Studbook (V)

9. Conditions for entry in the Studbook

The provisions under B.8 of the Articles of Association are basic requirements for registration. Stallions and mares shall only be entered into the Studbook if they are identified, their pedigree has been determined according to the rules of the Studbook and they fulfil the following entry conditions. A horse from another studbook of the approved breed must be registered in the class of the Studbook whose criteria it meets. The performance and pedigree of a horse's ancestors must be taken into account as well as that of its own.

In exceptional cases, a horse may be registered without the assessment of selection characteristics by the Verband if the horse is already registered in the studbook of another breeding association. The registration shall be made in the corresponding class of the Studbook.

A horse can only be registered if its owner is a full member of the Verband or becomes a full member through the presentation of the horse or is/becomes a contractual partner.

Deceased mares may also be registered posthumously. The sole purpose of this posthumous registration is to issue a zootechnical certificate for the last-born foal.

Entry into a class in the Studbook shall be recorded in the zootechnical certificate.

(9.1) Studbook for Stallions

(9.1.1) Stallion Book I (main section of the Studbook)

Stallions are registered at the earliest in the 3rd year of life, if

- the parents are registered in the main section (except Annex or Foal Book) of the breed or one of the approved breeds,
- they were presented for identity verification,
- the paternal and maternal lineage was confirmed by DNA profile,
- they have been genetically tested for Warmblood Fragile Foal Syndrome (WFFS) in accordance with 14,
- they received an overall score of at least 7.0 according to B.15 of the Statutes and according to this breeding program (11.1) at a collective event (licensing) of the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes,
- It meets the requirements for breeding aptitude and health through a veterinary examination in accordance with B.16 of the statutes, and does not have any characteristics detrimental to health in accordance with List (Annex 1) has been tested in accordance with the veterinary standards for approvals for German riding horse breeding, and meets the selection criteria according to 17.7.(The composition of the veterinary commission and the appointment of the arbitration commission of veterinarians shall be made in accordance with 17.7),
- The stallion performance test has been fully passed in accordance with (11.3.1.5), in which case registration may be either provisional or definitive.

9.1.1.1 Single cover approval
For the use of stallions that belong to the breeds named in 7. (breeding method), are registered in a stud book for riding horse breeds with another breeding association and meet the requirements of Stallion Book I, a written approval for the covering of mares for the recognition of the stallions must be available from the breeding director at the written request of the mare owner.

9.1.1.2 Stallions which do not meet the pedigree requirements of the licensing (11.1) and/or the performance requirements according to 11.3 can be entered in the Stallion Book I if, in addition to **9.1.1** clauses 1, 2 – 6 tiret, they meet the following requirements:

- the parents are registered in the Main Section (except Foal Book and Annex) of its breed or approved breeds (see 7, Breeding Method) and
- they have outstanding sporting achievements (at least 5 placings in Class S (advanced level) or five international placings) or
- they have produced outstanding offspring in other Verbands (at least two offspring with at least five placings in Class S or five international placings in Class S).

9.1.1.3 Stallions which do not meet the pedigree requirements for approval (11.1) can be entered in the Stallion Book I if, in addition to 9.1.1, clause 1, 1.–4. and 6.–7. tiret, they meet the following requirements:

- they have received an overall mark of at least 8.5 at a collective event of the Verband in the assessment of the exterior according to B 15 of the Statutes.

For stallions from the Gelderlander, Pura Raza Espanola (PRE) and Lusitano populations, the HB I requirements for the ancestors are waived (if applicable) if the horses themselves fulfil the performance requirements of the Stallion Book I entry or those of their breeds. Both parents must be registered in the main section of the Gelderlander, PRE or Lusitano breeds.

(9.1.2) Stallion Book II (main section of the Studbook)
A stallion shall be registered in the 3rd year of life at the earliest, if

- the parents are registered in the main section (except Annex or Foal Book) of the breed or one of the approved breeds,
- its identity has been verified,
- the paternal and maternal lineage was confirmed by DNA profile,
- it has been genetically tested for Warmblood Fragile Foal Syndrome (WFFS) in accordance with 14,
- it meets the requirements for breeding aptitude and health through a veterinary examination in accordance with B.16 of the statutes, and does not exhibit any characteristics detrimental to health in accordance with the list (Annex 1).

In addition, offspring of breeding horses entered in the Annex and in the Pre-Studbook may be entered,

- if the offspring's ancestors were paired over three generations with breeding horses from the Main Section (except Foal Book and Annex) of the breed or an approved breed,
- it was presented for identity verification,
- the paternal and maternal lineage was confirmed by DNA profile,
- it has been genetically tested for Warmblood Fragile Foal Syndrome (WFFS) in accordance with 14,
- Its exterior was assessed according to B.15 of the Statutes and achieved an overall grade of at least 7.5,
- it meets the requirements for breeding aptitude and health through a veterinary examination in accordance with B.16 of the statutes, was examined in accordance with the veterinary certificate (17.7) and does not exhibit any characteristics detrimental to health in accordance with the list (Annex 1).

(9.1.3) Annex (main section of the Studbook)

On request, stallions may be registered if

- their parents are registered in the Studbook, including at least one parent in the main section of the (approved) breed, and
- they do not meet the requirements for registration in the Stallion Registers I and II.

The horses shall be transferred from the Foal Book to the Annex if these offspring are registered and they have not been registered in one of the other classes.

(9.1.4) Foal Book (main section of the Studbook)

In the year of their births, all colts may be registered, if

- their parents are registered in the Studbook, including at least one parent in the main section of the (approved) breed.

(9.1.5) Pre-Studbook (supplementary section of the Studbook)

Stallions may be registered at the earliest in the 3rd year of life, if

- they cannot be registered in one of the above classes of the studbook for stallions, but which correspond to the breeding objective of the breed,
- they are presented for identity verification,
- they achieved an overall grade of at least 5.0 in the assessment of the exterior according to B.15 of the statutes,
- they meet the requirements for breeding aptitude and health through a veterinary examination in accordance with B.16 of the statutes, and do not exhibit any characteristics detrimental to health in accordance with the list (Annex 1).

(9.2) Studbook for Mares

(9.2.1) Studbook I (main section of the Studbook)

Mares shall be registered which are at least three years old in the year of registration, if

- the parents of which are registered in the main section (except Foal Book or Annex) of the breed or one of the approved breeds,
- they are presented for identity verification,
- they meet the criteria laid down in the assessment of the exterior according to B.15 of the Statutes and according to (11.2) studbook entry of this breeding program,
- they meet the requirements for breeding aptitude and health and do not exhibit any characteristics detrimental to health in accordance with the list (Annex 1) .

(9.2.2) Studbook II (main section of the Studbook)

Mares shall be registered which are at least three years old in the year of registration, if

- their sires are registered in the main section (except Foal Book or Annex) of the (approved) breed and the dams of which are registered in the Studbook of the (approved) breed,
- their identity has been verified,
- they do not have any characteristics detrimental to health in accordance with List (Annex 1).

In addition, horses may be entered if they are offspring of breeding horses entered in the Annex or in the Pre-Studbook,

- if these ancestors registered in the Annex or the Pre-Studbook were paired with breeding horses of (approved) breeds from the main section (except Foal Book and Annex),
- they are presented for identity verification,
- they achieved an overall grade of at least 6.0 in the assessment of the exterior according to B.15 of the Statutes,
- they do not have any characteristics detrimental to health in accordance with the list /Annex 1) .

(9.2.3) Annex (main section of the Studbook)
Mares shall be registered, if

- their parents are registered in the Studbook, including at least one parent in the main section of the (approved) breed, and
- they do not meet the requirements for registration in Studbook I or II.

The horses shall be transferred from the Foal Book to the Annex if these offspring are registered and they have not been registered in one of the other classes.

(9.2.4) Foal Book (main section of the Studbook)
In the year of their births, all fillies shall be registered,

- their parents are registered in the Studbook, including at least one parent in the main section of the (approved) breed.

(9.2.5) Pre-Studbook (supplementary section of the Studbook)
Mares shall be registered which are at least three years old in the year of registration, if

- they cannot be registered in a class of the Studbook for mares, but correspond to the breeding goal for the Oldenburg horse,
- they are presented for identity verification,
- they achieved an overall grade of at least 5.0 in the assessment of the exterior according to B.15 of the statutes,

10. Zootechnical certificates/Confirmation of registration
Zootechnical certificates for foals shall be issued in accordance with the basic rules laid down in B.9 of the Statutes and the following schedule.

Dam		**Main Section**			**Supplementary Section**
Sire		**Studbook I**	**Studbook II**	**Annex**	**Pre-Studbook (Mares)**
Main Section	**Stallion Book I**	Certificate of origin I	Certificate of origin I	Certificate of birth	Certificate of birth
	Stallion Book II	Certificate of origin II	Certificate of origin II	Certificate of birth	Certificate of birth
	Annex	Certificate of birth	Certificate of birth	Certificate of birth	Certificate of birth
Supplementary Section	**Pre-Studbook (Stallions)**	Certificate of birth	Certificate of birth	Certificate of birth	X

(10.1) Zootechnical certificate as certificate of origin
(10.1.1) Issue of a certificate of origin
A certificate of origin shall be issued if the following conditions are met:

- The sire is entered in Stallion Book I or II in the year of cover or at the latest in the year of the foal's birth (up to and including 31 December of that year) and the dam is entered in the Studbook in the year of covering or in the year of the foal's birth (up to and including 31 December of that year).
- The breeding certificate and foal registration were submitted in due time in accordance with the Statutes.
- The identification of the foal (at the side of its dam or by a pedigree check) shall be carried out by the breeding director or his representative.

If the above conditions of the 2nd bullet are not fulfilled, identity shall be verified by a pedigree check.

The horse's breeder or owner shall be responsible for ensuring that all information given in the zootechnical certificate is accurate. Deviations or inaccuracies must be reported to the Verband immediately. In addition, the breeder or owner shall undertake to safely keep the zootechnical certificate, as a later entry of the horse can be made in the Studbook only upon presentation of a valid zootechnical certificate.

(10.1.2) Minimum information in a certificate of origin

The certificate of origin must contain at least the following information:

a) Name of the breeding association and its website,
b) Date and place of issue,
c) Life Number (UELN),
d) Breed or name of studbook,
e) Name, address and email address (if available) of breeder and owner,
f) Dam's date of cover,
g) Date of birth, birth country code, sex, colour and markings,
h) Mark,
i) Section and class in which the horse and its parents are registered,
j) Names, Life Numbers (UELN), colours and breeds of parents as well as names, Life Numbers (UELN) and breeds of one generation further back,
k) Signature of breeder or breeder's representative,
l) Licensing assessment,
m) Latest performance test result and horse's breeding evaluation, with date, or the website on which the results are published.
n) Information on genetic defects and special traits of the horse pertinent to the breeding programme,
o) Method and findings of pedigree checks on breeding animals intended for the collection of breeding material,
p) In the case of embryo transfer, also the particulars of the horse's genetic parents and their DNA or blood type,
q) name and function of the signatory.

(10.2) Zootechnical certificate as certificate of birth

(10.2.1) Issue of a certificate of birth

A certificate of birth shall be issued if the conditions for a certificate of origin are not fulfilled, but the following conditions are met:

- Both parents must be registered in the Oldenburg Horse Studbook, one of them in the main section,
- The breeding certificate and foal registration were submitted in due time in accordance with the Statutes.
- The identification of the foal (at the side of its dam or by a pedigree check) shall be carried out by the breeding director or his representative.

If the above conditions of the 2nd bullet are not fulfilled, identity shall be verified by a pedigree check (if possible).

(10.2.2) Minimum information to be included in the certificate of birth

The certificate of birth must contain the same information as the certificate of origin, if available.

(10.3) Zootechnical certificate for breeding material

According to VO (EU) 2016/1012, zootechnical certificates are also issued upon submission of breeding material if the donor animal is registered in the studbook of the breeding association. Here EU Implementing Ordinance 2017/717 templates are used.

The zootechnical certificate for breeding material shall consist of several sections, whereby the breeding association issues the sections provided for the donor animals and at the end of these sections confirms the particulars of the section with the date, signature, and official stamp of the breeding association.

Traceability of the copies of the donor animals' zootechnical certificates, made by the breeding establishments and completed by the breeding organisation, must be ensured at all times. Unique document numbers may be assigned for this purpose.

(10.4) Confirmation of registration as Pre-Studbook certificate

(10.4.1) Issue of a confirmation of registration as a Pre-Studbook certificate

For a horse registered in a supplementary section, the registration confirmation must include the heading "Registration confirmation for a horse registered in a supplementary section - no zootechnical certificate pursuant to EU Animal Breeding Regulation".

A certificate of registration shall be issued if the horse meets the conditions for entry in the Pre-Studbook.

(10.4.2) Minimum information to be included in a confirmation of registration as a Pre-Studbook certificate

The confirmation of registration must contain the same information as the certificate of origin, if this information is available.

11. Selection events

(11.1) Licensing

In principle, the provisions of B.16 of the Statutes shall apply.

The minimum age of a stallion for licensing is two years. A pre-selection of the stallions registered for licensing may be held in order to ensure well-ordered licensing events. If a pre-selection takes place, a stallion's participation, among other things, shall be a condition for its admission to the respective licensing event. All pre-selection decisions shall be made by the licensing commission.

Stallions can only be admitted for licensing if

- their sires, damsires, granddams and great-granddams (four generations in all) are registered in the Stallion Book I or in a studbook of the (approved) breed corresponding to the Stallion Book I.
- their dams are registered in the Studbook I or a class corresponding to the Studbook I of a studbook of the (approved) breed,

A stallion can only be licensed if it has

a) achieved an overall mark of at least 7.0 in the assessment (in accordance with B.15 of the statutes), and
b) fulfils the conditions for health according to Annex 1 and
c) fulfils the requirements for breeding suitability pursuant to B.16 of the Statutes together with 17.7.

The licensing results from other recognized breeding associations may be used
as long as the above-mentioned requirements are met.

(11.2) Entry in the Studbook

The minimum age of a mare for entry in the Studbook is three years. The assessment shall be carried out in accordance with B.15 of the Statutes.

Only mares are accepted for the evaluation of the exterior for the registration in the Studbook I if:

- their sires, damsires, granddams and great-granddams (four generations in all) are registered in the Stallion Book I or in a studbook of the (approved) breed corresponding to the Stallion Book I.

- their dams are registered in the main section (except Annex or Foal Book) or a section corresponding to the main section of a studbook of (approved) breeds.

A mare can only be registered in Studbook I if she achieves an overall mark of at least 6.0 in the assessment (according to B.15 of the Statutes).

Mares with performance information of the sire and/or damsire and/or dam's damsire that does not correspond to the Stallion Book I also meet the requirements for registration if they achieve an overall score of at least 7.0 in their exterior assessment according to B.15 of the Statutes and according to (11.2) of the Studbook entry of this breeding program.

(11.3) Performance tests
(11.3.1) *Stallion performance tests*

The tests will be carried out according to the generally recognised rules of equestrian sport, the special provisions pursuant to B. 17 and B.18 of the Statutes and the HLP guidelines for stallion performance tests (see (www.hengstleistungspruefung.de). The general provisions of the HLP guidelines for performance tests for stallions (www.hengstleistungspruefung.de) are binding for stallion performance tests. The stallion performance tests are subject to a multi-stage points system, on the basis of which provisional or final entry in the Stallion Book I can be achieved. The owner, keeper, and/or stallion owner is responsible for providing proof of the performance test points (LP points) achieved to the breeding association. LP points earned before the new concept came into effect in 2025 are also counted; the scoring system can be found on the website www.hengstleistungspruefung.de.

Results from foreign national tournament sporting events/horse performance shows are recognized if they correspond to the rankings listed on the website www.hengstleistungspruefung.de.

(11.3.1.1) assessment test for stallions of German riding horse breeds

Assessment tests (short) are offered between October and January for 3- and 4-year-old stallions. This means that stallion owners will in future have the opportunity to have their 3-year-old stallions assessed between October and December or their 4-year-olds in January before the breeding season in a short assessment test.
They are subject to the familiar requirements in accordance with the current HLP guidelines and can be completed with a focus on dressage and jumping.

Stallions receive 4 LP points for a completed aptitude test (short). A successfully completed short assessment test thus leads to provisional entry in the Stallion Book I as a 4-year-old stallion.

(11.3.1.2) 50-day assessment test for stallions of German riding horse breeds

50-day performance tests will be offered from October onwards for 3- to 6-year-old stallions and can be completed in accordance with the known requirements of the current HLP guidelines, focusing on dressage and jumping.

Stallions receive 10 LP points for successfully completing a 50-day performance test.
This means that a successfully completed 50-day performance test from the age of 3 leads to final entry in the Stallion Book I.

(11.3.1.3) HLP evaluation test

HLP evaluation tests are held for 4- to 6-year-old stallions. These are offered as part of selected state and association championships, primarily in June, July, and August, in the disciplines of dressage, jumping, and eventing.
HLP evaluation tests will be part of the HLP guidelines from 2025 and are also subject to the provisions of the LPO. In the disciplines of dressage and jumping, the stallions are presented by the same rider in two tests. In order to receive LP points, the stallions must achieve an average of at

least 7.0 in both tests or, in jumping, less than 12 penalty points after faults/time. In eventing, it is sufficient to complete one test with a score of at least 7.0.
The respective requirements, which are graded according to age and discipline, the planned test locations, and all other details can be found in the updated HLP guidelines for 2025 at www.hengstleistungspruefung.de.
Stallions receive 4 LP points for an HLP evaluation test completed with the required minimum performance. Thus, a successful HLP evaluation test at the age of 4 also leads to provisional entry in the Stallion Book I as a 4-year-old stallion.
The combination of a completed short VA and an HLP evaluation test as a 4-year-old stallion would, for example, result in a score of 8 LP points, which would already secure provisional entry in the Stallion Book I as a 5-year-old stallion.

(11.3.1.4) Competitive sport test

Alternatively, the required performance test points can also be demonstrated by successes in own performance tests in competitive sport. The competitive sport test is carried out in the disciplines of dressage, jumping, and eventing. Here, 10 LP are awarded directly for participation in the National Championships or the World Championships or for a ranking in the top half in the final (eventing). Placings achieved before the new concept came into force in 2025 are also taken into account. A detailed list of the requirements for each age group with the respective points can be found on the homepage www.hengstleistungspruefung.de.

(11.3.1.5) Prerequisite for entry in the Stallion Book I
(1) Final entry in the Stallion Book I
Stallions are registered at the earliest in the 3rd year of life, if
they were licensed in accordance with 11.1 and meet the other registration requirements as well as the requirements for performance as follows:

10 LP points – final entry in Stallion Book I

The following maximum points can be awarded for each age group:
3-year-olds – maximum of 8 performance test points
4-year-olds – maximum of 8 performance test points
5-year-olds and older – maximum of 10 performance test points

In principle, more performance test points can be collected per age group; however, additional performance test points that exceed the maximum number of points for the respective age group expire and cannot be taken into account in the system. The 50-day performance test is an exception. It offers the possibility of being credited with 10 performance test points from the age of 3 years.10/LP: Points– Final entry in the Stallion Book I

- English thoroughbred stallions meet the performance requirements:
  (a) if they satisfy the conditions stated above; or
  b) if they have reached a handicap weight (GAG) of at least 70 kg in flat racing
  or at least 75 kg in obstacle racing, or
  c) if they have, for at least 20 starts in three race times, a GAG of at least 65 kg in flat racing or 70 kg in obstacle racing.
- Stallions of the Anglo-Arabian, Arabian Thoroughbred, Arabian and Shagya Arabian breeds also meet the requirements for breeding of the Oldenburg Horse if they have been successfully tested in performance tests according to the regulations of the breeding programme of their respective breeds.
- Stallions of the German Edelblut breed also meet the requirements for individual performance if they have passed the “ZSAA/VZAP competitive sport test" according to the regulations of the breeding program of their own breed.

Stallions who have already successfully passed the Assessment tests (short) but who cannot provide any further proof of performance in riding due to being permanently unfit for use (a veterinary

certificate must be submitted to the Verband) meet the requirements for Stallion Book I entry even if they show above-average breeding performance in accordance with (17.6).

(2) Provisional entry in the Stallion Book I

Licensed stallions shall be entered who meet the other registration requirements as well as the requirements according to age for performance as follows:

0 LP points – provisional entry in Stallion Book I as a 3-year-old stallion with a positive licensing decision
4 LP points – provisional entry in Stallion Book I as a 4-year-old stallion
8 LP points – provisional entry in Stallion Book I as a 5-year-old stallion

For stallions who have already successfully passed the Assessment tests (short) at the age of three or four and who are unable to prove their performance in riding at the age of four due to being found temporarily unfit for use, the Oldenburg Horse Breeders Association e.V. may grant a one-time extension for one breeding year upon application. The temporary designation of unfit for use must be confirmed by the breeding association's officially designated clinic.

A provisional entry in the Studbook I is not possible for stallions six years and older. This regulation does not apply to six-year-old stallions who have already completed the required LP (8 points) at the age of five and who, at the age of six, are unable to provide proof of performance in riding for the update in the Stallion Book I due to having been found temporarily unfit for use. For these stallions, a one-time extension of the deadline may be granted upon application to the breeding association for one breeding year. The temporary designation of unfit for use must be confirmed by the breeding association's officially designated clinic.
The extension for a five-year-old stallion may only be granted if an extension was not already granted for the stallion at age four.

Stallions that have not yet passed the assessment test according to 11.3.1.5 (2) or the performance test according to 11.3.1.5 (1) can be entered in the Stallion Book I at the request of their owner if they have died before passing the assessment / performance test, have received a mark of approval or recognition of at least 7.5 from the Oldenburg Verband and have achieved a mark of at least 8 (= good) in their offspring evaluation carried out by the Oldenburg Licensing Commission.

Stallions which have not passed a complete performance test according to 11.3.1.5 (1) may be entered in the Stallion Book I at the request of the stallion owner.
This entry is only possible if the results of the part of the stallion performance test passed so far (completed partial tests) and the result of the stallion's offspring evaluation (carried out by the Oldenburg Horse Licensing Commission, see above) are above the average for its comparison group or, in the case of older stallions, if breeding performance according to 17.6 is proven.

(11.3.2) Mare performance tests

The mare performance test is voluntary, however it is a prerequisite for the Oldenburg Main Premium or Verband Premium titles.
The following performance tests are regarded as the basis of performance evaluation in line with animal breeding laws:

a) Station test (11.3.2.1)
b) Field test for riding horse qualities (11.3.2.2)
c) Competitive sport tests (11.3.2.3).

The tests for a) and b) are conducted by the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes e.V. or an organisation/institution commissioned by it.

(11.3.2.1) Station test

(1.1) Duration
The test runs for at least 14 days and consists of a training phase (preliminary test) and final test.

(1.2) Locations
The mare owners may select the test stations.

(1.3) Conditions of eligibility
Mares three years and older are eligible.

The mares must be compliant with performance test vaccination regulations of the German Equestrian Federation and be ridden.

(1.4) Training
Before the start of the final examination, the head trainer shall assess the mares on the following characteristics, based on his evaluations and findings during the course:

1. Interior
2. Basic gaits:
    - Trot
    - Canter
    - Walk
3. Rideability
4. Jumping ability
    - Free jumping

(1.5) Final test
The final assessment test is carried out by at least two experts and at least one outside expert rider. Mares shall be individually assessed in the following characteristics:

1. Basic gaits:
    - Trot
    - Canter
    - Walk
2. Rideability
3. Jumping ability
    - Free jumping

(1.6) Assessment guidelines
The assessment shall be carried out in accordance with B.15 of the Statutes.

Decisive in the assessment is the broodmare's suitability with regard to improving the riding horse qualities of populations.

On arrival and during the entire training period, the mares are to be closely observed with regard to their condition, constitution and health. Mares that do not conform to the standard in terms of condition, constitution or health shall not be permitted to take the station test and shall be excluded from further training and testing.

(1.7) Weightings for characteristics and determination of results
The assessed characteristics are weighted according to the following scheme when determining the final result (weighted final score) for each individual mare. The final result (weighted final score) is determined by the sum of all weighted individual evaluation results.

Characteristics	***Head trainer***	***Outside expert rider***	***Expert***	***Total***
Interior	10			10
Basic gaits:	20		30	50
Rideability	5	10	5	20
Jumping ability	10		10	20
Total	**45**	**10**	**45**	**100**

The test is considered passed with a weighted final mark of 6.0.

Examinations that have not been completed in full shall only be assessed if the mare has been evaluated in at least 2/3 (66.67%) of the characteristics listed above. The percentage of test parts in which the mare took part and was assessed results from the sum of the weights used for calculating the final result.

For mares that have been assessed in more than 2/3 (66.67%) of the above-mentioned characteristics, the marks from the training will be taken as the results of partial examinations that have not been carried out. The transferred notes must be marked as such in the result sheet.

The head trainer shall record in writing any indications of deficiencies and behavioural disturbances found during the course of the examination, and inform the breeding association thereof.

(1.8) Announcement of test results
The final results for the individual mare will be publicly announced after completion of the final test. The owner of each mare will receive the mare's final score, showing the assessment of the individual characteristics as well as the average performance of the tested group.

(1.9) Repeating a test
The station test may be retaken once. The result of the repeated station check shall be used. If a mare drops out of the station test before half of the training period has elapsed, participation will not be recorded.

(11.3.2.2) Field test

(2.1) Duration
The test is carried out as a one-day assessment test.

(2.2) Locations
Test locations selected by the Association of Breeders of the Oldenburg Verband e.V. Other venues may be used at the request of the mare owner.

(2.3) Conditions of eligibility
Mares three years and older are eligible. The assessment test for eventing horses is conducted with mares that are at least four years old. The mares must be ridden.

(2.4) Assessment test
The assessment test is carried out by at least two experts and at least one outside expert rider. Mares shall be individually assessed in the following characteristics:

1. Basic gaits:
   - Trot
   - Canter
   - Walk
2. Rideability

(2.4.1) Assessment test for eventing horses

The assessment test is carried out by at least two experts. Mares shall be individually assessed in the following characteristics:

1.Basic gaits
- Trot
- Canter
- Walk

2.Rideability
- Cross-country
- Dressage

3.Jumping ability
- Partial test cross-country

(2.5) Assessment guidelines:
The assessment shall be carried out in accordance with B.15 of the Statutes.

Decisive in the assessment is the broodmare's suitability with regard to improving the riding horse qualities of populations.

The mares shall be closely observed with regard to their condition, constitution and health. Mares that do not conform to the standard in terms of condition, constitution or health shall not be permitted to take the field test and shall be excluded from testing.

(2.6) Weightings for characteristics and determination of results
The assessed characteristics are weighted according to the following scheme when determining the final result (weighted final score) for each individual mareThe final result (weighted final score) is determined by the sum of all weighted individual evaluation results.

Characteristics	***Expert***	***Outside expert rider***	***Total***
Trot (free)	5		
Canter (free)	5		
Trot (ridden)	25		
Canter (ridden)	25		
Walk (ridden)	25		
Walk (on hand)	5		
Outside expert rider		10	
Assessment:	**90**	**10**	**100**

Furthermore, from the age of four, the test for eventing horses can be selected.:

Characteristics	***Expert***
Trot (ridden)	15
Canter (ridden)	15
Walk (ridden)	15
Cross-country section	40
Rideability cross-country	5
Rideability dressage	10
Assessment	**100**

The test is considered passed with a weighted final mark of 6.0.

(2.7) Announcement of test results

Upon completion of the assessment test, the owner of each mare will receive the mare's final result, showing the assessment of the individual characteristics and the average performance of the tested group.

(2.8) Repeating a test

The field test may be retaken once. The latest result shall apply.

(11.3.2.3) Competitive sport test

As an alternative, a mare may also be considered as having passed the performance test if success in competitive sport can be demonstrated. The competitive sport test is held in the disciplines dressage, jumping and eventing.

The following competition sport results (according to Section 38 (2) LPO registered placement) will be considered:

- 3 wins in class L dressage or jumping competitions or
- 3 placings in class M at dressage or show jumping competitions or
- 3 wins in class A eventing competitions or
- 1 win in a class L eventing competition or
- 1 placing in class M eventing competition or
- participation in the Bundeschampionat des Deutschen Reitpferdes, or qualification for the Bundeschampionat for German dressage horses, German jumping horses or German eventing horses, or participation in the final at the Bundeschampionat for German driving horses or
- participation in the World Championship for Young Horses for dressage, jumping or eventing.

(11.3.2.4) Doping and medication

Mares are not eligible to participate in the mare performance test and may be subsequently excluded if they have been administered prohibited substances according to the lists and implementing regulations of the respective valid LPO (Part C Legal Regulations FN Anti-Doping and Medication Control Rules for Equestrian Sport - ADMR) or if a prohibited method has been used on them or if any intervention or manipulation has been carried out in order to influence their performance, efficiency or willingness to perform. The Mare Evaluation Commission is entitled to order medication controls as spot checks at any time. The medication controls are carried out in accordance with the implementation regulations of the respective valid LPO (Part C Legal Regulations - FN Anti-Doping and Medication Control Rules for Equestrian Sport - ADMR). Also, mares are not eligible to participate and, if applicable, are to be excluded subsequently, if within 3 months (12 months in case of anabolic steroids) prior to the presentation for the mare performance test, positive evidence of a prohibited medication, a prohibited method or an unauthorised intervention to influence the performance according to sentence 1 has been found in the same or another association or an equestrian federation.

(11.3.2.5) Withdrawal, revocation, objection

In the case of positive proof of medication or manipulation, the result of the mare performance test is invalidated and the test is considered not to have been passed. Any premium titles awarded will be revoked and the associated studbook registration withdrawn. The owner of the mare may appeal against this revocation in writing to the responsible body of the Verband (B. 8) via the address of the Verband office. The objection period is two weeks after notification of the decision. The reasons for the objection must be given within a further week. The Oldenburg Verband shall set an amount as an advance on costs and enclose it or secure it at the latest by the end of the deadline for giving reasons.

(11.4) Verband premiums

11.4.1 Awards for mares

Mares of especially high quality may be awarded additional predicates.

11.4.1.1 Oldenburg Main Premium Mare

Mares may be awarded the Oldenburg Main Premium Mare designation. This applies to three to six-year-old Oldenburg mares and mares participating in the Oldenburg breeding program with a clearly above-average rating for exterior according to B 15 (overall score at least 7.5), which fulfil the following additional regulations of the Verband:
A minimum score of 7.0 in the mare performance test (see breeding program 11.3.2) or the required results in sport competitions. In connection with the required successes in competitive sport tests, registration is carried out upon application.

The title shall be given when a foal is registered with the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes e. V. or with the Springpferdezuchtverband Oldenburg- International e. V.; before that it shall only be considered a candidacy.

11.4.1.2 Premium mares

Upon application, mares may be awarded Premium Mare designation if they are awarded the highest premium of an association and have passed a mare performance test (see 11.3.2 of the breeding programme) with an overall score of at least 7.0 (or have achieved the equivalent competition results according to 11.3.2.3 of the breeding programme).

11.4.1.3 Verband Premium Mare

Mares may be awarded Verband Premium Mare designation if they have been judged with an above-average overall score for exterior characteristics according to B. 15 (overall score of at least 7.0) and have passed the mare performance test (see 11.3.2 of the breeding programme) with a minimum grade of 6.5.

For mares not presented at the mare performance test:
A mare with a Premium Foal may, upon first entry, be awarded the Verband Premium upon presence of corresponding quality (above-average assessment in the overall score for exterior characteristics B 15, minimum score 7.5).

11.4.1.4 Elite Mare

Mares which are registered with the Verband, and to which at least 10 of the points listed below can be attributed, may be awarded Elite Mare status. Mares which have placed in class S tests must have produced at least one foal registered with the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes e.V. or Springpferdezuchtverband Oldenburg – International e.V. All other mares must have produced at least two foals registered with the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes e.V. or Springpferdezuchtverband Oldenburg – International e.V.

Individual performance:

2 Placing in S class	10 points
3 Placings in M class (at least three) or a placing in class S	5 points
3 Placings in class L (at least three times 1st, 2nd or 3rd Place)	4 points
Participation in World Championships for Young Horses in dressage/ jumping/eventing	8 points
Participation in a Bundeschampionat (all disciplines)	6 points
State Premium or State Premium candidacy	

or Oldenburg Main Premium or candidacy	5 points
Verband Premium	3 points
(the highest score will be factored for each mare)	
Performance of progeny (OL or OS- registered offspring):	
Licensed son (licensed by a WBFSH member association)	5 points
Daughter with the title OL (or OS) Elite Mare	5 points
Daughter with State Premium or State Premium candidacy	
or OL/OS Main Premium or candidacy	3 points
Daughter with Verband Premium	2 points
Premium Foals (max. 4 foals shall be considered overall)	1 points
Elite Foals (max. 4 foals shall be considered overall)	2 points
Progeny with placing in class S	6 points
Progeny with at least three placings in class M	4 points
Progeny with participation in Bundeschampionat or World	
Championship for Young Horses	4 points
Progeny with at least 3 placings in class L	2 points
(only one achievement may be evaluated per offspring, whereby the highest number of points shall be used in each case)	

Registration as Elite Mare is carried out through application and valid for foals who register after the awarding of the designation Elite Mare. Application for the designation of Elite Mare may also be made after the mare's death.

11.4.2 Awards for stallions

Oldenburg Haupt Premium

Stallions whose first foal crop has been evaluated (see below) may compete once for the title of Main Premium Winner. The following criteria shall be taken into account in the ranking:
- Evaluation of the foal crop
- Result of the individual performance test and
- Individual exterior assessment

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The licensing committee shall invite stallions (with emphasis on dressage) with the highest scores to compete for the title of Main Premium Dressage Winner.

The evaluation committee shall produce an evaluation of a new breeding stallion's first foal crop in written form and provide an overall score (scoring from 1 to 10) if it is presented with at least eight foals for this purpose. The evaluation shall be reviewed annually, with all the criteria listed in point B 15 included in the assessments as the age of the offspring increases.

Oldenburg Future Sire

This award is intended for young stallions listed in Stallion Book I whose first offspring are active in competition. The criteria are:

- Number of offspring:

  At least 25 OL- or OS-registered offspring, of which at least 15 OL-registered offspring aged 2.5 years or older have been presented to the evaluation committee at official events. This ensures that the stallions are both significant in terms of breeding and that phenotypic information regarding heredity is available.

- Age of the oldest offspring:
The oldest offspring may be no more than 9 years old, in order to focus on the first cohorts under saddle.

- Competitive activity:
At least 15% of the competition-ready offspring must be active in competitive sport. This requirement ensures comparability of results, regardless of the total number of offspring. At least 10% of the offspring must have existing competitive sport breeding values.

- Oldenburg Stallion Allocation Plan
The stallion must be actively registered in the Stallion Directory.

Oldenburg Elite Stallion
This distinction is awarded to proven stallions whose offspring have excelled in high-level competition.

- Number of offspring:
At least 25 OL- or OS-registered offspring, of which at least 20 OL-registered offspring aged 2.5 years or older must have been presented to the evaluation committee at official events.

- Age of the oldest offspring:
Maximum 15 years.

- Competitive activity:
At least 20% of the competition-ready offspring must be active in Class S.

- Successes in higher classes:
At least 10 offspring must have a HEK breeding value in S*** dressage (Intermediare II or higher).

- Oldenburg Stallion Distribution Plan
The stallion must be actively registered in the Stallion Directory.

The “Oldenburg Future Sire” and “Oldenburg Elite Stallion” premiums are based on extensive competition data, which is also used for the FN breeding value estimation.

11.4.3 Awards for foals
Only foals from Studbook I mares are eligible for Premium designation; their sires must be registered in the Stallion Book I. All foals must be presented with their dams. Foals of above-average quality receive the quality designation "Verband Premium" (minimum score 7.0). Foals that are even higher in quality than Verband Premium foals are given the designation “Elite Foal” (minimum mark 8.0). The breeder receives a diagram of each presented foal’s linear profile at an official Premium awarding event; see B. 15.

12. Identity protection / safeguarding of pedigree
The Verband may require a pedigree review for each registered horse or horse presented for registration according to the methods under B.12.1 of the Statutes.

A review shall be made of the pedigrees of all foals. The results of the pedigree review shall be recorded in the Studbook. Horses will not be registered if their pedigree cannot be verified.

The breeder shall bear all costs incurred.

The Verband shall conduct a pedigree review of the stallion at the time of its entry in the Stallion Book. The applicant for licensing or registration is the cost bearer. DNA typing cards shall be submitted for registration.

Breeds which do not have DNA profiles shall be provided with a DNA profile for donor animals for breeding material.

13. Use of reproduction techniques
(13.1) Artificial insemination
Only stallions registered in Stallion Book I may be used for artificial insemination. Stallions registered in the Stallion Book II must additionally have an overall score of at least 7.0 in the exterior evaluation in accordance with B.15 of the Statutes, or have passed a stallion performance test in accordance with (11.3.1).

(13.2) Embryo transfer/OPU ICSI
Donor mares may only be used for an embryo transfer if they are registered in the Studbook I. Mares registered in the Studbook II must additionally have an overall score of at least 6.0 in the exterior evaluation in accordance with B.15 of the Statutes, or have passed a mare performance test in accordance with (11.3.2).

(13.3) Cloning
Cloning techniques are allowed in the breeding program. Clones and their offspring may be registered in the Studbook and participate in the breeding program.

Assignment of a name upon registration in the Studbook
The assignment of names for clones shall be conducted centrally via the FN Breeding Division at the request of the breeding associations.
The name of a clone must never be the name of the donor animal. Upon foal registration or entry in the Studbook, the clone shall be given the following name:
"Individual name of the clone" with ["Clone (name of donor animal)"] added in brackets – for example, "Pegaso (clone Prometea)". Only individual names are permitted for clones; name additions such as α, β,χ or I, II, III are not permitted.

14. Consideration of health issues, genetic defects or special characteristics
Stallions may only be registered in the Stallion Books I and II and mares may only be registered in the Studbooks I and II if they do not show any health-impairing characteristics (Annex 1).

As of 2019, all stallions registered – or to be registered – in the Stallion Book I or Stallion Book II must be genetically tested for the hereditary disease "Warmblood Fragile Foal Syndrome" (WFFS). The status of the stallion shall be documented in the zootechnical certificate and in the Studbook, and shall also be published on the Verband website. The result has no impact on the stallion's registration.

15. Breeding value estimation
Breed value estimations are carried out according to generally accepted and scientifically proven methods. Differences in performance that are not genetically determined must be ruled out to the extent possible.

The Oldenburg Verband is responsible for carrying out breeding value assessments and has commissioned the FN with this task. This in turn is carried out on the FN's behalf by the VIT (Vereinigte Informationssysteme Tierhaltung w.V.) data centre in Verden.

The current valid breeding values can be found on the FN's website (www.jahrbuch-zucht.de).

FN breeding value estimation
Every year, assessments are carried out on German horses to determine their estimated breeding value with regard to dressage and jumping. Information on performance and pedigree forms the data basis of the breeding value estimation model.
The performance data for breeding value estimations for competitive sport includes the results from competitions, and takes into account all dressage and jumping competitions up to class S that were recorded with TORIS after 1 January 1995.

The scores that young horses achieve in dressage and/or show jumping tests are included in the breeding value estimation for young horse tests. Information from mare performance tests, stallion performance tests and assessment tests for stallions will also be factored.
In addition to performance data, the ancestry data from at least two generations is also added and used for family linkage.

The FN breeding value estimation is based on a BLUP (best-linear unbiased prediction) animal multi-trait repeatability model. The estimation process takes the test into account for all characteristics, as well as the factors age x sex, as well as rider's performance class within a year, for the characteristics of the competition sport and the advanced tests. If a rider has at least 50 starts with at least 5 horses within one year, this will be taken into account directly in the model as a separate influencing factor (at least 30 starts with at least 3 horses for advanced tests).

Breeding values shall be estimated for show jumping and dressage competition for each horse as well as breeding values for young horses in dressage and show jumping, for a total of 4 total breeding values.
The breeding values for show jumping and dressage competition are based on the competition data, i.e. rank in the jumping competition and in the dressage competition.
Three partial breeding values will be given for the breeding values for the young horse tests. The jumping value scores in the jumping horse test as well as the evaluation of free jumping and course jumping in the performance test are added to the partial breeding values for jumping. The same applies to dressage: the score from the young dressage horse test, the evaluation of gaits and rideability from the performance tests result in the dressage partial breeding values for the advanced tests, the mare performance test/assessment test and the stallion performance test.

The breeding values for stallions will only be made public if the estimated breeding values for young horse jumping or dressage tests show a certainty of at least 70% and the estimate is based on at least five offspring with individual performances. The breeding values for show jumping and dressage shall be made public if there is at least 70% certainty, if the estimate is based on the individual performances of least five offspring and if the stallions have a published young horse breeding value.

The discipline-specific partial breeding values for stallion performance tests may also be published with less than 70% certainty if the stallion has passed one or more stallion performance tests in the same year.

16. Contracted bodies

Contracted body	Activity
VIT, Verden Heinrich-Schröder-Weg 1, 27283 Verden (Aller), Germany www.vit.de	Studbook Data centre
FN Breeding Division (Bereich Zucht), Warendorf Freiherr-von-Langen-Straße 13, 48231 Warendorf, Germany www.pferd-aktuell.de	Breeding value estimation Coordination Data centre Stallion performance test
Pferdezuchtverband Baden-Württemberg e.V. Am Dolderbach 11, 72532 Gomadingen-Marbach Email: poststelle@pzv.bwl.de, www.pzv-bw.de Pferdezuchtverband Brandenburg-Anhalt e.V. Office: Hauptgestüt 10 a, 16845 Neustadt/Dosse, Germany Email: neustadt@pzvba.de, www.pferde-brandenburg-anhalt.de Email: poststelle@pzv.bwl.de,	Performance test

www.pferde-sachsen-anhalt.de Verband der Pferdezüchter Mecklenburg-Vorpommern e.V. Charles-Darwin-Ring 4, 18050 Rostock, Germany Email:info@pferdezuchtverband-mv.de, www.pferdezuchtverband-mv.de Rheinisches Pferdestammbuch e.V. Wickrath Castle 7, 41189 Mönchengladbach, Germany Email: info@pferdezucht-rheinland.de, www.pferdezucht-rheinland.de Pferdezuchtverband Rheinland-Pfalz-Saar e.V. Am Fohlenhof 1, 67816 Standenbühl, Germany Email: zentrale@pferdezucht-rps.de www.pferdezucht-rps.de Pferdezuchtverband Sachsen-Thüringen e.V. Käthe-Kollwitz-Platz 2, 01468 Moritzburg, Germany Email: info@pzvst.de www.pzvst.de Westfälisches Pferdestammbuch e.V. Sudmühlenstraße 33, 48157 Münster, Germany Email: info@pzvst.de www.westfalenpferde.de Verband der Züchter des Holsteiner Verbandes e.V. Steenbeker Way 151, 24106 Kiel, Germany Email: info@holsteiner-verband.de, www.holsteiner-verband.de Landesverband Bayerischer Pferdezüchter e.V. Landshamer Straße 11, 81929 Munich, Germany Email: info@bayerns-pferde.de, www.bayerns-pferde.de www.pferde-aus-bayern.de Hannoverscher Verband e.V. Lindhooper Str. 92, 27283 Verden, Germany Email:hannoveraner@hannoveraner.com, www.hannoveraner.com Pferdestammbuch Weser-Ems e.V. Grafenhorststrasse 5, 49377 Vechta, Germany Email: info@pferdestammbuch.com www.pferdestammbuch.com Verband der Züchter und Freunde des Ostpreußischen Warmblutpferdes Trakehner Abstammung e.V. Rendsburger Str. 178 a, 24537 Neumünster, Germany Email: info@trakehner-verband.de, www.trakehner-verband.de Zuchtverband für deutsche Pferde e.V. Am Allerufer 28, 27283 Verden, Germany	

Email: info@zfdp.de www.zfdp.de	

17. Further provisions

(17.1) Assignment of a Unique Equine Life Number (UELN)

The UELN is assigned as follows:

DE 433 33 15021 06

Explanations:
DE - Country code for Germany = 276 = DE
433 - Verband code number from year of birth 2000 (before 2000 =333)
3315021 - consecutive number within one year
06 - year of birth (2006)

(17.2) Assignment of a name upon registration in the Studbook

Mares to be registered in Studbook I and stallions to be registered in the Stallion Book I or II should receive a name in addition to UELN. With stallions, this name will have the same initial letter as that of the father. The registration name of Studbook I mares shall begin with the first letter of the dam line.

A name once given to a stallion may no longer be used for any other horse other than a full brother (with the appropriate suffix, II, etc.); otherwise a stallion registered with a "double name" will only be listed with his Universal Equine Life Number in all FN publications. If no offspring of stallions can be proven to have taken part in competitions, these names may be used again after a waiting period (according FN breeding association regulations) (see 17.5).

(17.3) Branding

(17.3.1) Parties responsible for identification marking

Only Verband representatives are authorised to carry out branding for identification purposes.

(17.3.2) Brand

Only foals for which a pedigree certificate is issued may be branded.
Branding is voluntary; the brand shall be placed on the left hindquarters.

The following brand is issued:



An additional two-digit number shall be branded on the hindquarters, below the brand, at the same time. This number consists of the 12th and 13th digits of the horse’s 15-digit Universal Equine Life Number.

Example:



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The O and the Crown shall be omitted for horses which receive a certificate of birth (according to 10.2.1). Here, only the two-digit number is branded on the left hindquarters.

(17.4) Transponder
Identification of foals by transponders shall be carried out according to B.11.2 and B.11.2.1 of the Statutes.

(17.5) Assignment of a name to an approved stallion
The breeding name for an approved stallion must be approved by the competent breeding association of the FN Breeding Division. **Direct coordination between stallion owners and the FN Breeding Division is not possible.** A name is only considered assigned if it has been approved by the Breeding Division and the stallion was placed in the FN stallion file under this name.

The breeding association shall apply for the name in writing, including the Universal Equine Life Number (UELN) and the names and UELNs of the sire and dam. Once a breeding name has been assigned, it can no longer be changed, i.e. wherever the stallion appears as a breeding horse, the entire name registered in the FN stallion file will always be used under his Universal Equine Life Number (UELN). This shall be independent of whether the stallion goes by another name in competitions.

The FN does not check the rights of third parties when issuing stallion names.

If a stallion name is used without approval from the FN Breeding Division, the stallion will be listed as a breeding horse in the FN stallion file with the designation "name not approved" (e.g. in the FN Breeding Yearbook, or in his offspring's pedigrees).

A name is considered suspended if it or a name very similar in spelling or phonetics has already been issued. On a case-by-case basis, a phonetically homophonic name may be approved if different spellings are used, provided that the approval is obtained from the breeders' association which registered the original name.
Additional letters and prefixes, i.e. name additions **before** the stallion name, are not permitted.

Suffixes, i.e. name additions after the stallion name, are permitted, however they are not protected with regard to breeders or breeding locations. Suffixes and additional letters with reference to the stallion owner, stable, and/or breeder's association **after** the stallion name shall only be approved by the breeding association if the name can also be released without additions. These approved name extensions and additional letters are part of the stallion name and must be adopted by all breeding associations when the stallion is registered in the Studbook, even if the stallion's ownership has changed in the meantime.
Arabic and Roman numerals as well as abbreviations and special characters are not permitted as name additions. The name itself may not be an abbreviation.

Suspension will be lifted for names of stallions who have left the breeding program and who have not had any annual profit from offspring for 15 years. If the stallion is not registered in a breeding association's studbook within four years of the name reservation, the name will be released from reservation.

Once a breeding name has been assigned to a stallion, it can only be changed if the first licensing or first registering breeding association agrees to the name change and the stallion has not yet been used for breeding.

Breeding associations may block individual names. These are to be communicated in writing to the Breeding Division.

Names may not be reserved for stallions that have not yet been licensed.

(2) Exemptions
a) Names of English thoroughbred, trotter and Arabian stallions generally shall be retained.

b) Stallions which are already listed in the studbook of an association of origin which is not an FN member may retain their stallion name if the corresponding country code of the UELN is added to the name.
c) Stallions which were registered with an FN member breeding association, and which had been registered abroad and used for breeding there but are not listed in the studbook of the original breeding association, may retain the name they acquired abroad. In addition to the name, however, they will be assigned the corresponding UELN country code of the foreign breeding association.
d) A name given for a stallion may be used for full brothers of this stallion when provided with the corresponding Roman numeral.
e) Stallions who have already achieved success in S class level tests upon registration in the FN stallion database can continue to use their sport name in breeding, even if it has already been assigned.

(17.6) Proof of performance through above-average breeding performance
A stallion must have 10 points according to the following table to be considered performance tested. Official proof must be presented by the respective breeding association or organiser.

Breeding performance

Designation	**Points**	**Remarks**
A licensed son with an FN member breeding association	2	
Daughter State Premium candidate, or a registration score of at least 7.5, or the mare performance test score of at least 7.5	1	
Daughter / son with 5 registered TSP placings in dressage, show jumping or eventing in class M	2.5	
Daughter / son with participation in the final at the Bundeschampionat for German Riding Horses, German Dressage Horses, German Show Jumpers or German Eventing Horses, or at the World Championship for Young Horses in dressage or show jumping, or a final placing in the top third of the World Eventing Championship for Young Horses	2.5	
A total breeding value of the FN breeding value estimate of at least 130 points	10	

(17.7) Veterinary standards for approvals of German riding horse breeds, selection criteria, composition of the veterinary commission and appointment of an arbitration commission of veterinarians

Record of the clinical examination of a stallion

1. Owner: Cat. No. Pre-selection

2. Name of horse: Date of birth:

3. Life number: Chip number:

☐ Markings compared

4. Color: Sire: Dam's Sire:

5. Prior illnesses/ operations ☐ none ☐ yes ☐ Explanation by owner submitted

Medications in the last 6 weeks

6. Vaccine protection, entered in equine passport ☐ Influenza ☐ Herpes ☐ Tetanus ☐ Other:

7. Witness of the examination:

Examination

8. Grooming and state of nutrition ☐ n.a.f. Peculiarities:

9. Skin and scars (e.g. scars from operations, umbilical hernia, etc.) ☐ n.a.f. Peculiarities:

10. Head, neck, trunk area; back-inspection and palpatory ☐ n.a.f. Peculiarities:

11. Incisors ☐ n.a.f. Peculiarities:

Parrot mouth (less than 50 % alignment, with head in normal resting position) ☐ no ☐ yes

12. Eyes (in a darkened room) ☐ n.a.f. Peculiarities:

13. Testis consistence right ☐ firm-elastic ☐ soft
left ☐ firm-elastic ☐ soft

size right ☐ goose egg ☐ duck egg ☐ chicken ☐ egg smaller than chicken egg
left ☐ goose egg ☐ duck egg ☐ chicken egg ☐ smaller than chicken egg

Peculiarities:

14. Prepuce, scrotum ☐ n.a.f. Peculiarities:

15. Circulatory and respiratory system at rest (incl. auscultation) ☐ n.a.f. Peculiarities:

16. Spontaneous coughing ☐ not present ☐ present

Life number of the horse			
17. Inspection and palpation of limbs	FL		FR
	HL		HR
18. Posture, hoof, shape of hoof	☐ n.a.f.	Peculiarities:	
19. Shoeing	☐ no	☐ front	☐ hind
Peculiarities:			
20a. Examination of walk and trot in hand, straight forward, on hard ground	☐ n.a.f.	Peculiarities:	
20b. Trot in a circle on soft and hard ground on both reins	☐ n.a.f.	Peculiarities:	
20c. Reining back	☐ n.a.f.	Peculiarities:	
20d. Tight turns	☐ n.a.f.	Peculiarities:	
21. Neurological disturbances: Signs of ataxic movements, stringhalt, staggers/shivering	☐ no	☐ yes	
22. Examination while exercising until intensive breathing occurs	☐ n.a.f.	Peculiarities:	
23. Respiratory sound during and after exercise	☐ no	☐ inspiratory	☐ expiratory
23a. Laryngoscopy with sedation (imperative if there is a respiratory sound) Larynx (movement of the arytenoid cartilage)	☐ synchronous with complete abduction of the arytenoid cartilage		
	☐ asynchronous with complete abduction of the arytenoid cartilage		
	☐ asynchronous with incomplete abduction of the arytenoid cartilage		
	Other findings:		
2nd laryngoscopy on_____ Findings:			
24. Auscultation of heart and lungs after work	☐ n.a.f.	Peculiarities:	
25. Blood specimens for EVA examination	☐ on _____		
26. Further examinations:			
Re-examination necessary	☐ no	☐ yes due to:	

Date of examination	Name of veterinarian (block letters)	Signature, stamp of veterinarian

Instruction sheet for the veterinarian
Preparation of radiographs for the first licensing

Only digital radiographs are to be submitted on usb-stick to the respective contracted clinic of the breeding association concerned. The current **standard is DICOM 3.0.** A good quality of the radiographs is a prerequisite for a correct veterinary interpretation. The standard required in the currently valid X-ray guide is expected. If X-ray findings are recognisable that require precise clarification by means of additional radiographs, these must be provided. In the case of young stallion licensing, x-rays which are no more than 3 months old at the time of licensing are valid.

All **22 x-rays** must be labelled in a document-proof and unmistakable manner during production. The assignment to a horse must be possible without any doubt. All radiographs must be labelled accordingly:

Owner of the horse or client
Name or pedigree of the horse
Life number, age, sex
Date of recording
Manufacturer of the radiographs
The following radiographs are to be taken in accordance with the currently valid X-ray Guidelines and with and with side markings on the sedated horse without horseshoes:

Forelimb (both sides)
- Hoof 90°
- Toe 90°
- Toe 0°
- Hoof 0° according to Oxspring (with illustration of the fetlock joint gap)

Hind limb (both sides)
- Toe 90°
- Toe 0°
- Hock joint 0°
- Hock joint approx. 45°
- Hock joint approx. 135°
- Knee approx. 90°
- Knee 180°

The date of submission of the X-ray pictures and the written findings will be determined by the breeding association concerned. Photographs submitted after this date cannot be considered for organisational reasons and the stallion will be excluded from the licensing.

The X-Ray Commission reserves the right to request additional radiographs for better interpretation. X-rays that are defective in terms of quality and technique must be repeated in any case. If the radiographs do not meet the minimum technical and quality requirements, a stallion cannot be recommended for admission to the licensing event. In order to protect the exhibitors of the stallions, the organiser and the veterinarians from liability claims, the X-Ray Commission depends on good quality for the assessment of the X-Rays.

OLDENBURGER VERBAND

CONFIRMATION

about performed operations

Catalogue number (pre-selection): _____

Pedigree

Sire: _____ Dam sire: _____

Owner: _____

Life No.: _____

Colour: _____

The following procedures were performed on the horse: (if yes, please enclose OP report and X-rays)

Arthroscopy (chip surgery) ☐ no

☐ yes, if yes, please indicate the operated joints and

please enclose X-ray images before surgery and surgery report

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Navel correction	☐ no	☐ yes
Colic - surgery	☐ no	☐ yes
Tail correction	☐ no	☐ yes
Cripping Surgery	☐ no	☐ yes
Laryngeal Piper Surgery (Vocal Cord Correction)	☐ no	☐ yes
Buck hoof / tendon stump foot surgery	☐ no	☐ yes
Correction of other malpositions	☐ no	☐ yes

Other interventions: _____

The owner(s) confirm(s) that the stallion does not show any signs of weaving or coupling.

The stallion has never been denied admission to licensing or auction due to veterinary findings, nor has he not been licensed for these reasons.

Failed sales negotiations due to veterinary findings must be reported in writing to Oldenburger Pferde-Vermarktungs GmbH in advance of the main licensing.

_____ _____

Place, date Signature of the owner

Selection criteria

A stallion is **not fit for approval** if he exhibits one of the following radiological findings:

- an OCD finding and/or an indentation in the knee joint, or
- OCD in both hocks, or
- loose chips of bone in more than 3 joints, or
- moderate to severe bone spavin, or
- cystoid lesions

A stallion is likewise **not fit for approval** if he exhibits one of the following radiological findings:

- laryngeal hemiplegia (grade 3 or higher according to Ohnesorge) or
- clear signs (grade 2 or higher of 5) of ataxia, or
- equine recurrent uveitis (periodic eye inflammation), or
- clear clinical signs of sweet itch, or
- club foot, or
- overbite or underbite (less than 50% friction surface), or
- testicular deficiency

A stallion is likewise **not fit for breeding** if one of the following operations has been performed on the basis of corresponding findings:

- Cribbing or
- crooked tail or
- whistling or
- contracted tendon/club foot or
- neurectomy or
- equine recurrent uveitis (periodic eye inflammation)
- cryptorchidism

Comments:

- *The testicles of riding horse stallions are ideally the size of a goose egg; a testicle the size of a chicken egg may pose cause for concern. However, riding horse stallions with testicles the size of chicken eggs can be tested for semen quality, in accordance with guarantee provisions,after a health examination and before licensing.*

Composition of the veterinary commission

- at least 2 veterinarians specialising in equine medicine

Appointment of an arbitration commission of veterinarians

Arbitration commission of veterinarians

1. An arbitration commission will handle questionable or controversial findings (from a veterinary standpoint) when stallions are admitted for licensing, giving priority to the radiological findings. The associations are free to commission specialists for clinical or andrological issues.

2. In this case, the association usually will appoint three members to this commission from outside the relevant breeding association.

3. The appointment is made every four years by the Breeding Advisory Board of the German Equestrian Federation (FN) - the proposals come from the Arbeitskreis der Verbandstierärzte (working group of Verband veterinarians). The following veterinarians are currently appointed to the arbitration commission:
   Dr V. Baltus, Dr H. Steinmann, Dr W. Jahn, Dr M. Köhler, Dr. A Merz

4. The decision of this appointed arbitration commission is binding for admission to the licensing procedure from a veterinary standpoint.

5. The associations may also appeal to the arbitration commission in the event of a dispute concerning radiological assessments with regard to a complaint after sale.

6. The net fee for the members of the arbitration commission for the examination and evaluation of x-ray images is €100 per expert. If the findings confirmed by the arbitration commission, the owner of the stallion must pay the costs thereof; if the findings are changed by the arbitration commission, the relevant breeding association must bear the costs thereof.

Annex 1: List of health-impacting characteristics
Annex 1 (for the Oldenburg breeding program)

Health characteristics	**Examination/ record by.....**	**Maximum grade of schooling**	**Registration provisions: Mares/stallions Studbook sections**	**Monitoring of recorded horses**
Jaw anomalies	Stallions: Examination by a veterinary specialist Mares: Specialist veterinary examination if suspected	The lateral incisors may not protrude from the other teeth by more than 50%. Deviations of one tooth/several teeth, such as crooked teeth, are reasons for exclusion.	Stallions: No approval for licensing or entry in Annex Mares: Studbook II	Annotation in the Studbook
Cryptorchidism/ microorchidism	Stallions: Examination by a veterinary specialist	Both testicles exhibit abnormality in terms of size, shape, firmness or symmetry, and/or have not completely descended into the scrotum	Stallions: No approval for licensing or entry in Annex	Annotation in the Studbook
Osteochondrosis	Stallions: Examination by a veterinary specialist	- 1 OCD finding in the knee joint - 1 OCD finding in the hock and in more than 1 other joint (at least 3 OCD findings altogether)	Stallions: No approval for licensing or entry in Annex	Annotation in the Studbook
Hemiplegia laryngis (paralysis of the larynx)	Stallions with respiratory noises: examination by a veterinary specialist	Paralysis of the larynx	Stallions: No approval for licensing or entry in Annex	Annotation in the Studbook
Heaves (pulmonary emphysema, RAO)	Stallions: Examination by a veterinary specialist Mares: Specialist veterinary examination if suspected	Veterinary diagnosis	Stallions: No approval for licensing or entry in Annex Mares: Studbook II if applicable	Annotation in the Studbook

Periodic eye inflammation (equine recurrent uveitis)	Stallions: Examination by a veterinary specialist Mares: Specialist veterinary examination if suspected	Veterinary diagnosis	Stallions: No approval for licensing or entry in Annex Mares: Studbook II if applicable	Annotation in the Studbook
Cribbing	Statement of the animal's keeper, external signs		Stallions: no approval for licensing or entry in Annex Mares: Studbook II if applicable	Annotation in the Studbook
Ataxia	Stallions: Examination by a veterinary specialist Mares: Specialist veterinary examination if suspected	Veterinary diagnosis	Stallions: No approval for licensing or entry in Annex Mares: Studbook II if applicable	Annotation in the Studbook
Shivers	Stallions: Examination by a veterinary specialist Mares: Specialist veterinary examination if suspected	Veterinary diagnosis	Stallions: No approval for licensing or entry in Annex Mares: Studbook II if applicable	Annotation in the Studbook
Warmblood Foal Fragile Syndrome (WFFS)	Stallions: Genetic test for entry in Stallion Book I or II	Heterozygous carrier of the abnormal gene	No influence on registration	Annotation in the Studbook

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