

2018 AUGUST GRADING CRITERIA -

Information below is based on the 2017 Grading Certificate amended with the Updates as given at the last SICAB Studbook Meeting

The first page of this document gives a brief outline of changes in the Grading Criteria in the past 12 months. Page 2 gives the current combinations of Serious & Very Serious Faults that will result in a Pass or a Fail in the Basic Grading. This document then goes on to list all the different conformation and type faults and how serious they are considered to be. It may be easier to understand what this document is referring to if you have at hand the following supporting documents:-

1. 'Basic Grading Step By Step Photographic Record'
2. '2018 Basic Grading Criteria Colour-coded for Faults' which shows a version of the Grading Assessment form

Naturally we all hope that our horses will have No Faults, but the perfect PRE doesn't exist so it is important to realise that a good PRE with one or two Very Serious Defects can still be approved for Breeding.

NEW DISQUALIFYING FAULTS & VERY SERIOUS/ SERIOUS FAULTS.

APRIL 2017 - A NEW PRE BREED STANDARD WAS PUBLISHED by the Spanish Government. It has increased the seriousness of many faults, and added some new ones. Currently we don't have the 2018 Grading Assessment document so this Grading Criteria document is based on the 2017 Grading Certificate plus amendments added from the November 2018 International Studbooks meeting at SICAB. The information below must be taken as a Guideline and not Definitive.

Melanomas in the Perineum are a SERIOUS FAULT

Crest of the Neck -

The **Indication** of an **Incipient Fallen Crest** is now a **SERIOUS FAULT**

An **Incipient Fallen Crest** is a **VERY SERIOUS FAULT**

Leg Conformation - 6 Leg Faults have been changed from **Serious Faults** to **VERY SERIOUS FAULTS**

Defects relating to loss of Pigmentation and Eye colour were added to the Grading Criteria in April 2016, but in **April 2017** these defects were changed to **8 NEW DISQUALIFYING DEFECTS, 4 NEW VERY SERIOUS DEFECTS, and 4 NEW SERIOUS DEFECTS** in the Basic Grading assessment parameters. These can be found highlighted in **BOLD TYPE** further down this page

WHITE MARKINGS & BLUE EYES - Breeders & Buyers of youngstock intended for Breeding, please TAKE NOTE that the majority of these New Faults relate to the longer **WHITE** Leg Markings found on some PREs still being marketed by some Spanish Studs as highly desirable, **but a PRE with 1 long White Stocking Over most of the Knee or the Hock joint will FAIL the Basic Grading under the new criteria.**

WHITE Leg-Marking Disqualifies when Over the HOCK or KNEE JOINT on Most Sides.

A **WHITE PATCH** 3cms or more in diameter on the body (this does not include white marks due to acquired scars), and **WHITE** over most of **ONE Eye Orbit** are NOW classed as **DISQUALIFYING** Faults.

BLUE EYES that are NOT associated with a Cream Dilution will now be classed as A **DISQUALIFYING FAULT**, also **EYES** of two Different Colours eg one blue and one brown.

HORSES WILL BE DECLARED APPROVED FOR BREEDING (APTO)

If they have:-

- NO SERIOUS DEFECTS + NO VERY SERIOUS DEFECTS
- NO SERIOUS DEFECTS + 1 or 2 VERY SERIOUS DEFECTS
- 1 SERIOUS DEFECT + 1 VERY SERIOUS DEFECT
- 2 SERIOUS DEFECTS + 1 VERY SERIOUS DEFECT
- 3 SERIOUS DEFECTS + 0 VERY SERIOUS DEFECTS
- 4 SERIOUS DEFECTS + 0 VERY SERIOUS DEFECTS

HORSES WILL BE DECLARED NOT-APPROVED FOR BREEDING (NON-APTO)

If they have:-

- 1 DISQUALIFYING FAULT
- 3 OR MORE VERY SERIOUS FAULTS
- 5 OR MORE SERIOUS FAULTS
- 4 SERIOUS DEFECTS + 1 or MORE VERY SERIOUS FAULTS
- 3 SERIOUS DEFECTS + 1 or MORE VERY SERIOUS FAULTS
- 2 SERIOUS DEFECTS + 2 or MORE VERY SERIOUS FAULTS
- 1 SERIOUS DEFECTS + 3 or MORE VERY SERIOUS FAULTS

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS

1. Height at Withers -

- LESS than 152cm (59.85inches or a fraction under 15.0hh) Females,
- LESS than 154cm (60.63inches or a ¼" under 15.1hh) Males

- 2. Body too Long or too short in proportion to Height at Withers = Proportionality Index less than 95 or more than 105
- 3. Fallen Crest – class 6 & class 7 – Crest Falling, 8 – More than Falling, 9 – Crest Fallen
- 4. Ewe Neck - class 7 – Inverted Neck, 8 – More than Inverted, 9 – Very Inverted
- 5. Head Front Profile - class 1-Ultra Concave, class 2- More than Concave, and class 9-Ultra-Convex
- 6. Poor Fidelity to Breed Type – **Awarded Less than 6 points**
- 7. Monorchid – not accidental (Only One Testicle descended)
- 8. Cryptorchid – not accidental (NO Testicles descended)
- 9. White marking on Front Right Leg - class 6 - Over Most of the Knee through to class 9 - Up to the Elbow
- 10. White marking on Front Left Leg - class 6 - Over Most of the Knee through to class 9 - Up to the Elbow
- 11. White marking on Hind Right Leg - class 6 - Over Most of the Hock through to class 9 - Up to the Stiflejoint
- 12. White marking on Hind Left Leg - class 6 - Over Most of the Hock through to class 9 - Up to the Stiflejoint
- 13. Blue Eyes not appropriate to the genetic coat colour
- 14. Eyes of Different colours
- 15. White Marks on the Body (not accidental) 3cm or greater in diameter.
- 16. White Marks that Invade Most of the Orbital arcade (arch) .

VERY SERIOUS DEFECTS

- 1. Fallen Crest – class 5 – **Incipient**
- 2. Ewe Neck – class 6 – Between Slightly Inverted and Inverted
- 3. Head Front Profile – class 3 - Concave
- 4. Angle of Knee Side View – class 1 - Over at the Knee, & class 9 – Back at the Knee
- 5. Angle of Knee Front View – class 1 - Bench Knee, & class 9 – Knock Kneed
- 7. Angle of Hock Side View – class 1 - Very Closed, class 8 – More than Open , & class 9 – Very Open
- 8. Angle of Hock Rear View – class 1 - Very Convergent, class 8 – More than Divergent, & class 9 – Very Divergent
- 9. Dorsal-Lumbar line (backline) – class 1 – Convex (arched) , & class 9 – Very Concave (hollow)
- 10. Direction of Front Hoof – class 1- Very Turned Out, class 8 – worse than Turned In, & class 9– Very Turned In
- 11. Direction of Rear Hoof – class 1- Very Turned Out, class 8 – worse than Turned In, & class 9– Very Turned In
- 12. White marking on Front Right Leg - class 5 - To the Knee.

13. White marking on Front Left Leg - class 5 - To the Knee.
14. White marking on Hind Right Leg - class 5 - To the Hock.
15. White marking on Hind Left Leg - class 5 - To the Hock.

SERIOUS DEFECTS

1. Fallen Crest – class 4 – **between 'Not Straight' and 'Incipient' (about to fall)**
2. Ewe Neck – class 5 – Slightly Inverted
3. Head Front Profile – class 4 – Between Straight and Concave
4. Poor Overall Harmony – Awarded Less than 5 points
5. Angle of Knee Side View – class 2–Somewhat Over , class 7–Slightly Back, & class 8–Somewhat Back at the Knee.
7. Angle of Knee Front View –class 2–Somewhat Bench Kneed, class 7–Slightly Knock Kneed, & class 8 –Somewhat Knock Kneed.
8. Angle of Hock Side View – class 2 - More than Closed, & class 7 – Open
9. Angle of Hock Rear View – class 2 - More than Convergent, & class 7 – Divergent
10. Dorsal-Lumbar line (backline) – class 8 – More than Concave (hollow), 7 – Concave.
11. Direction of Front Hoof/s – class 2 – worse than Turned Out
12. Direction of Rear Hoof/s – class 2 – worse than Turned Out
13. Quality of Walk – Less than 5 points (out of 9)
14. Quality of Trot – Less than 5 points (out of 9)
15. Quality of Canter – Less than 5 points (out of 9)
16. Height of Croup – croup more than 5cm higher than the wither
17. Melanomas – class 9 – A Large Number present.

FAULTS ADDED to PRE Breed Standard April 2017 which will affect Breed Fidelity Marks

Rounded and protruding nostrils,
 Thick upper lip,
 Chunky upper lip with limited mobility,
 Over-shot and under-shot jaw,
 Head-neck union is chunky, hardly differentiated and very deep
 Lack of harmony and a disproportion between body areas and dimensions
 Higher at the point of the croup than at the withers
 Presence of melanomas in the perineum
 Movement with poor elevation
 Movement - irregular
 Movement with poor extension
 Movement - dishing
 Movement - ambling.

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