

THE AUSTRALIAN BRANGUS CATTLE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

REGULATIONS

DEFINITIONS

1. (A) The definitions in section 1 of the regulations of the Association shall be deemed to be embodied herein and shall be read as part of these regulations.
- (B) Brangus Cattle denotes an animal of Brahman/Angus breeding having not less than 1/4 and not more than 3/4 Brahman or Angus blood content and which conforms to the requirements of the Association for registration into the Herd Book.
- (C) "Association" denotes the Australian Brangus Cattle Association.
- (D) "Committee" denotes the Management Committee of the Australian Brangus Cattle Association Limited.
- (E) "Regulations" denotes the regulations of the Australian Brangus Cattle Association from time to time in force.
- (F) "Commercial Book" denotes the book or books in which details of animals accepted by the Association as commercial stock are recorded.
- (G) "Enrolment Book" denotes the book or books in which details of animals accepted by the Association as foundation stock for Brangus breeding are recorded.
- (H) "Calf Register" denotes the book or books in which the details of calves, the progeny of Enrolment Registered or Herd Book registered Brangus cattle are entered.
- (I) "Herd Book" denotes the book or books in which details of registered Brangus cattle are entered.
- (J) "Standard of Excellence" denotes the description and specifications of Brangus cattle as prescribed by the Association.
- (K) "Registered Owner" in relation to an animal denotes the person recorded by the Association as the owner of that animal.
- (L) "Breeder" in relation to an animal denotes the person registered or entitled to be registered as the owner of the dam of that animal at the date when the animal was conceived.
- (M) "First Owner of an Animal" signifies the person registered or entitled to be registered as the owner of the dam of the calf at the time when the calf was born.
- (N) "Base Female" denotes a commercial female entered in the Commercial Register and not previously recorded on a Register of the ABCA.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

2. Every member, before supplying commercial details, enrolment details, calf registration or registering animals in the Herd Book, shall record with the Association:
- (a) A prefix which shall be used as a prefix to and as part of the name of every animal of which he is the first owner, and which is submitted for registration in the Herd Book;
 - (b) A distinguishing brand or tattoo mark;
 - (c) The appropriate positions on his calves where his brand and private herd number respectively will be impressed by fire or other approved methods of branding; the prefix; the firebrand and/or tattoo mark respectively shall be distinctive, and shall not so resemble that of any other prefix, brand or tattoo mark recorded by any other person with the Association as in the opinion of the Management Committee tend to be misleading.
 - (d) A three (3) digit herd identification code of either alphabetical or numeric characters.
 - (e) The Management Committee may decline to register any prefix or to record the name of any stud or stud property, which in the opinion of the Management Committee resembles the prefix, stud name or stud property of some other breeder of stud stock, whether cattle or otherwise and whether in Australasia or elsewhere.

COMMERCIAL BOOK– (BCR) Brangus Commercial Register

- 3.
- (a) Only Life members and current Full, Commercial and Junior members may record animals in the Commercial Book.
 - (b) Any female of purebred Angus, purebred Brahman or purebred Brangus breed composition and age shall be eligible for entry into the Commercial Book as a Base Female.
 - (c) No certificates will be issued for Commercial Register animals.
 - (d) Commercial Register Females may be transferred.
 - (e) All calves recorded in the Commercial Book will be individually identified with an ear tag and/or tattoo, and brand.
 - (f) All calves other than Base Females submitted for entry into the Commercial Book shall have a sire recorded in the Enrolment or Herd Book Registers and shall be on the prescribed form, with the minimum details recorded regarding:
 - i) Calf identification
 - ii) Date of birth (actual or estimated for Base Females)
 - iii) Sex
 - iv) Identity and birth-year of sire and dam
(generic sire and dam will be accepted for Base Females where actual pedigree is unknown)
 - v) Colour

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- vi) Number in birth
 - vii) Breed composition (Brahman/Angus Blood %)
- (g) Animals recorded in the Commercial Book may be upgraded into the Enrolment Register, Calf Register or Herd Book Register at the request in writing of the Breeder of such animal and upon satisfaction of the recording conditions as detailed for each of those Books. Upgrading of an animal will subject the owner to payment of such upgrade fees as the Management Committee may from time to time prescribe.

ENROLMENT BOOK– (BER) Brangus Enrolment Register

4. (a) Only Life members and current Full and Junior members may record animals in the Enrolment Book.
- (b) The following animals shall be eligible for entry into the Enrolment Book:
- i) Brahman males and females registered with the Australian Brahman Breeders' Association Limited.
 - ii) Angus males and females registered with an Angus Society in Australia.
 - iii) Commercial males and females of Brahman/Angus or Brangus breeding with a dam recorded in the Commercial Register and a sire recorded in either the Enrolment or Herd Book register, following inspection and approval by an inspector appointed by the Association. An inspector appointed to enrol an animal shall not have had, or intend to have a financial or breeding interest in the animal to be enrolled.
 - iv) Such cattle shall be number branded or tattooed prior to inspection and shall to a reasonable extent conform to the standard of excellence of the Association.
- (c) Enrolment of an animal will be accepted subject to the payment of such enrolment fees and where applicable inspection fees as the Management Committee may from time to time prescribe.

CALF REGISTER

5. (a) No animal shall be recorded in the Calf Register other than by Life members and current Full and Junior members of the Association.
- (b) All animals submitted for entry into the Calf Register shall be on the prescribed form signed by the first owner.
- (c) All applications for entry into the Calf Register shall be submitted within twelve (12) months of the birth of the calf. Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the Management Committee and at such fee as may from time to time be prescribed.
- (d) To be eligible for entry into the calf register an animal shall be the progeny of:-

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- i) A sire and a dam registered in the Herd Book as registered or foundation stock.
 - ii) A sire registered in the Herd Book as registered or foundation stock and a dam recorded in the Enrolment Book.
 - iii) A sire recorded in the Enrolment Book, and a dam registered in the Herd Book as registered or foundation stock.
 - iv) A sire and a dam recorded in the Enrolment book.
- (e) If the first owner of a calf submitted was not the owner of the dam at the time she was served to produce such calf, the dam shall have been transferred to the first owner of the calf before the birth of that calf and such transfer shall state the joining sire.
- (f) If the first owner of the calf submitted was not the owner of the sire at the time that calf was conceived, the application shall be accompanied by a Bull Permit evidencing the parentage of the calf.
- (g) Subject to these regulations every calf submitted shall be tattooed or branded with the registered tattoo mark or brand of the first owner. Such tattoos or brands shall be applied before the calves are weaned or before such calves are calf registered, whichever shall be the earlier.
An exception to this regulation is that a calf sold with its dam and under the age of 3 months at the date of sale. Such a calf may be calf registered, named and branded or tattooed with the tattoo mark or brand of the purchaser.
- (h) No two calves of the same stud shall be tattooed or branded with the same number.

HERD BOOK REGISTRATION– (BHR) Brangus Herd Book Register

6. (a) Each animal registered in the Herd Book shall have first been accepted for entry into the Calf Register.
- (b) Each animal accepted for entry into the Herd Book shall be allocated a number which shall be known as its Herd Book number.
- (c) The Herd Book number of each animal shall comprise a herd identification code, a year code, a grade code and the animal's private herd number/tattoo.
- (d) Each animal registered in the Herd Book shall be allocated a generation number indicating the number of generations of Brangus breeding which shall be calculated as being one greater than the generation number of the lowest parent.
- Foundation Brangus which are the progeny of one or more enrolment Brangus shall be allocated a zero generation number.
- Cattle with a Brahman blood percentage less than 1/4 or greater than 3/4 shall be recorded in the enrolment book with a generation number of zero.
- (e) Cattle registered in the Herd Book as Registered shall have a Brahman blood content between 25% and 75%.

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- (f) Cattle which are the progeny of Enrolment Angus and Brahman parents (F1) shall be registered in the Herd Book as Enrolment Brangus.
 - (g) Cattle which are the progeny of Enrolment Brangus shall be registered in the Herd Book as Foundation Brangus.
 - (h) Cattle born prior to 01/05/06 with a Brahman blood percentage between 1/4 and 3/8 or blood percentage between 5/8 and 3/4 shall be registered in the Herd Book as Advanced Foundation Brangus where both parents are at least of Foundation Grade.
After the 01/05/06 cattle with a Brahman blood percentage between 25% and 75% shall be registered in the Herd Book as Registered Brangus where both parents are at least of Foundation Grade.
 - (i) Cattle with a Brahman blood percentage less than 1/4 or greater than 3/4 shall be recorded in the Enrolment Book with a generation number of zero.
7. The Committee may at its discretion accept for registration in the Herd Book an animal registered with a recognised Brangus Association in an overseas country.
 8. All animals registered in the Herd Book shall conform to the Standard of Excellence as prescribed by the Association. For the purpose of this regulation the Standard of Excellence shall permit loose scurs on first and second generation animals and button scurs only on animals with third or higher generation numbers.
 9. All applications for registration into the Herd Book shall be made on the form prescribed by the Management Committee.
 10. The prescribed fee shall be paid in respect of each animal registered in accordance with these regulations.
 11. Each animal registered in the Herd Book shall be allocated a name which shall consist of the registered Stud Prefix of the first owner and an allocated name or number.
 12. Registration of an animal under a particular name may be refused if:-
 - (a) The name including prefix and including any numeral forming part of the name shall exceed twenty five (25) letters.
 - (b) The name is so like the name of another registered animal as to be likely to mislead.
 - (c) The name contains a stud prefix registered with the Association or part thereof other than his own.
 13. It shall be the responsibility of each member to keep a private Herd Register in which he shall record the private herd number and birth date of each animal and such other information concerning ancestry and breeding as is necessary to authenticate the registrations with the Association.
 14. All such herd Registers so kept shall be open for inspection by any person authorised by the Management Committee to inspect same and any such person shall be at liberty to take such extracts there-from as he may think fit.

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15. Any application for registration of an animal which is a twin shall state the sex of the animal to which it is a twin.
Should a twin be registered without such a statement, no subsequent application for registration of an animal which is a twin to the animal previously registered shall be accepted.

TRANSFERS

16. Upon the sale, exchange, gift, loan or otherwise disposal, temporarily or permanently of an animal registered in the Herd Book or Calf Register or recorded in the Enrolment Book or commercial females that are recorded, there shall be lodged by the registered owner with the Secretary within sixty (60) days of such change in ownership or possession, an application for transfer.
- (a) In the prescribed form for the transfer of the animal agreed by the registered owner as transferor in the case of certificates issued before 1/6/94.
 - (b) By completing the appropriate transfer section of registration certificates issued after 1/6/94.
 - (c) An application in the prescribed form for the transfer of the animal to the donee signed by the registered owner as transferor. The application for transfer of a registered animal shall be accompanied by the appropriate certificate of registration issued in respect of the animal in the case of certificates issued before 1/6/94.
 - (d) In the case of an animal not already registered in the Herd Book, an application for its registration, or calf registration in the case of a calf at foot aged over 3 months, must accompany the official application for transfer.
 - (e) Upon temporary transfer of possession or use of an animal for either joint or sole use the registered owner shall lodge with the Secretary a transfer (or authority to use form) stating appropriate details with respect to the use of the animal within sixty (60) days of the arrangement becoming effective.
 - (f) In the event of an application for transfer of an animal being lodged after sixty (60) days from date of sale but within ninety (90) days, double fees shall apply. Transfers lodged more than ninety (90) days after the transfer date shall be such late fee as determined by the Management Committee.
 - (g) When a registered female is transferred, with an unbranded, untattooed calf (or calves), not more than 3 months old, at foot, a transfer fee on the registered female shall include the cost of transferring the calf.

When a registered female is transferred with a branded, tattooed registered calf (or calves) over the age of 3 months, at foot, transfer fees shall be paid on each individual animal transferred.

DISPERSAL SALES

17. When a sale is advertised as dispersal, the Association will not normally accept any further registrations under the associated prefix after a period of ninety (90) days of the sale. Members who have had a dispersal sale shall be ineligible to register or record in the Herd Book in the dispersing stud prefix any genetic material for a period of three (3) years from the date of the dispersal sale or the last sale of a multi dispersal sale.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

18. In all cases the registration of animals produced by Artificial Insemination shall be treated in the same manner as animals produced by natural service subject to the following conditions:-
- (a) Application for recording as a Semen Sire must be made to the ABCA on an ABCA AI Sire application form indicating the Category the Sire is to be recorded in:
- 1. Open AI Sire – Calves by these Sires can be registered by any breeder upon application to the ABCA**
Requirements for recording as an Open AI Sire
 - (i) A copy of the sires DNA type certificate.
 - (ii) Applicable fees as per the ABCA fee schedule.
 - (iii) A Herd Book certificate from a recognised Brangus/Angus/Brahman Herd Book if the animal is not registered in the ABCA Herd Book.
 - 2. Restricted AI Sire – Calves will only be registered in owner's herds (Maximum of Four owners at any one time) or upon provision of a Sire Authorization Form signed by the owner of the Sire. (Closed 01/03/2009)**
- (b) If the member is the beneficial owner, that member does not have to make the bull a donor sire if using the semen in his/her herd.
- (c) The Management Committee reserves the right to request a member to supply any further test results or information deemed appropriate prior to approval of any sire for the use in AI.
- (d) The Management Committee may at its discretion refuse to grant approval and/or withdraw approval previously granted under regulation 18 (a) without assigning a reason.
- (e) Calves produced by Artificial Insemination will be recorded with the letters (AI) following the animal's name on the registration certificate.
- (f) The Management Committee may require a parentage determination on the basis of tests as in 18 (a) to be performed on an animal produced by Artificial Insemination before acceptance of the registration.

EMBRYO TRANSPLANT

19. In all cases registration of animals produced by Embryo Transplant shall be treated in the same manner as animals produced naturally subject to the following conditions:-
- (a) Written notification for use of donor female in embryo transfer shall be made by the owner/s of the female and such application shall state whether or not the sale of frozen embryo or in-calf recipient females is intended.
 - (b) The Management Committee reserves the right to require any or all of the following:
 - i) A copy of the donor female's DNA type certificate.
 - ii) Certification that the donor female is free from any known genetic disorders as and when it becomes appropriate.
 - iii) Such scientific tests, examinations and conditions as the Management Committee may from time to time require.
 - iv) A Herd Book certificate from a recognised Brangus/Angus/Brahman Herd Book if the animal is not registered in the ABCA Herd Book.
 - (c) Approval for use of a donor female in Embryo Transfer shall be given subject to the payment of such fees as the Management Committee may from time to time prescribe.
 - (d) An Embryo Transfer calf will not be accepted for registration unless details regarding the breed, identity and age of the recipient dam have been provided. The recipient dam will be recorded in the Commercial Book, and shall comply with the regulations as stated for entry into that Book.
 - (e) The Management Committee may at its discretion refuse to grant approval under regulation 19 (b) without assigning a reason.
 - (f) The Management Committee may at its discretion withdraw approval previously granted under regulation 19 (b) without assigning a reason.
 - (g) The application for registration of animals got by Embryo Transfer shall state in the appropriate place on the registration form that the animal was produced by Embryo Transfer and such information shall appear in the Herd Book denoted by the letters (ET)
 - (h) There shall be no restriction on the number of animals produced by Embryo Transfer from any one donor female.
 - (i) The application for registration of animals from donor females not in the same ownership as the animal to be registered shall be accompanied by a Donor Female Authorisation Certificate signed by the owner of the donor female from whom the embryo was purchased or his authorised agent.
 - (j) The owner/s of a donor female approved under Regulation 19 (b) shall record with the Association the name/s of the person/s authorised to sign donor female authorisation certificates in respect of the donor female.

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- (k) There shall be no more than four (4) registered owners at any one time of a donor female approved for use under regulation 19(b).
- (l) The Management Committee may require a parentage determination on the basis of DNA type to be performed on an animal produced by Embryo Transfer before acceptance of the registration.
- (m) Registration of an animal produced by Embryo Transfer will not be accepted if any manipulation of the genetic material by human intervention has occurred.

CELL CLONED TRANSPLANTS

- 20. Only replication cell cloned animals shall be eligible for Calf Recording and Registration.
- 21. Only the member who is registered or entitled to be registered as the breeder defined in regulation 1 shall be eligible to submit an application for Calf Recording of a cell cloned animal.
- 22. An application for Calf Recording of a cell cloned animal where the cell donor is not in the same ownership as the calf being recorded shall be accompanied by a Cell Donor Authorisation Certificate signed by the owner of the cell donor at the date of nucleus transfer.
- 23. A calf produced by cell cloning shall carry the stud prefix and Herd ID of the breeder as defined by regulation 2.
- 24. The application for Calf Recording of a cell cloned animal shall indicate that it has been produced by this technology.
- 25. The letters (CL) shall appear after the name of a cell cloned animal.
- 26. The name of the cell clone donor shall appear on the certificate of Registration of the cell cloned animal.
- 27. Both the cell donor and the cell cloned animal shall be DNA genotyped and only eligible for Calf Recording if both animals carry identical markers.
- 28. There shall be no restriction on the registration of cell cloned animals after the death of the cell donor.
- 29. Recording of cell cloned animals shall be made on the calf return form provided by the Association.
- 30. The fee for calf recording and registration of cell cloned animals shall be prescribed by the Committee.
- 31. The rights of cloning animals in joint ownership shall be determined between the parties and shall in no way involve the Association.

SHOWING

32. Registered cattle and Foundation cattle may be exhibited at any Royal show provided both parents are of Brangus breeding. No progeny of parent breeds, Brahman or Angus can be shown at any show or cattle exhibition in Australia with the exception of entries in trade cattle classes. Enrolled cattle may not be exhibited in registered classes.

DEFAULTS, OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

33. Should any member or officer of the Association obtain or receive information that any registration or transfer of any animal has been made contrary to the provisions of any rules or regulations for the time being in force in relation thereto, such information shall be forthwith furnished to the Management Committee who shall investigate such complaint and if upon such investigation the Management Committee has reasonable grounds to believe that such complaint is well founded it shall notify the owner of such animal who shall within thirty (30) days after such notice answer in writing such complaint as he shall have received. Should the Management Committee not be satisfied with the written answer of the member, it may order the member to appear before it with a view to further investigating the complaint and upon the failure of such member to appear or upon appearing, failing to satisfy the Management Committee with regard to such complaint the registration complained of shall be struck from the records of the Association.
34. In the event of any member of the Association offering to the said Association for registration any animal by the said member not to be entitled to registration or should any member represent to the Association any material, facts as to the sex, birth, date of birth, description, breeder, owner, sire, dam or identification of any animal for one that is registered, or substitute one registered animal for another registered animal in any application to the Association for registration, transfer or for any other purpose or in any other manner endeavour to deceive or mislead the Management Committee or any officer or member of the Association or connive at or assist any other member of person to do any of the above things, the Committee may subject to the rules of the Association terminate the membership of such member.

GENERAL

35. In these regulations where the context reasonably permits, the singular number includes the plural number and vice versa.
36. Until otherwise determined by the Committee, the Standard of Excellence shall be as prescribed. The ABCA reserves the right to request DNA verification in relation to the horn status of any Brangus animal Registered with the ABCA Limited or presented at any Show or Association Sponsored Sale.
37. Nothing in these regulations, whether expressed or implied, shall be taken as meaning that such regulations are in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia or its States or Territories and all regulations made pursuant thereto and it shall be the responsibility of members of the Association to satisfy themselves that they comply or have complied at all times with the provisions of such laws and regulations.