



# Ayrshire Breeders' Association

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## IDENTIFICATION RULES

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Identification – Breeders may use tattoos or USDA approved American ID tags (i.e. 840 tags) as forms of identification for registration. Animals must have a minimum of two (2) identifications consisting of one of the following scenarios:

1. Two (2) USDA approved American ID tags, one in each ear with the same corresponding numbers
2. One (1) USDA approved American ID tag and a tattoo in at least one ear
3. A tattoo in each ear

If tattoos are used, they can be an official Ayrshire tattoos using the recommended ABA format, or a breeder selected tattoo sequence. Tattoos must include at least one letter and one number. No two animals on the same farm may have the same tattoo.\* A designated area for a photograph will be printed on the registration certificate for breeders who would like to continue this practice for their own management purposes.

It is the owner's responsibility to maintain eartags. If an animal loses a USDA approved American ID tag or tags, the breeder should contact the ABA and send the registration certificate for correction with replacement tag number(s) or tattoo(s). Duplicate RFID tags cannot be obtained; but replacement ID tags can be ordered from the original supplier. A different RFID tag may be used; but if the animal was registered with the American ID tag number, the registration number will not be changed. Most shows require a USDA approved 840 tag.

*\*It is the owner's responsibility to maintain a valid and legible tattoo in the ear of each animal owned. When a tattoo becomes faded, the owner must re-tattoo the animal in the same ear with the same tattoo.*