



What you always wanted to know about the NASPR

1. How does the North American Sportpony Registry (NASPR) fit within the structure of the American Warmblood Registry?

The NASPR was founded in 1997 as a division of the American Warmblood Registry with the purpose to create a distinctly North American Sportpony out of the many pony breeds and their crosses existing in Canada and the United States. Having foreseen today's global environment at that time already, it has been providing and promoting opportunities for its Canadian and American breeders alike to showcase their sportponies as the best in the world.

2. What is a North American Sportpony?

A North American Sportpony (according to FEI standards ranging in height up to 14.2 hh) looks and moves like a small horse, capable of competing in the Olympic disciplines of Jumping, Dressage and Eventing, as well as in the Driving and Hunter shows. Movement therefore is paramount to the quality of North American Sportponies. The movement should have great extension, suspension with articulation, impulsion, and elasticity. The 'hunter' type pony can be considered a North American Sportpony, especially the one which excels in jumping and has the desired conformation, 'look and rhythmical cadence required for a winning round in the hunter ring.

The North American Sportpony is an easy keeper, good natured, ready and willing to go, courageous and intelligent.

3. Why should I join the North American Sportpony Registry? Which are the benefits?

The NASPR is a fully member-oriented Registry. It plays a vital role in providing incentive programs and sponsored classes to acknowledge the athletic abilities of sportponies and help them be seen and accepted in the equestrian community.

The NASPR has created and is the main sponsor of the hugely successful *Sportpony StarSearch Challenge Cup* whose finals are held every year at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. In addition to the double digit qualifiers held in Canada, the number of qualifier shows in the US at important national championship shows is steadily increasing.

A great number of breed classes are sponsored, like Dressage at Devon, NEDA Dressage Fall Festival, Metamora Driving Shows, the Trillium horse and pony shows at Iron Horse, and many more.



The NASPR is also participating in the USDF All Breeds Awards Program in addition to offering its own highly popular Awards Program.

The NASPR is a division of the American Warmblood Registry (AWR), a founding and full voting member of the World Breed Federation for Sporthorses (WBFSH). This provides the opportunity for NASPR registered sportponies to compete in major competitions on national and also on international levels.

Last but not least, the NASPR is not only sponsoring the sportponies but also our Young Breeders. We have developed an educational program for the Young Breeders which will allow them to participate in the World Championships for Young Breeders which takes place at 2-year intervals. We are now working towards qualifying our North American Young Breeders for the 2015 World Championships for Young Breeders which will be held in the United Kingdom.

4. I want to register my pony with the NASPR because it's an awesome dressage pony. However, the pony already has registration papers from another registry what should I do?

That is not a problem. The NASPR is a relatively young studbook and therefore requires that all ponies must be registered with the NASPR. However, we will NOT confiscate the original registration papers your pony came with. You can keep those papers in addition to our NASPR papers.

5. My Sportpony is registered with NASPR in Canada. What happens to its registration, if I sell it to the US?

Your NASPR registered Sportpony is automatically registered for the United States as well.

6. What happens, if I sell my Sportpony to Europe or any other part of the world?

Certificates of Registration recorded with the WBFSH members are accepted worldwide. Recognition is realized through its member registries on a mutual basis.

7. I want to compete in your sponsored qualifier shows and other shows sponsored by the NASPR. Can I only compete in these shows if my pony is registered with NASPR?

Many shows are specifically for NASPR registered ponies but some others are not. You can compete with your pony even if your pony is not registered NASPR; however, you will not win any of our considerable awards and prize money.



8. Which ponies are approved for breeding?

The North American Sportpony is considered a type, not a particular breed of pony (with the exception of ponies of Draft blood being excluded). Therefore it accepts suitable Sportponies made up of many breeds from Connemara to Welsh to Thoroughbred bloodlines, to mention just a few.

9. What are the registration procedures for my sportpony?

As a general rule, all ponies accepted into the Registry must undergo an inspection and be DNA-typed. It is in this way that pedigrees can be documented from this point forward, even with breeding stock that is currently of unknown parentage.

Mares and geldings

Become an NASPR member, submit registration papers with all supporting documentation along with the fees, and attend an NASPR inspection where they all will be graded. At a later time, mares take a performance test in their breeding category or submit adequate show results to be accepted into NASPR's Main Mare Book.

Foals and offspring of approved mares

Submit all necessary forms and fees as outlined. All foals have to be inspected as only by this way the quality of a successful breeding effort becomes evident. It provides breeders valuable information as to whether to further pursue the chosen path.

Stallions

Submit all necessary forms and fees as outlined. Stallions have to attend a first inspection and must undergo additional performance and progeny requirements to receive their permanent breeding license.

10. What happens at an NASPR inspection?

At their first inspection, all sportponies will be assessed in hand and at liberty for their type, conformation and movement. In addition, stallions have to take a performance test as part of their licensing process. This is also the case for mares before they can be entered into the Main Mare Book. The performance test can be substituted by performance results as outlined in the NASPR Rules.



11. What are achievement levels?

The NASPR's achievement levels are: Preliminary, Second Premium, First Premium, First Premium Premier. For a stallion to obtain a breeding license and a mare to be recognized as a brood mare, the animal must have reached, as a minimum, the 'First Premium' level in his/her assessment and performance results. For a permanent breeding license additional requirements will apply.

12. I want to register my youngster as a North American Sportpony. He is out of a Thoroughbred mare by an approved NASPR Sportpony stallion. Can I just get papers or must my youngster also be DNA typed and inspected?

DNA typing and inspection of a Sportpony are integral parts of the overall registration process. It is through DNA typing and inspection that pedigrees can be documented. Consequently, the parentage of every Sportpony must be verified through genetic testing before a registration certificate will be issued. Every stallion and mare shall have DNA testing prior to his or her foal being eligible for registration.

13. I have a NASPR registered filly. However, she is already almost as tall as her mother who is a Jockey Club Thoroughbred mare. What can I do if my filly grows out of pony size?

This is pretty easy. Your filly can be transferred to the American Warmblood Registry studbook to become an American Warmblood mare.