



RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. Ayrshire Australia Limited (AAL) shall have entire control of the compilation and publication of the Herd Book, and make all the rules governing entries of stock in the Herd Book, registers of transfer, leases, ownership and deaths, and fix any fees there on which it may deem necessary.
2. The registration of stock in the AAL Herd Book and entries in the Appendix section shall be open to members only. The breeder of any animal submitted for entry must have applied for membership and must have lodged the registration form within 12 months of the birth of such animal, except in the case of an imported animal or one eligible for entry by reason of its registration in a Herd Book recognised by AAL or except as hereinafter provided.

Where a calf (the produce of a registered or eligible cow duly certified by a member to have been mated by him before transfer) is submitted by a person applying to be a new member, the entry may be accepted if all requirements or the rules shall have been complied with, and person applying for membership duly becomes a member.

It shall be compulsory for breeders to notify the birth of all tattooed calves on the printed form supplied by AAL and the form must be fully completed as prescribed.

3. Every member shall be required to register a stud prefix for use exclusively in connection with the name of animals bred by him or entered by him in any Appendix section of the AAL Herd Book.
4. Every member shall be required to register a separate tattoo brand, and each animal bred by him and eligible for entry in the Herd Book or Appendices A, B or C AND IN R2 or R1 must be marked therewith, together with a separate identification number, within 60 days of birth. Such numbers to be applied in order of date of birth, and in the case of Appendix A, B, C, R1 and R2 females the letter A, B, C, R1 or R2, whichever is applicable, must be placed under the identification number. Until otherwise determined by AAL, there shall be no fee payable for such a tattoo brand.
5. The purchaser of a stud shall have no right to the previous owner's stud name except with the sanction of the previous owner and with the approval of AAL.
6. A member shall not tattoo ineligible cattle with its registered tattoo brand or interfere in any way with the brand of an animal eligible for entry and every member shall permit his herd to be inspected for tattoo brands at any time by the duly appointed inspector of any State Branch of AAL.
7. Any animal submitted for registration in the Herd Book must conform to the following regulations:-
 - a) Be named. The name should ideally be of not more than two words, exclusive of the stud prefix, followed by an ordinal number, if required. No registered name shall be altered except to correct an error or unless by direction of AAL. Names excessive in length, misleading as to sex, relationship or origin, or objectionable in any respect, shall subject to appeal to AAL, be rejected by the Secretary.
 - b) Be subject to inspection for identity, marks of identification, breed type, character, and conformation, should AAL so desire. The expenses incurred in such inspection shall be borne by the owner of the animal, if so determined.
 - c) The sire and dam must be registered in the Herd Book. Or the dam should be included under Appendix A or R1.
 - d) Shall not be eligible to be registered unless it has been properly tattooed in accordance with Rule 4.
 - e) Shall not be eligible unless the requirements of these rules have been complied with in all other respects.
8. "Poll animals" which comply with the foregoing rule shall be eligible for registration:-

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- a) "Poll animal" shall mean an animal born without horns and without scurs or buttons affixed to the skull provided that no horns, scurs or buttons have been physically removed or detached from the skull; or
 - b) Horned animals having polled blood on any side of its ancestry.
 - c) At the end of the name of each animal which is polled or has any polled blood in any side of its ancestry there may be included in the case of a poll animal the bracketed letter (P) and in the case of an animal which is not a poll animal the bracketed letter (H).
 - d) The bracketed letter (P) and (H) as the case may be, may form part of the animal's registered name.
9. The breeder of an animal is, for the purpose of AAL, the owner of it's birth mother at the time of birth of such animal.
10. Should an animal be inadvertently omitted from registration within the prescribed period of 12 months, then such animal may be registered provided:-
- a) That the application is received within 36 calendar months of the birth of the animal. Any application received after this time shall be treated at the discretion of AAL.
 - b) That the animal has been tattooed within 60 days of date of birth.
 - c)
 - i) A statutory declaration is made by the breeder stating that the animal has been tattooed in accordance with the rules, or
 - ii) The animal is passed on inspection by the nominated AAL inspector whose expenses shall be borne by the applicant.
 - d) That increased fees as specified in Rule 16 are paid.

APPENDIX SECTION

11. There shall be an Appendix to the Herd Book, and this shall be divided into three sections. Females may then be recorded herein provided that they conform to the following conditions:-
- a) Appendix C shall be open to females, which have been sired by a registered Ayrshire bull.
 - b) Appendix B shall be open to the female progeny of females in Appendix C and registered Ayrshire bulls, provided that the progeny have been entered in accordance with Rules 7, 8 and 10.
 - c) Appendix A shall be open to the female progeny of females in Appendix B and registered Ayrshire bulls, provided that the progeny have been entered in accordance with Rules 7, 8 and 10.
 - d) The female progeny of females in Appendix A and registered Ayrshire bulls may be eligible for registration in the Herd Book provided that they conform to Rules 7, 8 and 10.
12. Provided always and notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing conditions AAL, may place any female in any Appendix to the Herd Book, or even the Numbered Section of the Herd Book. However:-
- a) If a female is to be placed direct into Appendix B, it's dam must have been at least eligible for recording in Appendix C. If dead, the dam will be recorded in the Appendix C, with the letters R.O. to appear after it's name. A fee, as determined, is applicable to record the dam plus the normal registration fee for Appendix B female.
 - b) If a female is to be placed direct into Appendix A, it's dam must have been at least eligible for recording in Appendix B and it's grand-dam eligible for

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recording in Appendix C. If dead, the dam will be recorded in Appendix B, with the letters R.O. to appear after it's name, and the grand-dam if dead, will be recorded in Appendix C, with the letters R.O to appear after it's name. A fee, as determined, is applicable to record the dam, plus a fee to record the grand-dam, plus the normal registration fee for the Appendix A female.

- c) If female is to be placed direct into the Herd Book, it's dam must have been at least eligible for recording in Appendix A, it's grand-dam eligible for recording in Appendix B and it's great-dam eligible for recording in Appendix C. If dead, the dam will be recorded in Appendix A, with the letters R.O to appear after it's name, and the grand-dam, if dead, will be recorded in Appendix B with the letters R.O. to appear after it's name, and the great grand-dam, if dead, will be recorded in Appendix C, with the letters R.O to appear after it's name. A fee as determined, is applicable to record the dam, plus a fee to record the grand-dam, plus a fee to record the great-dam, plus the normal registration fee for the Herd Book female.

A female already in the Appendix Section may be upgraded under the same conditions. A fee per section upgraded will apply.

Records to verify the breeding of all females submitted for registration under Rule 12, must be made available to AAL.

13. Introduction of outside Red Breed Genetics:-

- a) Provided that either the Dam or Sire is a non-appendix registered Ayrshire the other animal may be any Red or Red Factor registered animal from any dairy breed.
- b) Offspring of this mating will enter the Herd Book through Appendixes R2 and R1.
- c) The cost of registration is the same as for other entries.
- d) Full details of the outside genetics must be provided.
- e) An Inspection report must be provided, if requested.
- f) Males will not be accepted into this scheme.

14. To be eligible for registration into R2 appendix the blood percentage must be within the range of 50% to 74% Ayrshire.

To be eligible for registration into R1 appendix the blood percentage must be within the range of 75% to 86% Ayrshire.

Blood percentage greater than 87.5% Ayrshire will be accepted for registration into the herd book.

TRANSFERS AND LEASES

15.

- a) The registration of transfer or lease of all stock shall be made within 60 days of the date of sale or lease. The current registration fee for such transfer or lease shall be the transfer fee of \$2.00 plus 2 percent of sale price with a minimum levy of \$4.00. Pursuant to rule 16.
- b) It shall be compulsory for the Vendor to officially transfer all registered stock sold. Such transfers must be made on official forms supplied by the AAL and be lodged with the Secretary within 30 days from the date of the sale. Pursuant to clause 15c. The registration papers must be available at the time of the sale, or at the fall of the hammer at auctions. Upon the sale of any such registered animal either by public auction or private treaty the Vendor shall forward to the Secretary the transfer certificates of all registered Ayrshires sold, with the exception of those sold for slaughter, together with the minimum fee, currently

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the minimum fee, currently \$11.00 (including GST), or 2 percent of the sale price, whichever is greater.

Until these amounts are paid, the Secretary shall record no transfer of any animal sold. Omission from the official transfer list will disqualify the progeny of any animal from registration in the name of the transferee. If any breeder should sell an animal not already entered in the Herd Book, it must be entered by them and the above amount paid before the transfer of ownership can be recorded.

- c) An independent written agreement may be undertaken by both the purchaser and vendor to cover the transfer date of cattle prior to, or following, full payment. A copy of this agreement must be forwarded to the Federal Secretary of AAL and the dates of this agreement will determine the effective date of the transfer.
- d) The recognition of a lease by AAL shall entitle the lessee to exhibit the animal concerned as his or her property at a Show or Exhibition.
- e) AAL in its discretion, may at the written request of the vendor, cancel a registered transfer.
- f) The vendor of a female sold in calf is responsible for the registration of the sire used.

FEES

- 16. Fees shall be as determined by AAL from time to time and notified to members. Presently registration fees for males and females under 6 months are \$7.00, 6 to 9 months are \$8.00, 9 to 12 months are \$12.00, over 12 months an additional penalty may apply.
- 17.
 - a) If on any animal the tattoo imprint of the breeder's brand and/or serial number is considered faulty to an excessive extent, a Branch Committee may sanction such re-tattooing or further tattooing of the original brand as may be deemed necessary. In addition, the verifying brand shall also be applied under supervision of an inspector.
 - b) AAL may institute a distinctive brand, to be known as "the verifying brand", for the purpose of such brand being imprinted as a supplementary brand in conjunction with the breeders brand and/or serial number of any animal, the re-tattooing of which shall have been sanctioned. The verifying brand shall be the exclusive property of AAL. No duplicate or facsimile of the verifying brand shall be made except by AAL, which may take any measures deemed expedient to protect its rights in the brand. No member shall apply to any animal or cause or permit to be applied to any animal in his ownership or custody the verifying brand, except after sanction specifically given by the AAL or by a Branch Committee authorised in that behalf by AAL. Any animal that without the aforesaid sanction shall bear the imprint of the verifying brand or of any colourable imitation thereof shall be deregistered.
- 18. When a bull, which is not the property of her owner serves a cow or heifer, the service certificate, signed by the owner of the bull, must accompany the entry form.
- 19. It shall be the duty of all members to keep proper records of their stud breeding activities in a register. Such records to be open for inspection by any person whom a Branch Committee or AAL may appoint.
- 20. Animals got by artificial insemination must conform with the following conditions:-
 - a) Any AI centre or any person, group, association, company organisation or body who or which collects, processes, stores, uses or distributes semen with the object of inseminating stock (registered or eligible to be registered in the Stud Book) must be approved by the appropriate State Department of Agriculture or Federal Department, where applicable (e.g. ACT). The inseminator must also

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inseminator must also be approved except in the case of an owner artificially inseminating his own cattle.

- b) On insemination of an animal registered or eligible for registration, the person performing the insemination must supply to the owner a certificate of insemination giving the relevant identification.
 - c) A member shall state on the entry form or notification of birth that the animal was the result of AI and shall furnish all particulars required of him.
 - d) All bulls used to supply semen for AI must be registered in a Stud Book or in a Stud Book recognised by AAL. The storage and identification of semen must be carried out in a manner approved by the State Department of Agriculture or Federal Department, where applicable.
 - e) The Society may demand collection of blood samples from sire, dam and progeny for the purpose of checking parentage
21. AAL may cancel any registration without assigning any reason therefore and may alter or vary any particulars relating to the registration of any animal and it may modify, suspend, alter and/or enlarge any of the rules relating to the registration of animals for any reason.
22. Requirements to register an Embryo Transplanted (ET) Ayrshire calf:-
- a) The following should be forwarded to the Federal Office:
 - i) Blood type certificates of both parents,
 - ii) A Certificate of Transplant from the ET technician, showing full details of the Donor Dam, Sire, Host Dams (recipients) and numbers of embryos collected and implanted or frozen.
 - iii) The correctly filled out herd book entry form.
 - iv) If the embryos have been imported from overseas, provide all the above, plus:
 - A certificate from the agent etc saying that embryos were exported from the country of origin and imported into Australia.
 - A copy of the parents pedigree.
 - If purchased through an agent, some proof of this purchase.

The calves themselves need not be blood tested to be registered. If the ET animals are to be sold it is at the buyer's discretion as to whether they are blood tested to confirm parentage. Such parentage verification tests must be completed within 6 months of the sale.

FURTHER REGULATIONS FOR REGISTERING ET ANIMALS

All resultant calves **must** be registered in the Prefix of the owner of the calf at Date of Birth.

All resultant calves **must** bear the letters (ET) on the Herd Book Entry form and in the Herd Book.

AAL may at any time demand the collection of Blood Samples of the Sire, Donor Dam, Host Dam and Progeny for the purpose of checking parentage. Such samples to be at the expense of the Applicant for Registration.

The blood group of the sire, donor dam and each resultant calf must be available and since neither parent will necessarily be living at the time of birth of an Embryo Transfer calf, both the sire and the donor dam have been blood typed before the Embryo Transfer

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Transfer process is initiated.

If there is a problem with validating the parentage of the animal via blood typing, DNA testing is to be carried out. This is to be at the owner's expense.

JUDGING PANELS

Ayrshire Australia will maintain and regularly update the judge's panels.

SHOWRING AND COMPETITION RULES

COMPETITION RULES

Cow of the Year -

The Ayrshire Cow of the Year Competition is open to Ayrshire Cattle registered in the full Herd Book section, Appendix A & B and section R1.

NOTE: Lactation must be most recent and **305 days completed within the competition year**

All entries must be accompanied with a copy of the animal's latest production certificate.

National Production Challenge -

- The National Test Challenge is open to Ayrshire Cattle registered in the full Herd Book section, Appendix A & B and section R1.
- These competitions are for lactations that 305 day period is completed in the year of the competition.
- Figures required are for a 305 day lactation period.
- Owner sampling figures are acceptable, but this fact must be stated on the entry form.
- Plaques will be awarded as prizes.

All Australian (including youth) Photo Competition -

1. The All Australian Competition is open to Ayrshire Cattle registered in the full Herd Book section, Appendix A & B and section R1.
2. Black & white or coloured photographs of females are eligible and must be at least 15cm x 10cm (6" x 4") but no larger than 20cm x 15cm (8" x 6") and must not be framed or bordered.
3. Only one photo per animal/group may be entered.
4. Photograph must be taken within 30 days of qualifying show, before or after, providing the animal stays in the same condition.
5. All entries must be placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open class at any show in Australia in the year of the competition.
6. Photographs must not contain any information front or back that identifies the owner.
7. Entries must be sent on an official entry form available from the secretary with the entry fee.
8. Animals may be milking or dry in calf for Classes 2,3,4 & 5.
9. Where it is impractical to photograph an in calf heifer immediately prior to her calving in the attempt to enter her in Class 1 (under 2 yrs dry), she may be photographed after calving and will be eligible for entry into Class 2 (under 3 yrs in milk).
10. All entries must have on the top rear of photo written in felt pen
 - year of entry
 - class entered
 - identification number (eg if you send in 3 entries they will be numbered by you 1-3)

Further information for Youth Photographic Competition

- a. Age must be 18 years or under as at 31 December in the year of the competition.

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- b. One entry per person per year.
- c. Heifer to be shown (led in class) by yourself but you don't necessarily need to own exhibit.
- d. Age of heifer (for 1998 competition)
 - If shown between Jan 1 - June 30, 1998, must be born after 31 December, 1995.
 - If shown between July 1 - Dec 31, 1998, must be born after 30 June, 1996.
- e. Heifer must be "dry" on date of show and photo of you holding her must be taken within 30 days of show while still dry.
- f. Heifer must place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open class at any show, including calf shows. The heifer is to have no ribbons/awards on her when photographed.
- g. Entry is free and winners will be published in the journal.

Photos must be taken in the year of competition, be the correct size, not manipulated by computer imaging.

Premier Classified Herd -

Section A = 51 cows and above

Section B = 10 to 50 cows

Based on herd classification average and all eligible cows/heifers have been classified. To be included with the entry form is a list of all cows/heifers in classification score order noting the animals score and name.

SHOWRING RULES

Rules of the society to be conformed to at the time of competition.