

Knabstrupperforeningen *for Danmark*



General Rules

CHAPTER 1 – THE SOCIETY’S NAME, DOMICILE AND PURPOSE

§ 1. Name, Domicile, Logo and Organisational Relation.

1. The name of the Society is Knabstrupperforeningen for Danmark, and its physical location is the at any point sitting Chairman’s address.
2. The Society’s logo is a K surrounded by a shield. The logo is the Society’s branding mark.
3. The Society’s members are entitled to use the Society’s logo. The logo is protected by copyright.
4. Knabstrupperforeningen for Danmark is affiliated to Landsudvalget for Heste, which has been founded by DeDanske Landboforeninger and Dansk Familielandbrug.
5. Knabstrupperforeningen for Danmark is per 24th September 1998 EU recognised by Fødevaredirektoratet (Danish DEFRA).
6. Knabstrupperforeningen for Danmark is EU recognised as the holder of the original stud book for Knabstruppers, see letter of 18.04.2002 from Fødevaredirektoratet.

§ 2. Purpose.

1. The Knabstrupper is an old Danish heritage breed. The Society’s purpose is to preserve and promote breeding of the Knabstrupper; in order to preserve and produce the spotted Knabstrupper of riding type according to a standard agreed at the General Assembly. Promotion of this purpose will include the keeping of a stud book, organisation of gradings, registration, compulsory branding, progeny showings, publication of a magazine, home page, a sales list, research and cooperation and presentation at shows and similar events.

CHAPTER 2 – THE SOCIETY’S MEMBERS

§ 3. Members.

1. Anyone with an interest in the aims of the Society can become a member. The Society can accept associate members. Only full members have the right to vote at the General Assembly, and only full members can present animals for grading, performance assessment and the like. Membership is not mandatory for registration/inclusion into the stud book. Notice of departure from the Society must be given to either the Chairman or the Treasurer.
2. The membership is personal and by name, although societies and similar can be accepted as supporting members without voting rights.
3. There must be no preference or discrimination between breeders.
4. Members must agree that data registered either about the member or the member’s horse(s) can be used freely by Knabstrupperforeningen for fulfilment of the Society’s purpose as well as its obligations in connection with its affiliation to Landsudvalget for Heste and the underlying Landskontoret for Heste. Such permission cannot subsequently be rescinded even on departure from Knabstrupperforeningen.

§ 4. Membership Fee.

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1. The amount of the membership fee is fixed at each year's General Assembly. The membership fee is paid for one financial year at a time. The Society's Board is entitled to dismiss the member following a reminder of outstanding payment, but this does not free the member from outstanding payments. The membership fee must be paid by the 1st February to be eligible for voting rights at the General Assembly.

CHAPTER 3 – THE SOCIETY'S MANAGEMENT - THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE BOARD

§ 5. The Society's Management.

1. The Society's arms are the General Assembly, the Board and auditors.

§ 6. General Assembly.

1. The General Assembly is the Society's highest authority.
2. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) takes place each year before the end of March and is called with 14 days written notice. The Board determines the location of the AGM. When practical it should take place on Sealand every third year.
3. The agenda must include the following points:
 1. Election of Chair and two vote counters.
 2. Account of the Society's activities by the Chairman.
 3. Presentation of revised accounts by the Treasurer.
 4. Consideration of petitions put forward.
 5. Fixing of the membership fee.
 6. Election of Board, auditors and alternates.
 7. Any other business.
4. Petitions to be considered at the AGM must be presented in writing to the Chairman before the end of January. Petitions regarding changes in rules must have the exact formulation and where they are to be inserted as well as what the petition may be replacing. In petitions concerning changes in rules where the point of insertion or formulation is unclear, the Board will determine the final formulation and point of insertion. Petitions received must be sent to all members together with the written notice of the AGM.

§ 7. Extraordinary General Meeting.

1. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called at the Board's discretion or at the request of at least 20% of the Society's members. Such a demand must be made in writing directly to the Chairman and the EGM will then be called according to the rules for the AGM.

§ 8. Voting.

1. All voting must be done physically in person. All voting is done by a show of hands, except where a secret ballot is requested. Election of offices must always be by secret ballot.

§ 9. The Board.

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1. The Board consists of 7 members voted on for 2 years in such a manner that every year 3 or 4 members are rotated. At least 3 of the members must be from Jutland and 3 from the Isles.
2. The Board has 2 alternates, each elected for a year. If possible one should be from Jutland and one from the Isles. The offices of the Board consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and a Treasurer who delegate affairs between them. The Secretary and the Treasurer do not need to be members of the Board.
3. The Board runs the Society's business in every aspect and is responsible to the AGM. The Society is bound by the signatures of the collected Board. The Board instructs sub committees when required, including the grading commission. The Board elects a grading coordinator and a breeding specialist consultant to assist the commission's work.

§ 10. Audit and Accounts.

1. Among the Society's members 2 auditors are elected to whom accounts and notes must be presented at least 14 days before each AGM. The Society's accounting year is the calendar year. At change of Treasurer the accounts must be audited.

§ 11. The Breeding Work.

1. The Board is Knabstrupperforeningen for Danmark's breeding management and determines rules for the grading, registration and maintenance of the stud book as well as any other business relating to the breeding work.

§ 12. Fees etc.

1. The Board may hire paid help to assist at gradings, performance assessment, registration and maintenance of the stud book. The Society's judges cannot expect to be compensated for travel expenses when they are themselves exhibiting at the event.
2. Board members and other persons summoned to the Board meetings are compensated for travel expenses in connection with Board meetings, meetings in "Landsudvalget" and similar, corresponding to the lowest government rate plus possible compensation for food. Members are obliged to keep travel expenses down as far as possible by coordinated shared driving.
3. The Board can pay fees to the Chairman, Treasurer, grading coordinator, editor and webmaster. The fee is at present DKK 3,000 per year.

§ 13. Change of Rules and Articles of Association

1. To accept changes in current rules and articles of association or dissolution of the Society $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members present at the AGM must be in favour. If the Society is dissolved any remaining funds must be given to a charity active within equine breeding. If such a quorum is not reached a new AGM must be called at ordinary notice and unresolved issues decided by simple majority.
2. Changes to breed standards and general voting rules must have at least $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote.

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