



Gotland Registry Services (GRS)

Purebred Gotland & **SPORT** Gotlands

RULES & REGULATIONS

Last up dated [April 1st, 2021](#)

PLEASE NOTE: ANY required fees must be received in full by GRS in order to process any application, transfer, assignment or notice of change.

General GRS Rules and Regulations below in black text apply the same to all partbred "SPORT" Gotlands with the following exceptions in GREEN:

DNA Parentage Testing is NOT required for Sport Gotlands. Instead, applicant must complete and submit a GRS Statement of Parentage.

1. NEW REGISTRATION - Application

1.1 Application Form – please complete the two page New Registration Application Form, front and back and return with required signatures and fees.

1.2 DNA Parentage – Purebred Colts/Stallions and Fillies/Mares (not required for Geldings with no progeny or Sport Gotlands) – To be approved for entry into the GRS registry, the sire and dam to must have been previously recorded in a studbook recognized by the GRS's registry or from stock directly descended from studbook stock, verifiable through parentage DNA.

1.2.1 DNA Test Results - Unless an applicant opts out in writing by letter via hard copy postal mail, test results provided to GRS will be added to the GRS database and the reports may be shared or published for proof of parentage. This includes lab reports sampled through GRS or test reports made available to GRS by an owner or previous owner of the sampled individual.

1.3. Licenses & Inspections are Not required because by nature Inspections erode the diversity of an endangered gene pool. However, breeders are encouraged to breed to their Breed Standard to preserve unique breed characteristics and select for good conformation.

1.4. Names & Prefixes- Ponies must be registered with a unique name, Breeders are encouraged to use a breeder's prefix. Permission will not be granted to use a prefix or individual name that has been previously allocated to another breeder. A name may be reused only with a different prefix or variation. If a pony has previously been registered, GRS reserves the right to require the same registered name be used to avoid creating dual identities and distorting census figures.

1.5. Identification - Each Pony must be uniquely and permanently identified. Such identification requires DNA typing in addition to natural and/or acquired markings. Natural markings include color, white markings, color patterns and whorls. Acquired markings may include but are not limited to scars, freeze or hot brands, tattoos, microchips. Natural and Acquired Identifications shall be drawn on Page 2 of the backside of the New Application.

1.6 Photo Identification – Satisfactory photographs of the pony must be provided with the owner's application (in hard copy or electronically as e-attachments) for any

registration in the GRS Breed database. Photos must include: Full front, full rear, side view left & right, plus additional photos of markings. Registrar reserves the right to request additional photos, particularly different views/angles of leg markings.

1.7. Artificial Insemination & Embryo Transfers - Ponies conceived by AI, or as the result of embryo or oocyte transfer will be treated no differently than those conceived by in-hand or pasture breeding since DNA proves parentage, however such conceptions will be noted on the registration and in the file.

1.8. DNA Responsibility - While GRS may aid applicants in the process of securing DNA, the cost of mandatory genetic testing or re-testing and the responsibility to provide satisfactory DNA parentage lies with the applicant.

1.9. New Application Denial - GRS may refuse an application for registration, or cancel the registration of a previously registered animal.

1.10 Policy concerning Establishment of Ownership of a Pony providing proof of ownership of a horse is the responsibility of the applying owner. It is the responsibility of the buyer(s) and seller(s) to ascertain the legal ownership of the horse. If basis for a discrepancy or objection is provided in writing to GRS, GRS will suspend, revoke or change a registration certificate based until the matter is resolved with legal proof. In no case will the GRS become involved in a dispute between parties for ownership.

2. TRACKING REGISTRATION = DUAL REGISTRATION

2.1. Assignment of GRS BREED Tracking # - Please complete the appropriate GRS BREED form and return with required signatures and fees along with a COPY of a previous or existing registration from other qualifying organizations. Additionally, a copy of a satisfactory DNA parentage report is required.

To maintain an accurate census of the breed population, Dual registration does not involve the alteration of a previous registration of an individual listed in any recognized breed stud book, i.e. original and/or mother registering society. Such individuals may be included in the GRS, under a GRS BREED Tracking number that includes the letter "T", clearly identifying the Pony as a dual-registration.

2.1. Tracking Application Denial - The GRS may refuse an application for Tracking Registration, or cancel the registration of a previously registered animal, where it has justifiable cause to doubt that animal's eligibility for registration.

3. NOTICE of TRANSFER of a GRS Registration Certificate

3.1. GRS Transfer Form - [For previously registered GRS ponies only](#). The seller and new owner must complete this form to show new ownership. The new owner must send both the Transfer Form signed by previous owner and new owner along with the original GRS papers back to GRS for processing.

If ownership has changed but the pony was never registered with GRS, this is considered a Tracking Registration (see Section 2) if applying for dual registration or a New Registration because it is new to GRS (see Section 1).

3.2. Gaps in Ownership Transfer Paperwork - Where the currently recorded owner is deceased the transfer can be completed by an authorized agent or representative of the estate. Where it is otherwise not possible to obtain the authorization of the current or last known recorded owner, then a Sales Declaration, Bill of Sale, or copy of a Sales Contract must be provided to GRS by the new owner

to confirm the completion of a bona fide sale. GRS reserves the right to waive the need for a solid paper trail under certain conditions and where new ownership rights seem clear. Contact the GRS Registrar for details.

4. NOTICE of CHANGE

There is no fee for the following Notice of Change forms. The original certificate of registration is required to be returned to GRS to make any of the following changes:

4.1 NOTICE of CHANGE – COLOR OR MARKINGS – In an effort to be as accurate as possible, GRS encourages owners to make updates and/or corrections to any color in coat, patterns, hoof colors, or permanent natural or acquired markings. Please use GRS Notice of Change – Color or Markings and return your registration for an official notation whereupon the updated certificate will be mailed back to you.

4.2 NOTICE of CHANGE – TO GELDING - Notifying GRS about a change to Gelding status helps to maintain the integrity of accurate Census information for your endangered breed. Please complete GRS Form Notice of Change – Change to Gelding and return your registration for an official notation whereupon the updated certificate will be mailed back to you.

4.3 NOTICE of CHANGE – DEATH – Notifying GRS of mortalities helps to maintain the integrity of accurate Census information for your endangered breed. Please complete GRS Form Notice of Change – Death.

4.4 NOTICE of LEASE AGREEMENT for Mare or Stallion

- MARE LEASE – Designated Breeder

- STALLION LEASE – Designated Stallion Agent

To assign breeder rights for (1) a Mare Lease for the purpose of naming someone other than the dam's legal owner as *Designated Breeder* or (2) to recognize a someone other than the stallion's legal owner as *Designated Stallion Agent*, the Owner and Lessee must complete a **GRS Notice of Lease Agreement** authorizing the assignment of a Designated Breeder or a Designated Stallion Agent if either are other than the owner.

GRS provides a simple Notice of Lease Agreement form to record the parties' names, the mare's information, a beginning date the lease took effect and a termination date.

This same form allows GRS to recognize the Designated Breeder or Designated Stallion Agent's authority to sign all pertinent documents pertaining to the registration of any of foals conceived during the lease period in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Central Registry Services Group. Upon the expiration of said period, the Designated Breeder or Stallion Agent's authority is terminated.

If the pony is jointly owned and ownership is designated by "and," all owners must sign as Lessor.

If the mare is subsequently sold to the Lessee, a properly executed GRS Transfer Form must be filed to show the change of ownership from the Owner to the Lessee. If said mare is sold to anyone other than the Lessee prior to registering her foals, a written notice declaring the termination for the Lease Agreement must be submitted to the GRS office before can register any offspring from said mare.

Enforcement against the Lessee regarding limitations on use of the pony and ownership of its progeny is solely the responsibility of the Owner.

The original GRS Notice of Lease Agreement with the original signatures of the owner AND the lessee), must be filed with the GRS and must be on file prior *to or at the time* of registering any foals produced during this lease agreement.

There is no charge to file a lease or to give notice of a termination of lease whether it is automatic or by subsequent notice thereof.

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