

## BY-LAWS

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# BY-LAWS

## AUSTRALIAN BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION INC.

Revised – 1 November 2007

**REGULATIONS** of the Council of the Australian Belted Galloway Association Incorporated, and conditions governing registration in the Herd Book, Transfers, Tattoo Marking, Memberships etc.

### 1. HERD BOOK

As from July 1999 the Herd Book will be categorised into three Sections, Bulls (General Section), Females (General Section) and an Appendix section for Miniatures. All animals that are progeny of imported stock will have the symbol POIS added to the end of the animal's registered name.

The Herd Book will contain all information regarding the origin and introduction of all males in each individual Herd and the origin of all females categorised into four classes of females, in each individual Herd, subject to approval of the Council of the Association of both males and females as follows:-

#### 1(a) MALES

A bull will only be eligible for entry into the Herd Book where that bull is the resultant progeny of the mating of a Registered Belted Galloway bull with a Registered "A" grade Female.

As from 1.7.90 bull calves born from that date must be by sires, and out of dams, who have themselves, at least THREE GENERATIONS of known breeding on both sides - before the bull can be registered.

(i.e. – the Sire and Dam themselves must have three generations of known breeding on both sides, which makes the Sire and Dam the 4<sup>th</sup> generation and their progeny, 5<sup>th</sup> generation).

#### 1(b) FEMALES

##### D GRADE FEMALES

Base breeding females being either registered stud Angus, registered stud Red Angus, registered stud Galloways, or registered stud Red Polls.

##### C GRADE FEMALES

Resultant progeny from the mating of a registered Belted Galloway bull, with a D Grade female.

##### B GRADE FEMALES

Resultant progeny from the mating of a registered Belted Galloway bull, with a C Grade female.

##### A GRADE FEMALES

Resultant progeny from the mating of a registered Belted Galloway bull, with a B Grade female, or an A grade female.

#### 1(c) DOWNGRADING

In the event of an animal eligible to be graded A, B or C and not being up to standard for which it is eligible in the opinion of the owner or inspector, it may be Down Graded to a lower grade.

#### 1(d) DEFINITION OF A FOUNDATION COW

A Foundation cow is the dam of a cow registered in the Herd Book of the Association that has been classified – the breeding of the stud foundation cow is unknown, but it is deemed to be an A Grade female.

#### 1(e) MINIATURES

As of the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1998, Miniature Belted Galloway cattle can be registered with the Association, as an Appendix to the Herd Book. Once an animal is registered as a Miniature Belted Galloway, it or its progeny will not be allowed back into the General Section of the Herd Book without the letters POMS after its name.

## 2. REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

The undermentioned guidelines are given for use when applying for registration of animals into the Herd Book of the Association.

It is recommended that animals be registered after weaning, preferably before the age of 18 months. See schedule of fees for charges made at various age levels.

### 2(a) FEMALES

#### **D GRADE FEMALES**

Registered stud Angus, registered stud Red Angus, registered stud Galloway or registered stud Red Poll cow with good confirmation, and true to type.

**C GRADE FEMALES** Result of mating a "D" Grade cow with a registered Belted Galloway bull. It should have a full or part belt preferably with no other markings.

**B GRADE FEMALES** Result of mating a "C" Grade cow with a registered Belted Galloway bull. It should have a full belt with no other markings, especially on the feet and tail.

**A GRADE FEMALES** Result of mating a "B" or "A" Grade cow with a registered Belted Galloway bull. Confirmation should be good with a full white belt, and no other markings allowed

### 2(b) DOWNGRADING OF FEMALES

See By-Law 1(c) (Herd Book – paragraph "DOWNGRADING")

### 2(c) BULLS

Result of mating an "A" grade cow with a registered Belted Galloway bull. Confirmation should be good, with a full white belt and no other markings allowed.

As from 1.7.90 bull calves born from that date must be by sires, and out of dams, who have themselves, at least THREE GENERATIONS of known breeding on both sides - before the bull can be registered.

### 2(d) MINIATURES

Registration of Miniature Belted Galloways will follow the same criteria as General Section animals with the added criteria of – Males to be no more than 125cm hip height and Females to be no more than 120cm hip height. Animals which exceed these hip heights can no longer be regarded as miniatures and should be transferred to the General Herd Book with the letters POMS after their names.

## 3. HERD BOOK REGISTRATIONS

**3(a)** Any person, firm or company, desiring to register cattle with the Association must become a member of the Association, and must registered a stud prefix and be allotted a registered Herd Number.

**3(b)** All applications for registration of cattle in the Herd Book of the Association must be made on the official forms supplied by the Association. Any forms not correctly filled in will be returned to the applicant for completion or correction.

#### **REQUISITE FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ALL APPLICATIONS**

**3(c) (i) ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION OF ANIMALS** will always be subject to approval of the Council of the Association, and is available to progeny of all sires and dams entered in the Herd Book of the Association, provided they have complied with the provision of By-Laws 1, 3(d) and 3(e) mentioned herein.

**(ii)** Eligibility of base breeding females in Class D of the Herd Book will be available until otherwise determined by the Council and will be open to pure bred Angus females, pure bred Red Angus females, pure bred Galloway females, or pure bred Red Poll females, once weaned from their dams and shall be subject to the approval of the Association.

**3(d) ALL CALVES MUST BE TATTOOED, AND RECORDED**, and such recordings must be made within 180 days of the birth of such calves, on the form provided by the Association, otherwise penalties will apply.

Such animals will then be eligible for Registration, subject to the provisions contained in By-Laws 1 and 3(c).

(i) As from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1986, a Live Animal Return/Levy will become applicable, and from this date, individual calf recordings will cease – and the birth of eligible calves born during the calendar year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December will be calf recorded on the Annual Return.

As from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1986, no Calf Notification fees or levy will be payable.

**3(e) MANNOSIDOSIS TESTING REGULATIONS**

Refer to By-Law 8.

**3(f) IMPORTED BULLS OR SEMEN**

(i) That it is confirmed that the bull or semen in question is registered with a recognised Belted Galloway society anywhere in the world.

The Belted Galloway society that has the bull in question registered in its Herd Book is to be asked to advise whether there is any breeding in the animal other than Belted Galloway and in its fifth generation is there any Angus, Red Angus, Galloway or Red Poll or any other breed not listed in this paragraph.

(ii) That verification and approval of entry into Australia has been submitted. (This to be requested from the applicant).

(iii) That the breeding of the bull conforms with the breeding requirements of this Association, ie five generations and having no known blood in it other than Angus, Red Angus, Galloway or Red Poll.

Such registrations shall be subject to approval from the Council.

**3(g) IMPORTED FEMALES**

(i) That it is confirmed that the female in question is registered with a recognised Belted Galloway society anywhere in the world.

The Belted Galloway society that has the female in question registered in its Herd Book is to be asked to advise whether there is any breeding in the animal other than Belted Galloway and in its fifth generation is there any Angus, Red Angus, Galloway or Red Poll or any other breed not listed in this paragraph.

(ii) That verification and approval of entry into Australia has been submitted. (This to be requested from the applicant).

(iii) That the breeding of the female conforms with the breeding requirements of this Association, ie five generations and having no known blood in it other than Angus, Red Angus, Galloway or Red Poll.

(iv) **CALVES IN UTERO** of females imported, are accepted as imported cattle.

Such registrations shall be subject to approval from the Council.

**4. TRANSFERS OF ANIMALS FROM OTHER RECOGNISED HERD BOOKS TO THE ASSOCIATION HERD BOOK**

A fee of \$15.00 (or as adjusted from time to time by Council) to be paid for administration costs on all animals brought into the Association Herd Book from another Society (ie Galloway Society, New Zealand Society, UK Society etc.). However, in order to be transferred, the animals must satisfy the requirements under Clause 1 for registration in the Herd Book.

## 5. TATTOO, EARMARKING AND FIRE BRANDING

All pedigree animals to be eligible for Registration in the Herd Book of the Association must be tattooed and/or earmarked by the breeder in any ear for the best clarity and legibility with **preference being to the prefix and tag being inserted in the right or offside ear, and the stud identification number, in the left or near ear** – as soon as possible after birth, as follows:

- 5(a) Tattoo or earmark by the breeder with –
- (i) The registered Herd Prefix of the Breeder **PLUS**
  - (ii) The year letter or number **PLUS**
  - (iii) Breeder's number allocated for identification of the animal.
- 5(b) **FIRE BRANDING OR FREEZE BRANDING** shall be elective by the breeder and where applied shall conform as follows:-
- (i) Year number, PLUS
  - (ii) The number allotted for the identification of the animal by the breeder.

## 6. TRANSFERS

- 6(a) The vendor is responsible for the transfer and payment of fees on the transfer of an animal – unless otherwise arranged between the Purchaser and Vendor.
- 6(b) Transfer declarations must be made on the official form of the Association and must be lodged with the Association within 90 days of completion of the sale transaction – otherwise penalty fees will apply.
- 6(c) Before completing any transfer, it will be the duty of both the Vendor and Purchaser to examine the tattoo marks, in order to establish the correct identity.
- 6(d) Transfer of animals from another Society Herd Book –  
Refer to By-Law No. 4.
- 6(e) A transfer by a member of the Association in favour of his spouse, and/or one or more of his children by name or by a Firm, or Company, as sole transferee(s), and comprising all animals of which he is registered as the owner in the Herd Book, may be approved by the Council, and may be recorded without fee PROVIDED THAT all members of such firm and all shareholders and directors of such company are respectively either wife, son or daughter of such member.
- 6(f) **MANNOSIDOSIS TESTING PRIOR TO TRANSFER**  
Please refer to By-Law 8 (following)

## 7. SEMEN RIGHTS

In the event of the death of a bull, the semen rights for that bull can be transferred for as long as the semen continues to exist.

## 8. MANNOSIDOSIS

- 8(a) That the Australian Belted Galloway Association Inc., keep a register of the Mannosidosis status ("Carrier", "Non-Carrier" (MF)) of all breeding cattle registered in the revised Herd Book (Volume 1) and its subsequent supplements.
- 8(b) That no animal be transferred from any stud Herd to any other stud Herd without having a Mannosidosis Free status (ie progeny of Mannosidosis Tested Free parentage, or themselves tested free)."
- 8(c) That all bulls found to be "Carriers" of Mannosidosis, be slaughtered (unless these bulls are required by scientists for research purposes) and that bull calves found to be "Carriers" of Mannosidosis be denied registration in the Herd Book.

## 9. SERVICE CERTIFICATES

- 9(a) When a female is served by a bull which is not the property of the Owner of such female, a Certificate of Service must accompany the Application for Registration of the resultant progeny. The Certificate of Service must be on the form provided by the Association

- 9(b)** Where a registered female animal is sold, and has previously been joined to a registered Belted Galloway bull – the Service Certificate (Section B) on the reverse side of the Official Registration Certificate, is to be completed on transfer.

## **10. NAMING OF ANIMALS**

- 10(a)** Animals shall not be registered under names already in use. In cases where names selected by applicants are already in use the Secretary will ask the breeder to supply alternative names.
- 10(b)** Names misleading as to sex, relationship or origin, or objectionable in any respect or pronounced alike, but spelt differently cannot be allowed.
- 10(c)** The number of words in proposed names is limited to two (2), exclusive of the Prefix or Affix. The word "of" is not counted.
- 10(d)** After a pedigree has been printed in the Herd Book of the Association, the name of the animal may not be changed except by the discretion of the Council for the purpose of correcting an error or misprint.

## **11. PREFIX OR AFFIX**

- 11(a)** A member shall register, subject to the approval of Council any suitable name for his/her sole and exclusive use as a PREFIX or AFFIX in naming his/her cattle.
- 11(b)** The purchaser of a stud shall have no right to the previous owner's stud name, except with the written consent of the previous owner, and the approval of the Council.

## **12. PRIVATE STUD REGISTER**

- 12(a)** All breeders shall keep a register containing complete and proper records of their stud breeding activities.
- 12(b)** The Council may appoint a representative to inspect the private stud register of any Belted Galloway stud.
- 12(c)** In the event of neglect or refusal of an owner of such cattle to permit such inspection upon reasonable notice of at least fourteen (14) days being given in writing, the Council may refuse any Applications for Registration or Transfer and/or may impose such fine commensurate with the extent of the default as it shall think fit and/or may require the owner to pay the whole or any part of any expenses which may have been incurred by reason of any attempted inspection or inspections.

## **13. OFFENCES**

- 13(a)** Any member who knowingly exhibits any registered animal in any Show or Exhibition or who advertises any animal in any paper, periodical, or pamphlet, whether for sale or otherwise, under any but its registered name, or knowingly or recklessly allows any false or inaccurate information regarding such animal to be given, shall be guilty of conduct prejudicial to the objects of the Association, and shall be dealt with by the Council or the Disputes Committee as it may see fit.
- 13(b)** Any person or persons who administer or cause to have administered any drug to cause tranquillity or tractability in an animal may be removed from the Association by a quorum of the Council.

## **14. ERRORS OR IRREGULARITIES**

- 14(a)** In no case shall an error or irregularity of any nature be adjusted or corrected without the Council's permission. A Statutory Declaration will be required in all such cases.
- 14(b)** In the event of an animal being sold and its tattoo mark being subsequently found unsatisfactory, it shall be the duty of the purchaser to report to the Council and obtain permission to make arrangements with the breeder or an approved representative for re-tattooing.
- 14(c)** If an inaccuracy or omission is discovered relating to any entry or if any entry shall prove to have been wrongly or incorrectly made, such entry may be cancelled by the Council, and the Herd Book amended accordingly.
- 14(d)** In every such case, the onus shall rest with the owner to establish the accuracy of any record.

## **15. SHOW AND SALE ENTRIES**

- 15(a)**
- (i) All entries for a Show sponsored by the Association shall be checked by the Secretary of the Association or a Sub-Committee appointed by the Council, with the records of the Association, immediately following the closing of entries of the Show and before the catalogue is printed to ensure that all entries are in order.

- (ii) Only "A" grade cattle may be exhibited at such Shows except for potential "A" grade progeny calves up to the age of 14 months, which have been birth recorded with the Association.
- (iii) Calves being shown at foot must be potential 'A' grade animals and if not then the cow must not be shown with the calf at foot.

#### **15(b) JOINT OWNERSHIP**

When an animal is jointly owned, and is shown jointly, it shall accumulate its own points; if an animal is shown separately by one of the owners, a written lease agreement must be signed by all other registered owners. This ruling only to be used in the circumstances where Show Societies do not stipulate any rulings on ownership/exhibition of animals. The maximum number of joint owners is four (4).

#### **15(c) SPONSORED SALES**

All animals entered for a sale sponsored or approved by the Association shall be checked by the Secretary or a Sub-Committee appointed by the Council, immediately following the close of entries for a sale and before the catalogue is printed to ensure all entries are in order.

#### **15(d) INSPECTION OF SALE ANIMALS**

All such animals shall be inspected by no less than two inspectors who from time to time shall be appointed by the Council and any animals found not suitable or suspect shall at the request of Council be withdrawn from the Sale.

### **16. ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- 16(a)** Any member whose Annual Subscription is in arrears for three months shall not be entitled to nominate any member for Council, nor to vote on any matter at any meeting of the Association, neither shall he/she be eligible for nomination for a seat on the Council.
- 16(b)** Any member whose Annual Subscription is in arrears for one year shall automatically cease to be a member of the Association, and in order to be reinstated must pay all arrears, and apply to be re-elected as a member.

### **17. LIVE ANIMAL REGISTER AND LEVY**

As from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1986, a Live Animal Register and Levy will be introduced with a fee payable on all working females, as set out in the Schedule of Fees listed at the end of the By-Laws.

- 17(a)** The Secretary will forward to members of the Association, at the end of each calendar year, a list of all working females registered by office records, in the name of the member as at 31<sup>st</sup> December for the year just completed.

**17(b)** Members are then required to:-

- (i) **DELETE** any animal that has been culled, died sold commercially etc and is no longer in the Herd.
- (ii) **DELETE** any working female, that is still in the Herd but progeny thereof, is no longer required to be registered.

**N.B.** It should be noted, that if a Member desires to bring this/these working females back into the Herd at a later date, there will be a fee imposed of \$25.00 per animal, per year deleted from the Register, payable for the reinstatement of the animal.

This fee is subject to review from time to time by the Council.

- (iii) **ADD** calves born during the year under review from registered working females, that are eligible for registration.
- (iv) **ADD** name of sire/s used for calf drop for the year under review.
- (v) **RETURN COMPLETED REGISTER** to the Secretary of the Association by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March of each year, together with levies payable on the number of working females remaining in the stud Herd.

**A SLIDING SCALE OF FEES ARE PAYABLE AS SHOWN IN THE SCHEDULE** – Rule 20, depending on grade of working females (ie A. B. C or D grades).

## **18. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION REGULATION**

An animal got by AI shall be eligible for entry in the records of the Association upon such conditions, and such restrictions as the Council may from time to time prescribe, and which are as follows:

**18(a)** If the owner of the dam at the time of the insemination either:

- (i) Does not own the sire, or
- (ii) Does own the sire and the sire is standing at an approved AI Breeding Centre, then,
  1. The sire of the animal must be a bull registered as an "Approved Bull" by the Council.
  2. Any Government Regulations as from time to time in force must be complied with.
  3. The AI certificates issued and approved by the Council must have been completed and lodged with the Association, or
  4. The AI certificate issued by a government approved AI Breeding Centre, or Sub-Centre signed by an approved Inseminator and lodged with the Association.

**18(b)** If the recorded owner of the dam is the recorded owner of the sire, both at the time of the collection of the semen, and the date of the insemination then –

- (i) The AI certificate issued and/or approved by the Council must have been completed and lodged with the Association.

### **18(c) APPROVED ARTIFICIAL BREEDING CENTRES AND SUB-CENTRES**

(i) The following Artificial Breeding Centres have been approved by the Council:-

All those Artificial Breeding Centres that are or may be approved and/or licensed by the particular government of the Country or State wherein the Artificial Breeding Centre is situated to collect, store and package semen for sale.

(ii) The following Artificial Breeding Sub-Centres have been approved by the Council:-

All those Artificial Breeding Sub-Centres that are or may be approved and/or licensed by the particular government of the Country or State wherein the Artificial Breeding Sub-Centre is situated to collect, store and package semen for sale.

### **18(d) APPROVED INSEMINATORS**

The following persons have been approved by the Council as Approved Inseminators.

All those persons who hold a current licence or certificate to inseminate cattle as per the category stated on such licence or certificate issued by the government concerned or who have obtained a certificate of efficiency from a government approved Training Centre, and/or some other approved Belted Galloway Society.

In addition, any person may inseminate a dam owned by him with semen from a bull owned by him and must execute a Certificate in the form approved by the Association and forward same to the Association with the application for registration of the calf.

### **18(e) AN APPROVED BULL**

The owner of a bull must make application to the Association to have the said bull declared an "Approved Bull" and to have the said bull included in the "Register of Approved Bulls."

- (i) The application must include the following:-
  1. The name  
Registration number  
Tattoo
  2. A statement that the said bull is capable of natural service under paddock conditions.
  3. A certificate from a recognised DNA testing laboratory giving the DNA of the said bull.

4. A certificate from the "Research Director" of "The Chromosome Research Foundation Limited" that the said bull has been "Chromosome Counselling" or "Screened" to his satisfaction, and that he has examined the "Karyotype" of the bull and that he recommends:-
  - a. That the bull be accepted as an "Approved Bull" as his chromosomes are normal in number, shape and form.
  - b. That the bull be accepted as an "Approved Bull" subject to certain conditions which are as follows:- .....
  - c. That the bull be not accepted as an "Approved Bull" for the reasons which are as follows:- .....

(ii) Provided that the application has been completed and approved, then the said bull will be declared an "Approved Bull" and his name will be included in the "Register for Approved Bulls."

(iii) The Council may remove the name of any bull from the "Register of Approved Bulls" at any time, and refuse to accept the Application for Registration in the records of the Association of the progeny of the said bull, if the Council considers to its complete satisfaction that the said bull is carrying any abnormal genetic defects that may do harm to the future of the Breed.

## 19. OVUM TRANSPLANT REGULATIONS

The following provisions apply exclusively to the use of Embryo transplants:-

- 19(a) Host cow/s which are used for the purpose of incubating a fertilised ovum shall be identified with a tattoo or brand.
- 19(b) All details relating to identification of donor cows and host cows including tattoos and brands together with the results of pregnancy tests on host cows and insemination certificates when artificial insemination is used, shall be notified to the Association when registration of the progeny is sought.
- 19(c) Subject to the Rules of the Association, and to such regulations of Federal and State Government departments as may exist from time to time, calves born from embryo transplants shall be eligible for recording and registration by the Association.
- 19(d) All eligible progeny got by Embryo Transplants shall be so indicated in the Herd Book by placing the letters ET after the animal's registered name.

# FEES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Membership fees effective as at 1st July 2007  
(Inclusive of GST)

Annual Full Membership			
Pro Rata - 1st Jul - 30th Sept	100%		\$125.00
- 1st Oct - 31st Dec	75%		\$93.75
- 1st Jan - 31st Mar	50%		\$62.50
- 1st Apr - 30th Jun	25%		\$31.25

Annual Commercial Membership		\$40.00
Annual Associate Membership		\$40.00
Annual Junior Membership		\$15.00
Entrance fees, Life/Full Membership (once only)		\$50.00

## Registration Fees not registered with Animal Levy

Bulls		\$25.00
Females		
Under 18 months not registered with Animal Levy		\$15.00
Over 18 months less 24 months not registered		
With Animal Levy		\$25.00
Over 24 months not registered with Animal Levy		\$33.00

## Registrations Fees paid the same time as Animal Levy

Bulls		\$25.00
Females registered when paying Animal Levy will have the same fees as your Animal Levy fees i.e. if Under 10 head \$15.00 each if 50 or over head \$9.00 each.		

## Live Animal Levy

Bulls		\$10.00			
Females					
<b>Under 10</b>	<b>11-19</b>	<b>20-29</b>	<b>30-39</b>	<b>40-49</b>	<b>50 and over</b>
\$15.00/	\$13.00	\$12.00/	\$11.00/	\$10.00	\$9.00

Reinstatement Fee - lapsed females		\$25.00
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## Transfers

Under 90 days		\$25.00
Over 90 days		\$50.00
Transfer from another Society		\$18.75

**PLEASE NOTE: As from 1.7.90 bull calves born from that date must be by sires, and out of dams, who have themselves, at least THREE GENERATIONS of known breeding on both sides - before the bull can be registered.**