



HERD BOOK REGULATIONS

AUSTRALIAN SHORTHORNS

A. AUSTRALIAN SHORTHORN HERD BOOK

There shall be an Australian Shorthorn Herd Book.

B. GENERAL

- (1) Subject to these Regulations, an animal is eligible for registration in the Australian Shorthorn Herd Book if:
 - (a) the first fifteen animals on each side of its pedigree are shorthorns registered in a Recognised Herd Book.
 - (b) its sire or dam does not meet the standard described in (a), but was registered in the Irish Improvement Section of Coates's Herd Book operative between 1971 and 1986, or is traceable to such an animal by cattle registered in one or more recognized Herd Books.
 - (c) its sire or dam are respectively registered in this Herd Book, or are eligible for registration therein in accordance with paragraph (a) or (b).
 - (d) it is a foundation female inspected and approved as being of suitable Australian Shorthorn type. To be approved, an animal must show beef characteristics and be of a type acceptable to the inspectors.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-regulation 1(a):
 - (a) It is not necessary that all thirty animals be registered in the same recognised Herd Book.
 - (b) A shorthorn, which after inspection, was registered in a recognised Herd Book as a foundation animal is an animal falling within that sub-regulation.
- (3)
 - (a) Unless and until the Council of the Beef Shorthorn Society ('the Council') otherwise decides, the Herd Books which are recognised Herd Books are the Herd Books set out in Regulation B(3)(a) of the Beef Shorthorn Herd Book Regulations, except that the reference to 'The Australian Shorthorn Herd Book' is to be read as a reference to 'The Beef Shorthorn Herd Book', together with the herd books of the Dairy Shorthorn Association of Australia and the Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom and Ireland.
 - (b) 'Herd Book' has the meaning given that term by Regulation B(3)(b) of the Beef Shorthorn Herd Book Regulations.
- (4) Semen may be used from a bull which meets any of the criteria of eligibility for registration set out in sub-regulation (1)(a), (b) or (c) to inseminate registered Australian Shorthorn females, including foundation females; and a calf got by use of such semen is eligible for registration. If the semen is imported from overseas, the bull from which the semen was taken shall nonetheless be registered in this Herd Book, in which shall be printed its pedigree, so far as applicable, to fifteen animals on each side.



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- (5) A calf which results from an embryo transplant is eligible for registration if both its sire and dam meet one of the criteria of eligibility for registration set out in sub-regulation (1). If the embryo is imported, and the sire and/or dam is outside Australia (or, if deceased, was bred and during its life was outside Australia), such sire or dam shall themselves be registered in this Herd Book, in which shall be printed their pedigrees, so far as applicable, to fifteen animals on each side.
- (6) The cost to the person applying to register a calf of printing the extended pedigree of a bull or cow referred to in sub-regulation (4) or (5) shall be as determined by the Council from time to time.

C. STUD PREFIX

- (1) Each breeder shall apply to the Secretary for the registration of a Stud Prefix for his or her exclusive use. Such prefix shall be attached to the names of all animals bred and registered by him or her in the Australian Shorthorn Herd Book.
- (2) In considering any application for registration of a Stud Prefix, the rights of breeders who have stud names registered in Coates's or other recognised Shorthorn Herd Books shall be preserved. Further, no Stud Prefix registered with the Shorthorn Society of Australia Limited may be registered with respect to the Australian Shorthorn Herd Book for other than the breeder for whom it has been registered with that other Society.
- (3) No prefix other than that of the breeder shall be permitted as any portion of an animal's name.
- (4) Where a breeder conducts a dispersal sale and a calf is born after the actual date of sale of its dam, the prefix attaching to such calf shall not, save with the approval of the Council, be the prefix of the vendor.
- (5) The purchaser of a Stud shall have no right to the previous owner's Stud Prefix, whether or not the property whereon the Stud was conducted is also acquired, except with the written consent of the previous owner, who must unreservedly forego all interest in the word except also and with the approval of the Council, which may, in its uncontrolled discretion, decline to sanction the transfer without assigning any reason therefore.

D. TATTOO BRAND

- (1) Each breeder must register with the Secretary a distinctive tattoo brand, composed of a letter and/or letters and figures. (No symbols or conjoined letters will be accepted).
- (2) Each calf bred and registered by a breeder must be branded in the near ear with such tattoo brand.
- (3) Each calf bred and registered by a breeder must be branded with a separate identification number in the off ear, the number to be allotted in order of date of birth, irrespective of sex.
- (4) The tattoo brand with the Society's symbol beneath the brand and identification number shall be applied to a calf prior to application for registration thereof being made.



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E. INSPECTION

- (1) The Council shall appoint a panel of inspectors for inspection of cattle in accordance with this Regulation.
- (2) An inspection of females shall, except if impracticable, be carried out by three persons selected by the Council from amongst the panel of inspectors appointed pursuant paragraph (1) hereof.
- (3) No inspection shall be carried out by persons other than those authorised and specifically instructed by the Council to do so.
- (4) Except in special circumstances an animal shall be showing 2 teeth to be eligible for inspection.
- (5) All females submitted for inspection must be visibly identifiable - by ear tags, horn or body brands - to assist in and expedite inspection.
- (6) Inspection shall be undertaken upon application being made to the Secretary.
- (7) The applicant for inspection shall at the time of making application forward to the Secretary the appropriate inspection fee.
- (8) A per capita charge is payable in respect of each female which, after inspection, is approved for admission into the Australian Shorthorn Herd Book.
- (9) Each member shall be entitled to one inspection per annum for his or her herd. If inspections are requested of up to 10 females, the Federal President shall be empowered to appoint 3 local inspectors if necessary.
- (10) Any application for a second or further annual inspection shall be accepted or rejected at the discretion of the Council and if carried out shall be subject to a charge.
- (11) All Foundation cattle passed by the Inspectors for entry into the Australian Shorthorn Herd Book shall be tattooed in the presence of the Inspectors with the owner's registered brand in the near ear and a serial identification number in the off ear. Provided always that the Council shall have the power to waive this regulation if at the time of inspection it is found to the satisfaction of the Inspectors that a Foundation animal is already individually identified. The Society's symbol (A) will also be tattooed by the Inspectors beneath the registered brand in the near ear of each animal passed.
- (12) A member shall have the right of appeal to the Council against a decision of the Inspectors. Such appeal must be lodged with the Secretary within 14 days following the inspection or at the discretion of Council and shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee. In the event of such an appeal being made the Council shall appoint a panel of 3 persons to carry out a further inspection of the cattle the subject of the appeal. The decision of such panel shall be final and binding.



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(13) Fees for:

- (a) initial inspection of Foundation females;
- (b) a first annual inspection of stock;
- (c) a second or subsequent annual inspection of stock;
- (d) the amount of non-refundable fee; and
- (e) a further inspection after appeal

shall be as fixed by the Council from time to time.

F. TIME AND MANNER OF REGISTRATION

- (1) Applications for registration shall be submitted to the Secretary, who shall take all such steps as may be necessary to determine the correctness thereof, and to collect fees payable thereon. Applications must be submitted upon the Secretary's official form, be certified by the breeder or owner (or his or her accredited agent or representative) and be accompanied by the necessary fees.
- (2) Any application for registration queried by the Secretary shall be referred to the Council, whose decision whether the same shall be accepted or rejected shall be final, binding and not subject to appeal.
- (3) Where the Council rejects any application for registration pursuant to its power, as set out in (2) above, it need assign no reason for its decision.
- (4) An application for registration must specify both the month and the year of birth.
- (5) All applications for registration should be lodged with the Secretary within six months of the month of birth. A late-made application for registration may be lodged with the Secretary more than six months after the month of birth. The Council may in its discretion determine to accept an application for registration late-made. It may do so upon such terms as to payment or otherwise as it thinks fit.
- (6) The Council may determine that different fees shall be payable in respect of any application made – (a) within six months of month of birth; (b) between six and twelve months after the month of birth; and (c), more than twelve months after the month of birth.
- (7) The name submitted for registration shall not exceed four words and a numeral (including the breeder's prefix).
- (8) If numerals are included in a name submitted for registration, the same shall be allotted in order of date of birth.
- (9) Names indicative of special families may only be given to animals belonging to those families by direct female descent. No name likely to prove misleading will be admitted into the Australian Shorthorn Herd Book.
- (10) A name once registered cannot be changed, save by direction of the Council.
- (11) No animal will be registered if in the opinion of the Council it is the result of a service by a bull or a heifer either of which was under ten calendar months of age at the time of that service.



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G. ONUS OF PROOF

- (1) The onus of proving, to the satisfaction of the Council, the ancestry of animals submitted for registration, and the accuracy of particulars contained in any application for registration, shall rest upon the applicant in all cases.
- (2) Breeders are responsible for the accuracy of all information supplied in applications for registration. The Council may refuse to permit any alteration to be made to a pedigree submitted for inclusion in the Australian Shorthorn Herd Book where particulars originally supplied are proved to be incorrect, and in any such case may cancel such entry.

H. CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

Further and additional to the powers conferred upon the Council by Regulation G2 hereof, the Council may cancel the registration of any animal if it is proved to the satisfaction of the Council that such action is necessary. Without limiting the generality of that power the Council may cancel the registration of any calf in the circumstances referred to in Regulation O(9) or P(4)(b) of the Beef Shorthorn Herd Book Regulations, or of a dehorned animal in the circumstances referred to in regulation G(9) of those Regulations if the breeder or owner of the calf or animal refuses to permit the collection of blood or material sufficient to establish the DNA profile of an animal for the purpose set out in such Regulations.

I. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

The vendor of registered stock must notify the Secretary of the transfer thereof within 120 days of the transfer and upon the official Society form. The date of transfer shall be deemed to be the date upon which delivery of the animal is taken. Fees payable upon transfer and in the event of delay upon transfer shall be such sums as the Council shall from time to time determine.

J. HEIFER TWIN OR TRIPLET TO A BULL

No heifer which is twin or triplet to a bull shall be eligible for exhibition in breeding classes at Shows or sale as a registered animal until such time as she produces a calf.

K. SALE/DISPERSAL

- (1) Before any dispersal sale of registered cattle Inspectors appointed by the Council must approve of the cattle for sale.
- (2) Before any auction sale of registered cattle the Council may require a check of tattoo brands and/or inspection of all cattle to be offered.

L. BULL NOT THE PROPERTY OF OWNER OF COW

Should a cow or heifer be served by a bull which is not the property of her owner, a certificate of service signed by the owner of the bull at the time of service must accompany the application for registration of the calf.



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M. FEES

Fees for registration and transfer of animals and of registration of a Stud Prefix shall be as fixed by the Council from time to time.

N. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

Artificial insemination of Australian Shorthorns may be practised in a stud. If so, there must be precise compliance with the requirements of Regulation O of the Beef Shorthorn Herd Book Regulations. References to 'the Herd Book' in that Regulation shall be read as references to this Herd Book.

O. EMBRYO TRANSPLANT

Embryo transplant of Australian Shorthorns may be practiced in a stud. If so, there must be precise compliance with the requirements of Regulation P(2)-(5) of the Beef Shorthorn Herd Book Regulations. References to 'the Herd Book' in Regulation P shall be read as references to this Herd Book.

P. DEHORNING

- (1) If a breeder of Australian Shorthorns has an intention of eventually registering progeny in the Beef Shorthorn Herd Book – see Regulation Q of the Beef Shorthorn Herd Book Regulations – it is permissible to dehorn the female progeny of each cross, but not before it has produced horns which are not slugs or scurs, and not in any event before it is 3 months of age.
- (2) The breeder must inform the Society of any such dehorning. The provisions of Regulations G(3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9) of the Beef Shorthorn Herd Book Regulations are, with any necessary variations, applicable in such a case.

Q. EXHIBITING AUSTRALIAN SHORTHORNS

No animal registered as a foundation female pursuant to Regulation (B)(1)(d) shall be exhibited as an Australian Shorthorn. Only the progeny of such an animal may be so exhibited.

R. SHOWING AUSTRALIAN SHORTHORNS

- (a) Unless the Council decides otherwise by special resolution, an animal registered under these Regulations shall not be exhibited in the same single class as an animal registered in the Beef Shorthorn Herd Book at any Royal Show in Australia (except in Tasmania) or at any of the Beef Cattle Expos held at Dubbo, Bendigo, Hamilton or Rockhampton.

NOTE: The Council resolved on 14 July 2022 that on and from 1 July 2022 Beef and Australian Shorthorns may be shown together in single classes at the Royal Easter Show, the Melbourne Royal Show and the Royal Adelaide Show, that on and from 1 July 2022 Beef and Australian Shorthorns may be shown together in group classes at those shows, and that the showing of mixed groups of Beef and Australian Shorthorns be also permitted, and that in every such case the parader must wear the appropriate breed vest.



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- (b) Paragraph (a) of this Regulation does not apply in the case of an animal registered both under these Regulations and in the Beef Shorthorn Herd Book.
- (c) An animal registered both under these Regulations and in the Beef Shorthorn Herd Book, once exhibited as an Australian Shorthorn in a single class at any Royal Show in Australia (except in Tasmania) or at any Expo referred to in paragraph (a) shall not thereafter be exhibited in any such Show as a Beef Shorthorn.
- (d) A member of the Society who exhibits or causes to be exhibited an animal registered under these Regulations in contravention of paragraph (a) (as modified by paragraph (b)), or in contravention of paragraph (c), may be held, for the purposes of Rule 11(1) of the Society's Rules, to have been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member of the Society or prejudicial to the interest of the Society.