

## FINAL DRAFT

### AUSTRALIAN PIG BREEDERS ASSOCIATION LTD

#### BY-LAWS

#### UPDATED BY THE FEDERAL COUNCIL MAY 2021

1. The financial year of the APBA Ltd shall end on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June each year. All Branch financial years must end on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June each year. All Branch Annual Statements must be audited by a Registered Public Auditor and a copy must be forwarded to the Federal Secretary before the Annual General Meeting.
2. The Registered office of the APBA Ltd shall be at the Livestock and Business Centre Ltd 33 Bong Bong St KIAMA NSW 2533.
3. Each State shall pay \$400 as their portion of the funding of the Annual General Meeting. This funding to be reviewed annually.
4. All accounts shall be paid by appropriate banking means. All transactions shall be signed by the Federal President or Federal Treasurer and counter signed by the Federal Secretary.
5. If the Association has surplus funds, the Federal Council may, subject to sufficient reserves being retained, make grants to the Branches to be used to further the objects of the Association.
6. The minimum reserves of the Association shall not exceed \$20,000.00. The interest accrued shall be transferred to the working bank account.
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  - a) The amount of each membership subscription retained by the Federal Council is to be set at the annual general meeting each year this fee will (inc GST). All fees will be displayed in the minutes of the AGM.
  - b) The APBA Ltd joining fee will be set at the AGM each year this fee will (inc GST) – application and registration fee of a prefix will be set at the AGM each year this fee will (inc GST), in addition to the joining fee. In the case of Associate or Junior Membership the joining does not apply.
  - c) Limited membership subscription is 50% of the Ordinary Membership. Branches determine the amount of State levy they charge. To be eligible for Junior Membership the applicant may only have (5) registered animals (boars or sows) they will not be eligible for any voting rights or to hold a position on council.
  - d) Junior Membership subscription is 50% of Ordinary Membership. Branches determine the amount of State levy they charge. To be eligible for Junior Membership the applicant must be 18 years or under.
  - e) Associate Members subscription is 50% of Ordinary Membership.
  - f) Membership fees are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May and if dues are not paid by 30<sup>th</sup> June a penalty of the joining fee will be incurred.
  - g) For members that wish to belong to more than one Branch there is a system of Primary and Secondary membership. Members must indicate their Primary membership for the purposes of paying their Federal Council membership. It is up to the Branches how they accept the Secondary membership, eg. as full member or associate, as this affects voting at Branch level. Dual members are only able to represent their Primary branch at Federal Council.

8. The maximum number of sows that a junior member is allowed to have registered in their name is 5. Once this number is exceeded the junior member must upgrade to Ordinary membership.
9. The Herd Book shall be known as "The Australian Pure Bred Pig Herd Book", and when referred to in pedigrees shall be denoted by the letters "A.P.H.B."
10. The Herd Book will close for printing/production on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December each year.
11. The cost of current Herd Books, if available will be set at the AGM each year. Non-members may purchase Herd Books. Past Herd Books may be supplied to members at cost if available.
12. Application for the registration and transfers of pigs shall only be accepted from financial members of the Association, pigs can only be transferred to financial members of the APBA, and on the understanding that the applicant agrees to inspection if necessary, to pay half the cost of such inspection, and to accept the decision of the Federal Council after receiving its inspectors report.
13. All applications for registration must be made electronically or on printed forms available from the APBA website and lodged together with the prescribed fees with the Federal Secretary who will record the registrations and allot the Herd Book numbers when the entries are in order. If the Federal Secretary should question the eligibility of any animal submitted for registration, the matter shall be referred to the Federal Council. The onus shall rest with the applicant in all cases of satisfying the Federal Council of the undoubted purity of animals submitted for registration and as to the correctness of pedigree details supplied and of any additional information required, and the Federal Council shall have discretionary power to accept or reject any pedigree without giving any reason for doing so.
14. Every member, other than Honorary members, shall be required to register a separate stud prefix for use exclusively in connection with the names of the animals bred by him.

Members owning pigs in partnership or in a syndicate with other members, must submit a Transfer Form with complete details of all owners, the animal is then recorded as being owned by all members involved in said partnership or syndicate. Any progeny is registered under the original stud prefix of the partner applicant who must be a financial member. If the animal is sold on for breeding purposes a transfer must be submitted signed by all the original owners.

15. All stock submitted for registration in the Herd Book must conform to the following conditions:
  - a) Each animal must be named, and such name shall not exceed two words, in addition to the breeder's stud prefix, which must be used. All boars must contain the sires blood line name, and all gilts must contain the dams blood line name, no blood line name can be changed without permission from the APBA, and if this rule is not observed the Federal Council has the right to refuse the registration of that animal.
  - b) The name and address of the breeder of each animal must be given. The breeder of an animal is the owner of its dam at the date of farrowing.
  - c) The sire and dam of each animal submitted for registration must be already registered in the Association's Herds Book or in a Herd Book recognized by the Association or the application for registration of the sire and dam must be accepted before the registration of such an animal can be considered. The fee for the registration of such animal shall be as determined at the AGM each year this fee will (inc GST).
  - d) All breeders of purebred pigs shall register with the Association a system of identifying their pigs. For Landrace, Large Whites, Tamworths and Welsh the system shall consist of a registered stud prefix and year letter tattoo together with an ear tattoo identification number or ear notch. For Berkshires, Large Blacks, Wessex Saddlebacks, Durocs and Hampshires they shall be identified by the Approved Ear Notching system.

Every pig in the litter shall be positively identified by the breeder by the system so registered. The identification number to be applied consecutively irrespective of sex.

All members, including those with only coloured pigs, i.e., Hampshire, Large Blacks etc. must register an ear tattoo (e.g., ABC) with the Federal Secretary.

- e) **Tattooing of the Stud prefix and year letter for Landrace, Large Whites, Tamworths and Welsh, must be done prior to Showing/Sale of the animal. When tattooing the Year letter to be placed thus - x123. Breeders using the ear notch system may tattoo the letter with prefix in either ear, timing of the insertion is at the discretion of the breeder, with reference to the first paragraph (e).**
  - f) **In the event of a breeder employing the services of a boar which is the property of another breeder, a Certificate of Service signed by the owner of the boar must be forwarded to the Secretary in support of the particulars shown on the registration application form. In the event of a boar being leased by a member a transfer form must be lodged with the Secretary in support of the fact, such form to show date of commencement and duration of the lease.**
  - g) **No boar or sow will be accepted for recording or registration except at the discretion of Federal Council.**
  - h) **All pigs over 12 months of age must be registered for Shows and Fairs Australia wide, pigs under 12 months of age must be eligible for registration i.e., both parents must be registered or recorded.**
  - i) **All pigs catalogued for sale as purebred animals must be eligible for registration i.e., both parents must be registered or recorded.**
  - j) **Federal Council will accept an Application for Recording pig details at the fee set at the AGM each year this fee will (inc GST). The applicant shall complete a recording application available from the APBA web site this form and give all the requisite particulars as at present or hereafter required. No pedigree certificate will be issued. Animals will appear in the Herd Book as rec. animals can be up graded to full registration at a fee set at the AGM each year this fee will inc GST.**
16. **No member shall be allowed to register a pig born as the result of Artificial Insemination unless the following rules are strictly observed to the satisfaction of Federal Council.**

A member using his own boar for the artificial insemination of his own sows or using for the same purpose a boar hired by him standing on his own premises shall be required to comply with Clause c).

- a) **In the case of a sow being inseminated with semen collected by an Artificial Insemination Centre or Registered Owner, the owner of such sow must obtain from the Dispatching Centre or Registered Owner a certificate of the origin of the semen, giving the name and Herd Book number of the boar from which, the semen was taken.**
- b) **These certificates for the supplying of semen shall be sent to this Association when application is made for registering a pig. Separate certificates are to be supplied for each pig that is to be registered. Photocopies of multi-line invoices will be accepted provided the relevant item is clearly marked.**
- c) **The applicant shall state on the registration application form that the pig in question was a result of Artificial Insemination and give all the requisite particulars as at present or hereafter required.**
- d) **All boars used to supply semen for Artificial Insemination must be registered in the Association's Herd Book or a Herd Book recognized by this Association, for their progeny to be eligible for registration. The Association reserves the right to refuse to register a pig until it has approved the boar supplying the semen and may also withhold its approval of any Artificial Insemination Centre, Registered Owner, Veterinary Surgeon, private practitioner, or other person. The decision of the Association as to the granting or withholding of the Associations approval shall be final and binding for the purpose of these Rules.  
All members of the Association entering boars into an AI Centre for the public sale of semen must ensure that the boar is registered.  
SEE ALSO BY-LAW 17**
- e) **The Association may demand a blood test, or the collection of blood samples from the sire, the dam, and the litter for the purpose of having DNA tests carried out, to authenticate the pedigree of a disputed animal.**
- f) **To signify that a pig was got by Artificial Insemination, the letters "A.I." shall be printed in the Associations Herd Book following the registration.**

- g) **Definition of Owner of a Registered Boar - The holder of the registration certificate which is in their name.**

17.

- a) **Federal Council will accept into Appendix 1 a pig of pure bred unregistered parentage provided the applicant is a financial member, and where the applicant is not the breeder, and the following documents are provided, a 3 generation pedigree from the breeder or current owner, accompanied by a Statutory declaration stating that all breeding details are correct and there is no known reason why the animal should not be entered in the APHB Appendix, signed permission from the breeder/owner of the animal may also be required. See also Working Notes for Rule 15 j), number 2.**

**Note: Only those pigs with a complete 3 generation pedigree can gain full registration. This may mean you may have to record several pigs to have 3 generations of recorded pigs to be able to have a fully registered pig.**

**Pigs sold on the condition that it is not to be registered from – the breeder must notify the office within 21 days of the sale stating this.**

- 18. **It shall be compulsory for the vendor to officially transfer every boar or sow sold for stud breeding purposes. Pigs must be registered before transfers can be accepted. Such transfers must be made on the Associations official forms and be lodged with the Federal Secretary within 90 days of the date of sale. The fee for this will be set at the AGM each year and will (inc GST).**

**Transfers to and from an active stud member not lodged within the specified time will only be accepted at the discretion of the Federal Council.**

**The purchaser must request transfer within 30 days of date of purchase, and it is the onus of the purchaser to pay all costs incurred with the approval of the breeder after that time.**

- 19. **After a pedigree has been processed the name of the animal may not be changed.**
- 20. **The purchaser of a stud shall have no right to the previous owner's prefix except with the sanction of the previous owner and only after advising the Federal Secretary in writing.**
- 21. **It shall be the duty of all members to keep proper records of their stud-breeding activities, such record to be open for inspection by any person appointed by any Branch and approved by the Federal Council.**
- 22. **If in the opinion of an Inspector, properly appointed by any Branch and approved by the Federal Council a pigs' identifying marks have been deliberately faked or mutilated it shall be disqualified from exhibition and de-registered or declared ineligible for registration.**
- 23. **All pure-bred pigs offered for sale by auction or as the result of public display must be inspected. Inspectors to be appointed by the State branch where the Sale or display is to be held. Inspectors to reject all pigs, which in their opinion are not up to the required standard as regards growth-rate, type, conformation, feet, teats etc. proof of age may be required in some cases.**

**The ruling of an Inspector appointed by the Branch, or the Federal Council shall remain in force from the time of the said ruling, unless it is overturned under the appeal provisions of the APBA Ltd.**

**Animals may be de-registered on the recommendation of the Inspectors.**

**Inspection fees will be set at the AGM each year and will (inc GST) fees will be per pig to be retained by the state Branch where the inspection has taken place. Inspection of boars entering A.I. centres when required: the inspector's report must state the Owner/ Breeder of the boar, the name, identifying marks, and breed of the boar, whether the boar is eligible for registration and where possible if registration has/will be applied for. The report to be lodged with the Federal Secretary.**

24. In the event of Breeder Sales or Production Sales of pure-bred pigs, the vendor(s) must notify their Branch Secretary 4 weeks prior to their Sale date, in writing, to enable inspectors to be appointed.

No crossbred boars to be offered for sale.

All boars to be guaranteed breeders unless disease or abuse can be proven by the vendor. In the event of a boar not been fertile or not performing the vendor will replace or refund the purchase cost of the boar

All mated sows to be 'in-pig' to any pure-bred boar. In the event of any sow purchased as 'in-pig' proving not to be pregnant, any request for a mutually negotiated refund must be made in within 30 days of the due date of farrowing.

25. The appeal fee is \$110.00 (inc GST) and may be refunded if the Federal Council considers the appeal was not trivial, frivolous, or vexatious.

Appeals must be lodged with the Federal Secretary in writing, within 28 days of the decision being made and be accompanied by the fee.

26. A Management Committee consisting of the President, Senior Vice President and the Treasurer will attend to any business that may arise between Federal Council meetings that does not require an Executive Meeting.

## 27. APPENDIX RULES

The following rules apply to all Breeds of pigs.

An infusion of another Breed may be made to a Selected Breed by using one cross of the introduced Breed, then using Boars of the selected breed thereafter. The APBA Appendix system will allow this infusion to be carried out in a controlled manner.

### APPENDIX 4 example 50% large white boar & 50% landrace gilt)

A pig may be registered in APPENDIX 4 if: she is sired by a registered Boar and is out of a registered sow. The Boar or Sow must be of the selected breed in which the subsequent registered Boars to be used in this Appendix System are selected **NO INSPECTION REQUIRED**.

- a) she has been inspected and passed as meeting the Standards of Excellence for the selected Breed nominated and her breeding details are also inspected and meet the satisfaction of the Inspector.

The registration certificates will include the APP 4 notation and the pig must be tattooed with a 4 in the same ear as the prefix. E.G. STY4 1231. If the pig is coloured it must have an identifying tag indicating APP 4 at Shows and Sales.

The breeder must nominate into what Breed Appendix 4 females are to be registered. (This determines the Breed of boar allowed to be used in subsequent Appendix sections).

### APPENDIX 3 example 3/4 landrace 1/4 large white.

The progeny of an APPENDIX 4 sow and sired by a registered boar of the same breed as the APPENDIX 4 sow may be registered in APPENDIX 3. **NO INSPECTION NECESSARY**.

The registration certificates will include the APP 3 notation and the pig must be tattooed with a 3 in the same ear as the prefix. E.G. STY3 2468. If the pig is coloured it must have an identifying tag indicating APP 3 at Shows and Sales.

### APPENDIX 2 example 5/8 landrace 3/8 large white

The progeny of an APPENDIX 3 sow and sired by a registered boar of the same breed as the APPENDIX 3 sow may be registered in APPENDIX 2. **NO INSPECTION NECESSARY**.

The registration certificates will include the APP2 notation, and the pig must be tattooed with a 2 in the same ear as the prefix. E.G. STY2 4341. If the pig is coloured it must have an identifying tag indicating APP 2 at Shows and Sales.

APPENDIX 1 example 15/16 landrace 1/16 large white.

The progeny of an APPENDIX 2 sow and sired by a registered boar of the same breed as the APPENDIX 2 sow may be registered in APPENDIX 1. NO INSPECTION NECESSARY.

The registration certificates will include the APP 1 notation and the pig must be tattooed with a 1 in the same ear as the prefix. E.G. STY1 5332. If the pig is coloured it must have an identifying tag indicating APP 1 at Shows and Sales.

#### ENTRY INTO THE HERD BOOK

The progeny of APPENDIX 1 sows and sired by a registered boar of the same breed as the APPENDIX 1 sow MUST BE INSPECTED prior to being registered in the HERD BOOK. (Society symbol not required.)

ALSO REFER TO BY-LAW 17

#### 28. OVUM/EMBRYO TRANSPLANTS

- a) The Sire, Donor Dam, Host Dam/s and resultant progeny maybe blood typed before registration will proceed by the Federal.  
not excluded by blood typing the eligibility for the registration of the progeny will be determined by the Federal Secretary/Registrar.
- b) All costs involved by blood typing must be borne by the applicant for registration.
- c) At the time of completion of the transplant, a Certificate of Transplant, signed by the veterinarian performing the operation, must be forwarded to the Federal Office together with the blood type results.
- d) At the time of registration of resultant progeny, the owners copy of the Certificate of Transplant must accompany all other relevant papers and fees to the Federal Office.
- e) All resultant progeny must be registered in the Prefix of the Donor Dam at the time of birth.
- f) All resultant progeny will bear the suffix ET.
- g) Any matters not covered hereto before are subject to decision by Federal Council.

#### 29. STANDARD INSPECTION CRITERIA FOR SHOWS AND SALES

- a) Identification
  - i) Number (Tattoo or Ear notch) to correspond with entry number.
  - ii) Prefix/Identification must appear on all sale stock.
  - iii) Clarification of alteration of Tattoo Numbers and Ear Notches, Prefix or Year Letters after Litter Recording/Registration must be accompanied by the Map of Australia and must correspond with the information supplied by the Committee Inspector present at the time of alteration to the Branch Committee and Federal Secretariat.
- b) Confirmation and Type
  - i) Teating - six prominent workable well-spaced nipples on each side for Boars and Sows.
  - ii) Feet - a pig that is lame or walks badly due to deformity or weakness or injury should be rejected.
  - iii) Other - any pig exhibiting a feature considered not to be of a standard acceptable as measured against the Standard of Excellence should be rejected.
  - iv) It may also be required to provide proof of date of birth of animals.
- c) Preparation and Conditioning
  - i) Any pig exhibiting lack of preparation should not be accepted.

**30. Federal Council will begin and maintain an Active List, to provide current information concerning numbers and locations of recorded and registered pigs within the APBA register. Members will be required to list all recorded or registered stock on the forms provided. Members will be required to update their Active List every 6 months or as required by Federal Council. No fees will apply for animals listed, other than the initial fees required to record or register such animals. Various reports will be able to be generated from the register, which can be sorted by states of Australia, breeds, grade, sex and registration type. Reports will be available for the cost of \$11.00 (inc GST) per report, this price is to be reviewed by Federal Council.**

**WORKING NOTES FOR RULE NO 17.**

**Case 1.**

**A member wishes to purchase a boar from another member who is financial but has not registered any animals for some time.**

**Requirements - a 3 generation pedigree supplied by the breeder, a Statutory Declaration from the breeder stating that there is no known reason why the boar should not be entered in the Appendix and giving his permission for the boar to be so entered. The purchasing member sends these documents with an application for Appendix registration to LBC.**

**Case 2.**

**A member wishes to purchase a boar from a non-member or past member, believing the boar to be pure-bred. Requirements - a 3 generation pedigree supplied by the breeder, a Statutory Declaration from the breeder stating that there is no known reason why the boar should not be entered in the Appendix and giving his permission for the boar to be so entered. The purchasing member sends these documents with an application for Appendix registration to LBC. Federal Council may require an inspection of the boar.**