

ARTICLE I. REGISTRATIONS

Section 1. ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRY. To be eligible for entry in the Breed Registry of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association both the sire and dam of an animal must be recorded in the Breed Registry of this Association, or any recognized Ayrshire breed registry association outside the United States.

Section 2. APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRY. Applications for registry must be made in a manor approved by the board of directors of the Association, giving sex, date of birth, first owner and applicant for registry. A tattoo, eartag or electronic implant, must be furnished as means of identification. Animals with an eartag or electronic implant must affix a picture or a sketch on the certificate when received.

Section 2A. DEFINITION OF AN APPROVED TATTOO. For a tattoo to be an acceptable form of identification, the following must apply:

- (a) The tattoo number must be preceded by two (2) or three (3) letters which will be reserved as your farm's letters, for your farm's use only. (THERE IS A \$ 10.00 FEE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF FARM LETTERS. RESERVATIONS OF THESE LETTERS MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE RECORDS AND REGISTRATIONS DEPT. OF THE NATIONAL OFFICE IN OHIO.)
- (b) After your farm letters, at least one (1) number must be used with no duplication within the herd.
- (c) A year letter must follow the number. The letter for 2002 is "M".
- (d) Animals registered at any age can be registered by tattoo.
- (e) Tattoos should be placed in the left ear, as the right ear is used for vaccination and could be confusing later as a tattoo fades.
- (f) Green ink is recommended for the tattooing, but not mandatory.
- (g) Fees for registration by tattoo will be the same as photo or sketch identification.

Section 3A. CATTLE IMPORTED FROM CANADA. The Board of Directors is authorized to make a reciprocal agreement covering, automatic re-registration with the Ayrshire Breeders' Association of Canada under terms and conditions mutually acceptable (approved April 21, 1972).

Section 3B. REGISTRATION OF CATTLE IMPORTED FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CANADA. To be eligible for registry all imported Ayrshires must previously be recorded by a recognized Ayrshire breed registry association, and applications for registry of imported animals must be accompanied by a certificate of registry of such animal, duly signed by the proper officer, except that calves imported in dam together

with the certificates of bull service signed by the owner of the bull.

- *An American Ayrshire is one bred within the boundaries of the United States and its possessions having both its sire and dam recorded in the American Breed Registry.*
- *An imported Ayrshire is one brought into the United States and its possessions from another country.*

Section 4. REGISTRATION OF CATTLE BRED IN THE UNITED STATES. All animals shall be recorded in the name of the breeder as owner, except in case carried by bred females at the time of transfer of ownership; such progeny shall be recorded in the name of the person whose property they are at time of birth. In case the applicant for registration is not the breeder, both the breeder and the owner of the sire at time of service must have certified to the service on forms provided by the Ayrshire Breeders' Association for this purpose.

Section 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS "BREEDER," "FIRST OWNER," AND "APPLICANT FOR REGISTRY." The breeder of an animal is the owner of the dam at time of service. The first owner of a calf is the owner of the dam at the time the calf was dropped. The applicant for registry is the owner of the animal at the time the application for registration was made. In cases where the applicant for registry is not the first owner, necessary transfers will be required. The custodian of a sire shall be the person who is in legal possession thereof, and who has filed with the Association a custodian form properly signed by the owner of the bull.

Section 6. FARM NAMES SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS SIGNATURES. The name of a farm shall not be accepted as a signature unless the name of the owner or his authorized agent is also signed; or in the case of incorporation, the name of the person authorized to sign certificates and applications. The Ayrshire Breeders' Association shall recognize an agent's signature only when written notice is received from the owner of the animals.

Section 7. RULES FOR NAMING ANIMALS. No animals shall be accepted for registration under any name that has already been issued for registration unless said animal has already been so named and entered in other recognized herd books designated by the board of directors.

The breeders prefix, if reserved, must be used in naming, all animals applied for by the applicant. The total number of letters, punctuation marks or spaces allowed in the name of an animal in application for registration shall not exceed thirty.

No animal shall be registered under a name that is misleading as to origin or relationship. The use of a registered farm name shall be restricted to animals born on the property of the owner of the farm name (except as provided for in Section 5).

After registration has been duly recorded in the Breed Registry the name of an animal may be changed only at the request of the first owner. The name of an animal with registered progeny cannot be changed.

Section 9. PRO FORMA REGISTRATION. In case of the persistent neglect or unreasonable refusal of the owner of the sire or of the breeder of an animal to sign an application for

registry or of the disappearance of the owner of the sire or of the breeder, upon satisfactory evidence being submitted to the Executive Committee, they may in their discretion instruct the Executive Secretary to register the animal without the signature.

The number given on a Pro Forma Registration shall be the property of the Association and no certificate shall be issued. If the breeder of this animal or anyone who at any time has owned it wishes to use this number, a certificate shall be furnished him on payment of the regular fee for recording such animal.

Section 10. THE RETURN OF UNPAID APPLICATIONS. The Executive Secretary shall return all applications for registration and/or transfers that are not accompanied by the full amount of fees or lack sufficient credit for the amount of fees required by the requested transaction.

Section 11. DATE OF MAILING GOVERNS DATE OF APPLICATION. In any case the age limit shall be governed by the date on which the applications for recording were mailed at the office of the sender as indicated by the post office stamp.

Section 12. ASSOCIATION MAY DENY REGISTRATION PRIVILEGES TO DELINQUENT BREEDERS. The Association may in its discretion, deny registration privileges to any member, person, firm or corporation who owes the Association for fees, or who has been guilty of neglecting to complete registration or transfer applications for animals bred or sold by any member, person, firm or corporation.

Section 13. REGISTRATION OF TWINS. The application for the registration of a twin must include a statement that the animal is a twin and must also give the sex of the other twin. Applications for the registration of heifers twinned with bulls will be accepted but will not be completed until such heifers have demonstrated that they are breeders. Fee will be charged at minimum rates.

Section 14. HOUR OF BIRTH. In case a cow calves at an unknown hour during the night the calf shall be reported as born after midnight.

The Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association were last amended June 9, 2000, and were effective August 1, 2000, superseding all previous issues of the rules and regulations.

ABA members are encouraged to become familiar with the rules and regulations of the Association. Registration and transfer applications submitted to the national office not meeting the requirements of the rules and regulations of the Association may be returned to the applicant unprocessed.

Copies of the bylaws are available to any member who requests one from the national office.

ARTICLE II. TRANSFERS

Section 1. EACH TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP MUST BE RECORDED. Each animal must have every successive change of ownership recorded upon the records of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association. Transfers must be made direct to the actual purchaser and may be made only on application of the seller or his legal representative.

Section 2. SELLER'S DUTY TO FILE TRANSFERS. In the case of a change in ownership where the seller has been paid in full, it is the duty of the seller to file with the Ayrshire Breeders' Association the necessary applications for transfers. Failure to comply with this rule is a direct violation of the Rules & Regulations of this Association. The Ayrshire Breeders' Association looks to the seller for all transfer fees.

Section 3. REGISTRY CERTIFICATES MUST ACCOMPANY TRANSFER APPLICATIONS. All applications for transfer shall be accompanied by the certificate of registry. All certificates of registry and transfer when ready for delivery shall be returned to the person sending them unless otherwise directed. In all cases the certificates of registry shall accompany the delivery of the animal through the various ownerships.

Section 4. SERVICES MUST BE STATED ON TRANSFERS. An application for the transfer of a female must state whether or not she has been served. If served the date must be given, with the name and registry number of the bull, certified by the owner of the bull at time of service, or his authorized agent.

Section 5. DATE OF SALE. The date of delivery shall be considered as the date of sale on transfer, except when stated otherwise by conditions of sale.

Section 6. PRO FORMA TRANSFER. In case of the persistent neglect or unreasonable refusal of the seller to give a certificate of transfer, the record of transfer may be made by the Executive Secretary upon approval of the Executive Committee on satisfactory evidence of the sale and delivery, and payment of transfer fee by the purchaser.

Section 7. ASSOCIATION MAY DENY TRANSFER PRIVILEGES TO DELINQUENT BREEDERS. The Association may, in its discretion, deny transfer privileges to any member, person, firm or corporation, who owes the Association for fees, or who has been guilty of neglecting to complete registration or transfer applications for animals bred or sold by any member, person, firm or corporation.

ARTICLE III.

PRODUCTION TESTING ADMINISTRATION. Production testing shall be supervised through the Division of Records. The Association shall have general supervision and direction of all official recording of milk weights, and testing of milk for butterfat, in cooperation with state or regional DHI associations. It shall carry on all other duties necessary to secure the acceptable preservation and utilization of the records for the benefit of the Ayrshire breed.

The Executive Secretary shall submit an adequate sum-

mary of the work of the Division of Records each year and shall publish records and data pertaining to the production testing program when requested to do so by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICIAL PRODUCTION TESTING IS A PRIVILEGE. The acceptance of tests for official production records is at the discretion of the Association, and is not a matter of right accorded a member, but is a privilege to be granted or refused at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V.

REGISTRATION OF FARM NAMES. A member of the Association shall be allowed to register the name of his farm and it may be used as a prefix or suffix to the name of cattle born on his property in registering them in this Association's Register, which name, for the purpose of registration, shall belong to him exclusively, except by written permission of the owner, a member of the immediate family may use the registered farm name for the same purposes as that of the owner of the registered farm name, and in addition, animals bred by the owner of the farm name may be registered with the prefix by written permission of the owner of the farm name.

No registered farm name shall be used by another breeder for the identification of his farm or herd in any publication controlled by the Ayrshire Breeders' Association.

In accepting names for registration of farms, seniority in use shall be allowed, and upon request to use a name that has for a long time been used by a breeder, the Executive Secretary shall consult the senior user, and allow him or her to register that name, but, if he does not care to do so, then another breeder may register the name.

ARTICLE VI.

GENETIC RECOVERY PROGRAM. Females may be brought into the Herd Book of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association by qualifying through an identification program as defined by the Board of Directors. Qualification requirements may be changed by the Board, from time to time; as improved methods of identifying superior candidates for entry into the Herd Book are perfected. Rules may be obtained from the Executive Secretary's office.

ARTICLE VII.

Whenever the words "director" or "directors" are used in the Rules & Regulations of this Corporation, said words shall be construed as also meaning, "trustee" or "trustees."

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS. These Rules & Regulations may be altered, amended or repealed by vote of the majority of the members voting at any Annual or special meeting of the Association, provided that at least twenty-five (25) members vote upon such change or changes.

Any amendments to and revisions of the Rules & Regulations shall become effective August 1st, following their adoption, unless otherwise specified.

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