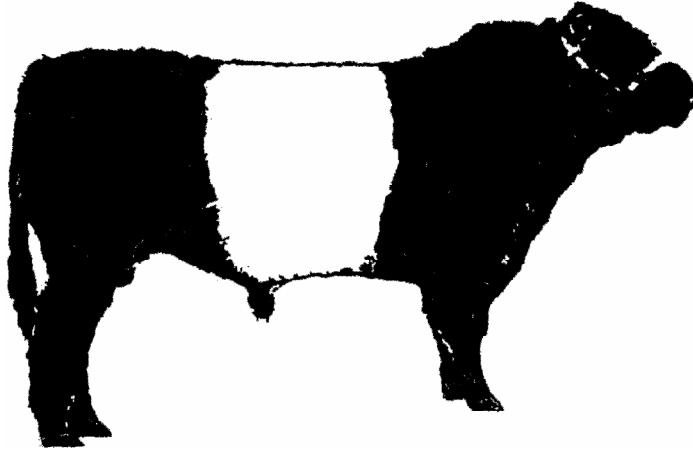


AUSTRALIAN BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION Inc.



# GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATIONS

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## **CLASSIFICATIONS ARE OUT - REGISTRATIONS ARE IN**

What to do:

Tattoo your calves, in the normal manner, as soon as possible after birth.

The regulations state -

"All pedigree animals to be eligible for registration in the Herd Book of the Association must be tattooed and/or ear-marked by the BREEDER in ANY EAR for the best clarity and legibility with PREFERENCE being to the STUD IDENTIFICATION number in the LEFT or NEAR SIDE ear AS SOON AS POSSIBLE after birth as follows:-

1. Tattoo or ear mark by the BREEDER with:
  - a. The registered herd symbols of the breeder PLUS
  - b. The year letter or number PLUS
  - c. Breeder's number allocated for identification of the animal.
2. FIRE BRANDING or FREEZE BRANDING shall be elective by the Breeder and where applied shall conform as follows:
  - a. Year number and
  - b. The number allotted for the identification of the animal by the Breeder.

Tattooing should be carried out at a time when you decide to apply for registration of the animal, and have carried out your own inspection to see that the bull/cow is of good confirmation and breed standard and is eligible to be included in the Herd Book of the Association in accordance with the Rules.

It is recommended that application for registration be made once the animal is weaned and preferably before the age of 9 months.

### **TATTOOS - SOME HANDY HINTS**

1. Use a crush or bale head to restrain the animal.
2. Thoroughly clean the inside of the ears with methylated spirits.
3. When looking for an existing tattoo use a strong torch from behind the ear.
4. When tattooing, place some tattoo paste on the inside of the ear between the two main veins and cartilage ribs central to the ear. Also place paste on the tattoo pins. Test the imprint on a piece of cardboard first and always ensure the equipment is clean and sterile.

Clamp the plier jaws firmly together (the pins will pass through ear flesh) and the animal *will jump!*

After removing the pliers use a toothbrush to rub more paste into the imprint.

### **TATTOO INSPECTIONS**

At most Association sponsored shows or sales, registered cattle are subject to inspections. Illegible or inaccurate tattoos can lead to rejection of the animal from the event and may even lead to cancellation of the animal's registration.

DO NOT ALTER A TATTOO WITHOUT BREED SOCIETY WRITTEN APPROVAL.

### **FEES PAYABLE - REGISTRATIONS**

Males and Females

Registration fees effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007:

Under 18 months	\$15.00 per head
Over 18-24 months	\$25.00 per head
Over 24 months	\$33.00 per head
All bulls	\$25.00 per head

It is recommended that application for registration be made once the animal is weaned and preferable before the age of 9 months.

## WHEN SHOULD YOU REQUEST REGISTRATIONS

Registration of animals can be completed when entering your Live Female Inventory forms (sent to each member just prior to Christmas each year). Room has been made on the Inventory for you to enter calf information etc.

OR

You may request Registrations at any time during the year by simply filling out an Animal Registration Form with FULL particulars and forwarding (with fees) to the Federal Office. (Sheets sent with membership Package).

## WHEN PURCHASING ANIMALS

Ensure that the animal has a tattoo in its ear and the details match the Registration Certificate from an appropriate Cattle Society. This is best done on the vendor's property to avoid disputation at a later date. The tattoo should be completely legible and show no signs of alteration. This especially applies for potential D Grade females from the recognised breeds. It is the vendor's responsibility to apply to his/her Society for permission to re-tattoo if required. Under no circumstances purchase or take delivery of any animal that is advertised as 'purebred', 'registered' or 'stud' unless a registration certificate is sighted. If the registration is held by another Society allow time for the details to be forwarded to the Australian Belted Galloway Association secretariat for verification - remember not all Society's have the same breeding and registering criteria especially in the case of bulls. If the papers have been 'lost' request copies be obtained. It is quite reasonable and easily done if the animal is bonafide.

## LAPSED REGISTRATION

Even if an animal's registration has lapsed, details of past registrations can be obtained and animals may qualify for re-registration.

## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All states of Australia have animal health requirements that can apply to transportation, purchase and sale of stud and commercial cattle. Always check with the relevant state Animal Health Department prior to the transaction. Most health certificates attract a fee and in some cases require blood tests etc. that take time to complete.

Normally the vendor or breeder is responsible for the appropriate test (as the property history is required).

All cattle transactions require a National Vendor Declaration. Remember this protects the interests of the *buyer* and the *industry*.

## BREEDING UP

### Females

#### D Grade

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

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

Result of mating a 'C' grade cow with a registered Belted Galloway bull. It should have a full or part belt preferably with no other markings especially on the feet and tail.

#### A Grade

Result of mating a 'B' grade cow with a registered Belted Galloway bull. Confirmation should be good with a full belt and NO OTHER MARKINGS ALLOWED.

### Bulls

Result of mating an 'A' grade cow with a registered Belted Galloway bull. Confirmation should be good with a full belt and NO OTHER MARKINGS ALLOWED.

Note: As from 01/07/1990 BULL CALVES born from that date MUST BE by sires and out of dams, who have themselves, AT LEAST THREE (3) GENERATIONS OF KNOWN BREEDING ON BOTH SIDES. - before the Bull can be registered. Sires and Dams 4th generation, progeny 5th generation.

## DOWNGRADING OF FEMALES

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 Council, it may be downgraded to another grade.

## **STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE**

### **HINDQUARTERS**

Deep and full, thighs thick and muscular, and in proportion with hindquarters, twist full.

### **TAIL**

Thick, coming neatly out of the body on a line with the back, tapering towards the brush and hinging at right angles.

### **UNDERLINE**

As nearly as possible parallel with the top line, flank full and soft.

### **LEGS**

Of medium length and squarely placed on all four corners, allowing free carriage, hind legs slightly inclined forward below the hocks, forearm muscular, cannon bone of medium thickness and good length.

### **FLESHING - MUSCLING**

Even, well developed and firm.

### **SKIN**

Of moderate thickness and mellow touch, abundantly covered with mossy undercoat and soft hair.

### **COLOUR**

Either black and white, dun and white or red and white with the belt between the shoulders and the hocks. Other white markings are undesirable.

### **GENERAL APPEARANCE**

Bulls: bright, well developed, masculine.

Cows: bright, well developed, feminine.

### **HEAD**

Bulls: polled, forehead moderately broad, tapering towards the nose, nostrils wide and open, distance from eye to nostril of moderate length, eyes bright, full and expressive, ear of medium size, well set and well covered with hair.

Cows: polled, forehead of moderate width, tapering towards the nose, muzzle of good width, nostrils wide and open, distance from eye to nostril of moderate size.

### **NECK**

Bulls: of medium length, muscular and crested according to age, spreading out to meet the shoulders and full neck vein.

Cows: of medium length, tapering from shoulders to head.

### **SHOULDERS**

Well laid in, covered on the blades and on the top, which should be on a line with the back and moderately broad.

### **CHEST**

Wide and deep.

### **BRISKET**

Standing out between the legs and moderately covered with flesh.

### **RIBS**

Well sprung from the backbone, arched and deep, neatly joined to the withers and loins.

### **BACK**

Broad and straight from the withers to the tail head, loins strong, hook bones moderate in width, not prominent and well covered, rump long, full level and rounded neatly into hindquarters.

### **EAR TAGS**

Ear tagging of your stud cattle is NOT COMPULSORY - however it can be an effective and easy way for you to quickly identify your animals in the paddock.

If you desire to use ear tags, it should be inserted into the animal's LEFT or NEAR ear, and on which shall appear.

1. The animal's year letter or number, PLUS
2. The breeder's animal identification number - eg:

**E**Year letter  
2009**4**breeders'  
animal number**REGISTRATION CHECKLIST**

- Does the animal meet breeding criteria for registration?
- Does the animal already have a registration certificate?
- Have I forwarded the certificate to the Association Secretary for approval?
- Have I forwarded all the calf details and registration fee to the Association Secretary.
- Have I tattooed the calf?
- Have I forwarded the Natural Service certificate if a lease or loan bull was used?

**TRANSACTION CHECKLIST**

- Has the tattoo been checked?
- Has a health certificate been applied for?
- Has the transfer application been forwarded to the Association Secretary?
- Has a copy of the registration certificate gone to the buyer?
- Has a national vendor's declaration been completed?

**MOST ASKED QUESTIONS*****What is a stud prefix?***

It is usually the name of the stud eg: 'Warialda'. It is the name chosen by the breeder that is registered for that herd by the Association. Animals bred by that breeder will then be prefixed with that name eg: Warialda Sally.

***Do I put the stud prefix on the tattoo?*** (Ref. ByLaw 5)

No. The letters used as the tattoo are herd identification symbols that have been recorded by the Association for your use only. They are to be the same with every animal you breed. The year letter and breeder numbers will change.

Eg:

**AJF**

Herd symbol

**E**Year letter  
(2009)**4**Breeder's  
animal number***I have bought animals that are currently registered with another Galloway Society. Can I transfer them to the ABGA?***

Yes. Provided your stud is a member of the ABGA and the animal's breeding meet the criteria of the ABGA. Therefore submit copies of the registrations to the ABGA Secretary for approval.

***I want to transfer my membership from another Society, will I have to change much?*** (Ref. ByLaw No 4.)

No. Provided your stud prefix is not already taken, it remains, so does your herd symbols. Animal registrations can be transferred subject to breeding criteria. \$25.00 transfer fee per animals applies. Membership is pro-rata to the 1<sup>st</sup> July.

***What does POIS mean?***

Progeny of Imported Stock. Simply, the parentage of that animal can be traced back through registrations to a time when a fully imported animal from an overseas herd book was introduced. Only progeny from POIS animals can carry on the POIS description.

***What does MF stand for?***

The MF symbol following the animal's name means that either the animal itself or it's ancestors have been inoculated for bovine Mannosidosis. MF means Mannosidosis Free. Any animal not carrying the MF status can not be sold or transferred from your herd until a veterinary certificate has been sighted by the Secretary. Mannosidosis is an inherited lethal disease in cattle, but can be detected by a simple blood test.

***What is the difference between POIS and A Grade?***

At some stage in the heritage of an animal (without POIS status) a graded female appeared without the POIS description.

**Can I show my B Grade heifer?**

Yes. Only at country shows that are not sponsored by the ABGA. Royal Shows and shows sponsored by the ABGA (eg: recognised Feature Shows) only allow A Grade animals.

**My A Grade cow was mated with my A Grade bull. The bull calf has a thin white band of hair and white hoof horn on the rear leg. You can't see it in long grass!**

Unfortunately, the bull calf does not meet the criteria details in the ByLaws (Para. 2) and can not be registered. ("No other markings allowed.")

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