

## HARNESS BREEDING – INFORMATION SHEET

### INFORMATION PRIOR TO BREEDING

- a) **BREEDER** - Prior to serving your broodmare, you will need to ensure that the ownership has been transferred into your name. As per the [Australian Trotting Stud Book](#), the definition of the breeder of the foal is the owner or lessee of the mare at the last day of service. All future breeding bonuses will be paid accordingly, and amendments cannot be made after the fact. If you have any issues or concerns with registration paperwork, please contact Racing Services immediately.
- b) **STALLIONS** – Please see the Racing WA site for a list of currently registered WA [stallions](#). Please note that all stallion registrations are undertaken by Harness Racing Australia, the list is provided for reference only.
- c) **INDUSTRY BODY** – WA Standardbred Breeders [WASBA](#) & WA Breeders, Owners, Trainers and Reinspersons Association [BOTRA](#) are the industry bodies for standardbred breeding in WA.
- d) **CONTROLLING BODY** – Racing WA is the controlling body/Principal Racing Authority in WA and is responsible for ensuring that all breeding is undertaken in line with the Rules of Racing. If you have any queries or issues, please contact us **prior** to breeding.

### THE BREEDING PROCESS

- a) **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** – The Certificate of Service is issued by Racing WA direct to the Stud/Studmaster in April/May of each year. When your mare is close to foaling down you will need to liaise with the Studmaster to organise the relevant paperwork to register your foal, if not already received. This is an important step as early notification results in a discounted registration fee and compliance with the relevant Rule of Racing.  
*\*Please note that Racing WA only issues Certificates of Service for stallions domiciled in WA, if your mare has been served by a stallion domiciled in another State, the relevant State Controlling body will release that Certificate of Service.*

### REGISTERING A FOAL

- a) **NOTIFICATION OF FOAL** – Once your foal has been born you will need to submit the completed foaling notification (via the Certificate of Service) within 35 days of birth, to Racing WA with the relevant [fee](#). All foals born in WA must be notified with Racing WA to ensure that Westbred eligibility is maintained.
- b) **MICROCHIPPING & DNA** – The registration fee encompasses the costs for the Racing WA registered vet to microchip the foal and collect a DNA sample. The vet will contact the person nominated on the paperwork to organise accordingly.
- c) **REGISTERED VET** – West Coast Veterinary Hospital are the Racing WA registered vet and therefore for foals born after 2021 they are the only vet approved for microchipping and DNA standardbreds in WA.
- d) **BRANDING** – While branding is no longer part of the Racing WA process, owners are still permitted to shoulder brand their foals for visual identification, the brand will need to be registered with [DAFWA](#) and Racing WA will need to be notified accordingly.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Additional fees will apply to NZ imported mares that require a DNA sample.

### CONTACT US

For clarification on the above information or if you wish to speak to somebody, please contact our office on (08) 9445 5558 (Option 2). Alternatively, you can email us on [licreginfo@rwwa.com.au](mailto:licreginfo@rwwa.com.au).