



Horse Breeders' Society

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Mare Status Achievement

All mares outside of Germany are only able to achieve the equivalent of the Verband's Premium status given in Germany. In North America this title is simply termed "Premium". The term States Premium is connected to the German Government and any mares wishing to achieve States Premium must undertake the performance test in Germany to qualify for the mare championships in Rastede in July.

Only Oldenburg branded mares, or mares that have been registered as Oldenburg foals are eligible for the titles of Premium or Elite. The mare must also be a Main Mare Book mare or be eligible for the Main Mare Book, and she must be out of a Main Mare Book dam. The Verband cannot award Premium or Elite status for registries other than Oldenburg. We are only allowed to judge our own horses. We may be able to say that the mares are of excellent quality, but we cannot designate for another registry which have their own standards.

These mares must also be a minimum of 3 years of age, and there is no maximum age.

PREMIUM MARE CANDIDATE:

This status is awarded to mares who meet the above requirements, and who score a 7.5 or higher overall score from the Oldenburg committee. The score being based on the mare's conformation, type, and movement as they pertain to the Oldenburg standard. For the 2007 season the mare will only be required to be presented in hand as is done for all basic mare inspections, and as is described in the "Presenting Mares and Foals" section.

PREMIUM MARE:

This status is awarded to mares who have already achieved Premium Mare Candidate status and have one registered Oldenburg Society Foal.

ELITE MARE:

For mares with Oldenburg foals, and who meet one of the following criteria:

1. Mares with the title "States Premium Mare" and/or those with the title "States Premium Candidate" (awarded only in Germany) who have had at least 3 foals registered with the Oldenburg Society of which 50% were awarded premium.
2. Mares that have had at least 2 foals registered with the Oldenburg Society of which 50% were awarded premium, and have themselves met the minimum performance requirements in competition. Those requirements are: In Dressage, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd with a minimum score of 60% in 3rd level, or three times in the awarded placings in classes above 3rd level. In Jumping, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd at a height of 1.20 meters, or three times in the awarded placings at the height of 1.25 meters or higher. In Eventing, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd at Training Level or three times in the awarded placings in Preliminary level or higher. The performance results listed here must be achieved at a show that is officially sanctioned by the national riding federation of the respective country. Schooling show results will not be accepted.
3. Mares who have had at least 4 foals registered with the Oldenburg Society of which 50% are mares who have been awarded Premium status, States Premium, and/or States Premium Candidate status, or of which 25% are stallions who have been approved by the Oldenburg Society.

4. Mares who have had at least 4 foals registered with the Oldenburg Society of which 50% have met the minimum performance requirements in competition. Those requirements are: In Dressage, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd with a minimum score of 60% in 3rd level, or three times in the awarded placings in classes above 3rd level. In Jumping, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd at a height of 1.20 meters, or three times in the awarded placings at the height of 1.25 meters or higher. In Eventing, placing at least three times 1st through 3rd at Training level, or three times in the awarded placings at Preliminary level or higher. The performance results listed here must be achieved at a show that is officially sanctioned by the national riding federation of the respective country. Schooling show results will not be accepted.

Mares which fulfill the conditions in 2 and 4 must also have received an above average overall score from the Oldenburg inspection committee. Mares with the Premium title generally fulfill this condition.

To receive the Elite Mare status, the owner must apply by sending a letter to the North American Office with the mare's registration and pedigree information as well as a list of the fulfilled requirements.