



THE
THOROUGHBRED
BREEDERS'
ASSOCIATION

Breeding Guide:

Administration and Traceability

Supporting breeders with important information to fulfil their legal obligations as horse owners and keepers along with key deadlines for General Stud Book (GSB) registration processes.



A warm welcome to the thoroughbred breeding industry



If you are thinking about or are new to thoroughbred breeding, the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA) is here to support you with advice and guidance as you embark on this exciting journey. We will help you lay the foundations for sustainable breeding practices that will bring much enjoyment as well as a great sense of achievement in nurturing life-long bonds between you and the thoroughbred families you produce.

We hope the following information provides a helpful introduction to some of the key processes required. The TBA takes a proactive role in supporting breeders to maintain and exceed the highest possible standards of equine health and wellbeing on stud farms across Britain, including the provision of written guidance materials; educational events and resources; industry representation at Government level; and regular notifications on veterinary matters or regulatory changes.

For the industry, equine welfare is of the utmost importance and the fullest possible traceability is a crucial component of the thoroughbred sector's maintenance of its social licence to operate. The registration processes you will read about are vital to the industry in evidencing the location and person(s) responsible for thoroughbreds at all life stages.

In addition to the legislation which is applicable to all horse owners, there are the registration deadlines and requirements of the General Stud Book (GSB) maintained by Weatherbys, as well as the rules of the regulator, the British Horseracing Authority (BHA). We have included a timeline of some of these legal requirements, to ensure that as a breeder, you are not not subject to financial penalties; that the horse is not excluded from potentially profitable incentive schemes; or in extreme circumstances, that the horse is precluded entry from the GSB, thereby becoming ineligible to race.

Please use the below QR code to access a full range of guidance and educational resources for breeders

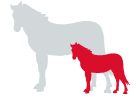


We are here to help so please use us. I would encourage anyone with questions to get in touch with our very friendly team, drop into our offices at Stanstead House in Newmarket or introduce yourself during the bloodstock sales or at TBA events.

We look forward to meeting you and being part of your breeding journey.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'CS', representing Claire Sheppard.

CLAIRE SHEPPARD, TBA CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Timeline of key dates for breeders



OTHER ACTIONS

- 30 day foal notification
- Horse name registration
- Change of location
- Transfer of ownership
- Initial and annual stallion registration
- Equine influenza vaccinations – upload to vaccination app
- Broodmare registration
- Notification of deceased equines

Legal responsibilities of horse owners and keepers

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It is a legal responsibility of the new owner to notify the Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO), which is the GSB at Weatherbys for thoroughbreds, of a **transfer of ownership** within **30 days** of any transaction taking place. Return the paper passport to Weatherbys for the record to be completed. It is also a legal requirement of the owner to raise a **deceased notification** with the PIO when a horse has died or has been put to sleep, which should be done within **30 days**. Forward the paper passport to Weatherbys for invalidation (it can then be returned to the owner if desired).

It is a legal obligation for all horses in Britain to be microchipped and to have a paper passport (by six months of age or before 30 November, whichever is later). For thoroughbreds, **foal notification** must be submitted with the GSB within **30 days** of birth and **foal registration** should be completed by 31 July (in order to secure the lower fee), which will ensure that the thoroughbred is eligible to race. The passport must accompany the horse at all times, i.e. when travelling.

The passport should be signed by the owner/keeper or the attending veterinary surgeon to indicate that the horse is not intended for slaughter for human consumption, which will ensure that the thoroughbred is eligible to be declared to race in Britain and that a range of **veterinary medicinal products** can be administered without having to be recorded in the passport.

For further instruction regarding the above, email studbook@weatherbys.co.uk.

The current Digital Identification and Traceability Policy Reform may bring about changing requirements.

The TBA is working alongside Government with the objective of delivering simplified and workable improvements to the current equine passport system.



Benefits of TBA membership and educational opportunities



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GETTING STARTED

There are a number of useful resources on the TBA website, such as the Broodmare Ownership Guide and the Equine Welfare Guidelines for the Thoroughbred Breeding Sector. Additionally, a member of the TBA team would be pleased to talk to breeders and guide them through registration processes and deadlines.

STUD FARMING COURSE

This annual three-day course covers a broad range of topics on thoroughbred care and stud farm practices, delivered by recognised experts in each field. The course provides a comprehensive introduction to the thoroughbred breeding sector for new industry participants and stud employees alike, along with the opportunity to join guided visits to a stud, equine hospital and other industry facilities.

TB-Ed

The TBA's e-learning platform has a range of educational materials, including courses with industry CPD points, videos and podcasts. New resources are being added on a frequent basis and the Stud Administration and Business Essentials courses would be a helpful overview for industry entrants. Visit www.tb-ed.co.uk

GREAT BRITISH BONUS (GBB)

The Great British Bonus (GBB) is an industry-wide prize scheme with the primary aim of encouraging the breeding and ownership of British-bred Flat and Jumps fillies. Owners, breeders and connections of winning GBB-registered fillies can win up to £20,000 in bonuses per eligible race. The benefits of the scheme are being felt across the industry as demand for – and value of – British-bred fillies increases. Visit www.greatbritishbonus.co.uk

HBLB INTERNATIONAL CODES OF PRACTICE

The thoroughbred industry follows the HBLB International Codes of Practice to support with equine infectious disease control and prevention. TBA members can request a hard copy of the booklet by calling or emailing the TBA office. Visit <https://codes.hblb.org.uk/>

TBA membership offers GBB discounts, business guidance and support, exclusive events and training courses, the Breeders' Badge Scheme and a host of other benefits. Visit thetba.co.uk/join-us for the full list of membership benefits and details of how to join.

Meet some of the team



ALIX JONES

Membership Executive

Often the first point of contact for TBA members, Alix is responsible for overseeing the membership database, coordinating the finer details of events, signposting members to appropriate professional advisors and responding to general enquiries.



CAROLINE TURNBULL

Industry Education and Retention Manager

Caroline and her team oversee the educational initiatives of the TBA, including the development of resources for the e-learning platform, TB-Ed (www.tb-ed.co.uk) and the coordination of events such as the Stud Farming Course.



VICTORIA MURRELL

Equine Health and Welfare Manager

Victoria develops workstreams to support and raise awareness of the thoroughbred breeding industry's high standards of equine health and welfare; including directing funding and resource to equine infectious disease surveillance, the distribution of the HBLB International Codes of Practice, foal crop traceability analysis and veterinary research projects of specific interest to breeders.



CHARLIE NEWTON

GBB Operations Executive

Charlie looks after the day-to-day running of the Great British Bonus (GBB) Scheme. Her role includes attending all major sales, overseeing of the registration deadlines and marketing as well as reporting back to industry stakeholders. She is the first point of contact for all GBB related enquiries.

The TBA Trustees and Executive team are supported by a network of Regional Representatives who can be linked with new members to share their local insight and broad knowledge of TBA benefits and services.

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