

Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) Accepts
Appaloosa Horse Breeders' Society of South Africa (AHBSSA)
Into the International Registration Incentive Program (IRIP)

In March, 2007, the ApHC accepted the Main Registry of AHBSSA into the IRIP program. IRIP is designed to allow the owners of horses registered by select International Affiliates of ApHC that did not conform to ApHC bloodline requirements (currently Australia, Brazil, New Zealand, and South Africa) the opportunity to obtain International Registration Incentive Program Certificates for those animals. The IRIP horses will join Jockey Club registered Thoroughbreds, purebred Arabians, and American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) registered Quarter Horses as ApHC Approved Outcross Breeds. When bred to an ApHC registered horse with Regular Registration Papers (i.e., colour or characteristics meeting ApHC standards), the offspring of an IRIP horse will be eligible for full ApHC registration.

The owner of a horse registered in Appendix A, Appendix B, or Studbook Proper of the AHBSSA Main Registry does not have to be a member of ApHC to obtain an IRIP certificate for the horse. There is a flat fee of USA \$50.00 for the IRIP process. In addition, there are currently no DNA requirements and solid colour horses will be granted IRIP certificates if they meet ApHC requirements. NOTE: IRIP horses may not compete in ApHC Approved shows or events because they are considered an Outcross Breed.

The owner of a horse registered in Appendix A, Appendix B, or Studbook Proper that already meets ApHC bloodline requirements (i.e., ApHC x ApHC or ApHC x Thoroughbred, pure Arab, or AQHA) must Re-Register that animal instead of applying for IRIP. The advantage to Re-Registration is that the horse receives full ApHC privileges. Fees for Re-Registration are currently USA \$65.00 for ApHC members and USA \$135 for non-members. It is actually slightly cheaper for an owner of a horse or horses eligible for Re-registration to join ApHC for a year (USA \$55.00) which entitles that person to the *Appaloosa Journal On Line* and member rates for all aspects of working with ApHC.

Owners of geldings or spayed mares may obtain ApHC Hardship Registration for their horses even if they are not currently AHBSSA registered if the animal meets ApHC registration requirements and are then eligible to compete in ApHC approved shows or events.

These three ways to obtain ApHC recognition for horses with Appaloosa colour or that meet ApHC bloodline requirements open up a new dimension for Appaloosa breeders or individuals who would like to add some colour to their Western and Reining horses. There is a growing market for Reining horses with colour in the European Union. At this time, horses from South Africa can be exported to the European Union as the African Horse Sickness (AHS) ban has been lifted. If EU riders and breeders can locate ApHC registered Appaloosas that have outstanding conformation, colour, and the talent for Reining and Western Pleasure in South Africa, the favourable exchange rate between the Rand and Euro will give South African horses the edge in a growing International market.

For additional information on IRIP, Re-Registration, or Hardship Registration, go to <http://www.appaloosa.com/>, contact registration@appaloosa.com or contact Danie Louw, President of AHBSSA, at 051 713 0463, 082 853 4664 or perdeberg@vodamail.co.za