

Principles for the “Studbook of Origin”  
in accordance with Decision 92/353/EEG  
Deutsche Quarter Horse Association (DQHA)  
for the breed “American Quarter Horse”

The DQHA strived to reflect the interests of the American Quarter Horse Association (the parent organization) while creating these principles. They were written following the example of the AQHA Official Handbook of Rules and Regulations.

**Pedigree Records and Minimal Declarations in the Studbook:**

The studbook must include the following information for every registered horse:

- a. Name and address of breeder and current owner
- b. Name of horse
- c. Universal Equine Life Number (UELN), if available
- d. Date of birth
- e. Gender
- f. Identification (microchip, ID according to VO EEG 504/2008, if available)
- g. Sire and dam including color, UELN and breed
- h. Three generation pedigree, name and UELN
- i. Subdivision of the studbook in which the horse is listed
- j. The breed-certificate’s date of issuance
- k. Date of death (if known, cause of death)
- l. For offspring produced by embryo-transfer, the genetic parents and their DNA- Type
- m. Sires, used in artificial insemination, must be DNA typed; other horses if known.
- n. All known results from official DQHA performance tests and confirmation examinations
- o. Test results of the dominant genetic defects HYPP and PSSM, if available

## **Breeding goal reflecting the criteria stated in Nr 448 of the AQHA Official Handbook**

The breed association, in relation to the American Quarter Horse, aspires to the following breeding ideal:

A versatile horse will be bred, which can be used equally for leisure riding, showing or racing activities. The horse should exhibit a well-balanced conformation, adequate muscling, and structural correctness typical of the breed as well as a hard constitution, endurance, good health and should be easy to care for. Special attention will be paid to the character of the horse. It should be bred and developed to have a kind and willing disposition.

### **Breed and Type description**

Breed:	American Quarter Horse
Size:	14`5 -16`5 Hands
Color	All colors
Conformation:	
Head:	Short, wedge-shaped, shallow mouth area, strong jaw, clean throat latch, straight nose line, wide forehead, large intelligent eyes, small, well-formed and flexible ears
Neck:	appropriately long, flexible poll
Body:	rectangular-form, with a long, well sloped shoulder; short, strong back, appropriate connection to the hindquarters; long sloped hip; withers not too high reaching far into the back, chest proportionately wide and deep, appropriately long legs, strong muscling, in particular into the hindquarters.
Hoofs and legs:	clean, correct, joints not too small, short cannon bones, hard hoofs.
Movement:	rhythmic, harmonic, straight forward movement demonstrating top line strength, self-carriage and a flat ground-covering stride
Special attributes:	kind and willing character, pleasant disposition, calm and intelligent

## Identification and Markings (natural and artificial)

The Identification of horses through the breed association is accomplished according to VO EWG 504/2008 and the following identification criteria:

- a. The name of each registered horse is limited to 20 digits including all spaces and numbers as stated in 214 and 215 of the AQHA Official Handbook.
- b. Photo / illustration (Nr 429)
- c. A fifteen digit alphanumeric, unique Number (UELN)
  - Digits 1 - 3 represent the country of birth
  - Digits 4 - 6 represent the breed association
  - Digits 7 - 13 represent the AQHA ID Number
  - Digits 14 - 15 represent the year of birthThe international Life Number (UELN) cannot be changed und remains with the horse even if recorded in another Studbook or subcategory of the same Studbook

## Scoring system of horses for breeding

Scores will be given for type, conformation, hooves and legs, correctness of gaits and quality of movement

Scoring of conformation and performance will be given in increments of 0,25 points.

<b>10</b> excellent	<b>4</b> unsatisfactory
<b>9</b> very good	<b>3</b> poor
<b>8</b> good	<b>2</b> very poor
<b>7</b> moderately good	<b>1</b> extremely poor
<b>6</b> average	<b>0</b> not scored
<b>5</b> adequate	

The result, a total score, is the mathematical average of the single scores.

Only recognized (breed-) riding tests will be used and scored. Scoring criteria reflect the guidelines as found in the AQHA Rule Book.

Stallion performance tests and mare assessments are single testing days held in an appropriate location.

The standard for the qualification in becoming a breeding stallion or broodmare is the potential for improvement in the riding quality of the breed.

Comparable scoring systems or criteria may be used.

### **Attribute evaluation and calculating the results**

The final score will be calculated from the mathematical average of the attribute scores.

The points from each attribute score will be added together to calculate total points. The final score will be calculated from the total points, divided by 10, laying between 0 and 10 (with 2 decimal places).

<b>Attributes</b>	<b>Wieght of note</b>
Walk	10%
Jog	10%
Lope	10%
Correctness of ride	60%
deportment/ overall impression	10%

If the total score is 7,00 or higher and no single score is under 6,00 the horse will be approved.

### **Subcategories of the studbook**

The studbook is a closed studbook. The studbook is divided into two main sections (stallions and mares) each containing 8 subcategories.

The studbook will contain the pedigrees, performance records and progeny records seperated into two main sections, stallions and mares, respectively.

The horses' performance and conformation records and that of its progeny will be noted under the following listings seperated into the appropriate categories. Comparable accomplishments will be recognized.

For breed improvement, only stallions and mares from registered English Thoroughbreds recognized by the Jockey Club of North American or one of their recognized organizations will be registered in the studbook. However, progeny of two English Thoroughbreds will not be registered or recorded in the studbook.

Main categories	Subcategories
Stallions	I
	II
	Basic
	Classified
	Performance
	Superior
	Futurity / Maturity
	Appendix
Mares	I
	II
	Basic
	Classified
	Performance
	Superior
	Futurity / Maturity
	Appendix

### **Studbook 1, Stallions**

In order to qualify for Studbook 1, stallions must be at least 2 years of age, have a good conformation score, a proven three generation pedigree, a personal performance record and proof of a veterinarian check, including inspection for an over-bite and cryptorchidism.

The conformation score is awarded at an approved stallion inspection and must score at least 7,50 with no single score less than 7,00.

The performance test must be completed with at least a 7,00, no single score being under 6,00.

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### **Studbook 2**

Studbook 2 is open for stallions that are at least 2 years old, have a conformation evaluation, three generation pedigree and a veterinarian check for an over-bite and cryptorchidism.

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### **Basic Studbook**

Stallions with a proven three generation pedigree.

### **Classified Studbook**

Stallions that can only prove their pedigree over one generation.  
(without AQHA rights)

### **Performance Studbook**

Stallions have to be at least two years old, a good performance record (register of merit, ROM) and a proven three generation pedigree.

A ROM must be earned in AQHA performance classes, excluding Showmanship at Halter according to AQHA Official Handbook Rule 423.

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### **Superior Studbook**

In order to qualify for the superior studbook, stallions must be at least two years of age, a superb performance record, good conformation and a proven three generation pedigree.

A superb performance record is defined as the title of superior according to the AQHA Official Handbook. The approved performance classes, excluding Showmanship at Halter listed in the AQHA Official Handbook Nr. 428.

The conformation score must be at least 7,50 in the total score, no single score being under 7,00.

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### **Futurity/ Maturity Studbook**

The stallion must have a proven three generation pedigree.

The Futurity/Maturity Studbook is based on the achievements of the stallion's progeny in the futurity / maturity program. The offspring must earn at least 15 points in a regional or national Futurity / Maturity.

Points are based on the placings of the horse (offspring), according to the total starts. One point will be awarded for every placement lower than the said horse.

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### **Appendix**

English thoroughbred stallions will be enrolled in the Appendix Studbook pending application approval and proven registration in the Jockey Club of North America's studbook or a recognized branch thereof.

Progeny of these stallions will be recorded in the appendix registry. Enrollment in another category in the Studbook can be achieved only through the horse's own performance including conformation achievements.

### **Herd book 1, Mares**

In order to qualify for herd book 1, mares must be at least 3 years of age, a good conformation score, a proven three generation pedigree. The conformation score is awarded at an approved mare inspection and must be at least 7,0 with no single score less than a 6.

The performance test must be completed with at least a 7, no single score being under 6.

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## **Herd book 2**

Herd book 2 is open for mares that are at least 3 years old, a proven three generation pedigree and conformation score from an approved mare inspection.

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## **Basic Herd Book**

Mares with a proven three generation pedigree.

## **Classified Herd book**

Mares that can only prove their pedigree over one generation.  
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## **Performance Herd book**

Mares have to be at least three years old, a very good performance record (ROM) and a proven three generation pedigree.

The ROM must be earned in AQHA performance classes, excluding Showmanship at Halter according to AQHA Official Handbook Rule 423.

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## **Superior Herd book**

In order to qualify for the superior herd book, mares must be at least three years of age, a superb performance record, good conformation and a proven three generation pedigree.

A superb performance record is defined as the title of superior according to the AQHA Official Handbook. The approved performance classes, excluding Showmanship at Halter listed in the AQHA Official Handbook Nr. 428.

The conformation score must be at least 7 in the total score, no single score being under 6.

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## **Futurity/ Maturity Herd book**

The mare must have a proven three generation pedigree.

The Futurity/Maturity Herd book is based on the achievements of the mare's progeny in the futurity / maturity program. The offspring must earn at least 15 points in a regional or national Futurity / Maturity.

Points are based on the placings of the horse (offspring), according to the total starts. One point will be awarded for every placement lower than the said horse.

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English thoroughbred mares will be enrolled in the Appendix Herd book pending application approval and proven registration in the Jockey Club of North America's herd book or a recognized branch thereof.

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### **Footnotes:**

- <sup>1</sup> Comparable performance records will be recognized
- <sup>2</sup> The veterinarian examination required of a breeding animal must include the examination for Cryptorchidism and an over-bite as well as the AQHA relevant genetic dominant defects (PSSM and HYPP)
- <sup>3</sup> The veterinarian examination required of a breeding animal must include the examination of the teeth for an over-bite as well as the AQHA relevant genetic dominant defects (PSSM and HYPP)
- <sup>4</sup> Horse are not allowed to be known carriers of the American Quarter Horse relevant genetic defects (PSSM and HYPP)

These principles used in the Studbook of origin and all updates or changes can be found in German and English on the DQHA homepage ([www.dqha.de](http://www.dqha.de))