

# ILLAWARRA CATTLE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LTD

## BY-LAWS

By-laws and regulations of the ILLAWARRA CATTLE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LTD, including conditions governing membership, registration in the Herd Book, Transfers, Tattoo Marking, Showing etc.

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## BY LAWS

### ILLAWARRA CATTLE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LTD

#### 1. MEMBERSHIPS:

- (a) **ORDINARY MEMBER** - full member of the Society, full voting rights, eligible to register a Stud Prefix and Tattoo Brand and register animals. May be held in one or more names including company or trading names. Each membership containing more than one name must nominate a person for that membership known as the nominee. This person is authorised to act on behalf of the membership and will be able to vote at Branch meetings and the AGM of the Society.
- (b) **LIFE MEMBER** - membership bestowed on members of the Society for services to the Society, full voting rights, eligible to register a Stud Prefix and Tattoo Brand and register animals.
- (c) **HONORARY MEMBER** - membership bestowed on members of the Society for service to the Society - no voting rights and not eligible to register a Stud Prefix and Tattoo Brand or register animals.
- (d) **ASSOCIATE MEMBER** - membership for those members who no longer wish to breed - full voting rights, not eligible to register a Stud Prefix and tattoo, brand or register animals.
- (e) **JUNIOR MEMBER** - membership for those who are 18 years or under - no voting rights but eligible to register a Stud Prefix and tattoo, brand and eligible to register animals.

#### 2. REGISTRATION OF CATTLE

##### (a) REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- (i) Any person, firm or company, desiring to register cattle with the Society must become a member of the Society, and must register a stud prefix and be allotted a registered Herd Number.
- (ii) All applications for registration of cattle in the Herd Book of the Society must be submitted in an official format approved by the Society. Any applications not correctly completed will be returned to the applicant for completion or correction.
- (iii) Animals are able to be registered without the owner/s being issued with a certificate of registration. If a Certificate of Registration is required at a later date, owner/s can approach the Society office for a copy.
- (iv) The Society will accept the dual registration of animals acceptable to the Illawarra Breed standards.

##### (b). REGISTRATION POLICY

- (i) To be registered in the Illawarra Herd Book, animals must contain 37.5% and above Illawarra blood purity.
- (ii) All animals with Illawarra blood purity below 37.5% will be registered in a Supplementary Register.
- (iii) All animals registered in the supplementary register will be given their true Illawarra blood percentage on their registration Certificate.
- (iv) **Registration of Bulls**
  - A. Before a male calf can be registered, the breeder must arrange for a DNA test to be carried out by a Society approved authority at the breeder's expense. The progeny of a deceased bull can be registered.

- B.** To register of bull, one parent must be registered in the ICSA Herd Book (Full or Supplementary) and the other parent either registered in the ICSA Herd Book or from the Roll of Approved Stock being Red Factor and Red & White Holsteins, Ayrshires, European Reds, Milking Shorthorns and ARB.
- (v) To be eligible for registration, all animals must meet the Society's Colour rules. See Clause 13.
- (vi) If an animal has been Herd Recorded then the breeder must submit the National ID obtained for this animal from the Herd Recording Centre.
- (vii) Animals in the herd book will be issued with a Herd Book number (e.g. 75001)
- (viii) All registered animals are to be identified as per the Society's requirements. See Clause No 5.
- (ix) Every 500th female registered will be DNA tested for parent verification at the Society's expense. If the 500th female is not available for DNA testing, the next available female shall be tested.
- (x) The Federal Board has the right to ask at any time that an animal undergo a random DNA Parent Verification check.

**(c) GUIDELINES FOR INCLUSION IN HERD BOOK:**

The undermentioned guidelines are given for use when applying for registration of animals into the Herd Book of the Society.

- (i) It is recommended that animals be registered preferably before the age of 12 months.
- (ii) The X Y Z system was dispensed with at the close of the 2010 Herd Book. With the introduction of the current blood percentage system the following allocations were made:
  - Section Z animals were allocated 25% Illawarra blood purity.
  - Section Y animals were allocated 50% Illawarra blood purity.
  - Section X animals were allocated 75% Illawarra blood purity.

Animals previously in Sections X, Y or Z, may have their allocated blood percentage upgraded by the Society. The registered owner is required to provide written support for such an upgrade.
- (iii) Requisite fees must accompany all registration applications
- (iv) The Registrar of the ICSA reserves the right to determine the acceptance of any animal into its correct section.
- (v)
  1. Eligibility for registration of animals will always be subject to approval of the Board of the Society, and is available to progeny of all sires and dams entered in the Herd Book of the Society, provided they have complied with the provision of By-Laws 1 and 2 mentioned herein.
  2. Eligibility of base breeding females in Section Z of the Herd Book will be available until otherwise determined by the Board and will be open to those animals who conform with the Breed Standards.
- (vi) **CALVES**
  1. All calves must be identified and recorded, and such recordings must be made within 365 days of birth of such calves, on the form provided by the Society, otherwise penalties will apply.
  2. The Society accepts the following types of identification: tattooing or freeze branding or double ear tagging. See Section 6 for further clarification.

3. Such animals will then be eligible for registration subject to the provisions contained in By-Laws 1 and 2.

- (vii) All **PROGENY TEST HEIFERS** must have their National Identification Number submitted when registering in the Herd Book.

### 3. IMPORTED SEMEN

The following protocols must be met:

- (a) Confirmation that the bull or semen in question is registered with a recognised Red Breed Society anywhere in the world.
- The Red Breed Society that has the bull in question registered in its Herd Book is to be asked to advise whether there is any breeding in the animal other than Illawarra or Shorthorn in its pedigree.
- (b) That verification and approval of entry into Australia has been submitted.
- (c) That the breeding of the bull conforms with the breeding requirements of this Society i.e. By-laws 1 and 2.
- (d) Such registrations shall be subject to approval from the Board.
- (e) ICSA allows the introduction of the progeny of any Red Breed Society into the Herd Book according to their Illawarra blood percentage.

### 4. TRANSFERS OF ANIMALS FROM OTHER RECOGNISED HERD BOOKS TO THE SOCIETY HERD BOOK.

A fee which will vary from time to time and be set by the Board will be paid for administration costs on all animals brought into the Society Herd Book from another Society. However, in order to be transferred, the animals must satisfy the requirements under Clause 2(a)(i) for registration in the Herd Book.

### 5. IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS:

- (a) All pedigree animals to be eligible for Registration in the Herd Book of the Society must be identified by at least one of the following methods:
- (i) **TATTOO** by the breeder with:
1. The tattoo brand relating to the breeder's prefix.
  2. Breeder's number allocated for identification of the animal.
- (ii) **DOUBLE EAR TAGGING** by the breeder with:
1. An ear tag in each ear bearing the Breeder's allocated number for identification of the animal.
  2. The NLIS tag can be used as one ear tag if the NLIS number corresponds with the Breeder's allocated number for identification of the animal.
- (iii) **FIRE BRANDING OR FREEZE BRANDING** shall be elective by the breeder and where applied shall conform as follows:
1. Tattoo Brand relating to the breeder's prefix, plus
  2. The number allotted for the identification of the animal by the breeder
- (b) It is recommended that the Tattoo brand relating to the prefix and tag be inserted in the right or offside ear, and the stud identification number be inserted in the left or nearside ear.

## **6. TRANSFERS**

- (a)** The vendor is responsible for the transfer and payment of fees on the transfer of an animal unless otherwise arranged between the Purchaser and Vendor.
- (b)** Transfer declarations must be made on the official form of the Society (reverse of the animal's registration certificate) and must be lodged with the Society within 90 days of completion of the sale transaction otherwise penalty fees will apply.
- (c)** Before completing any transfer, it will be the duty of both the Vendor and Purchaser to examine the tattoo marks in order to establish the correct identity.
- (d)** Transfers of animals from another Society Herd Book - refer to By-Law No 4.
- (e)** A transfer by a member of the Society in favour of his spouse, and/or one or more of his children by name or by a firm or company, as sole transferee(s), and comprising all animals of which he is registered as the owner in the Herd Book, may be approved by the Board and may be recorded without fee PROVIDED THAT all members of such firm and all shareholders and directors of such company are respectively either wife, son or daughter of such member.

## **7. SERVICE CERTIFICATES**

- (a)** When a female is served by a bull which is not the property of the owner of such female, a Certificate of Service must accompany the Application for Registration of the resultant progeny. The Certificate of Service must be on the form provided by the Society unless the bull appears on an approved Sire's list.
- (b)** Where a registered female animal is sold and has previously been joined to a registered Illawarra bull, the Service Certificate (Section B) on the reserve side of the official Registration Certificate is to be completed on transfer.

## **8. NAMING OF ANIMALS**

- (a)** Animals shall not be registered under names already in use. In cases where names selected by applicants are already in use, the Secretary will ask the breeder to supply alternative names.
- (b)** Names misleading as to sex, relationship or origin or objectionable in any respect or pronounced alike, but spelt differently cannot be allowed.
- (c)** The number of words in proposed names is limited to two (2) exclusive of the Prefix or Affix. The word "of" is not counted.
- (d)** After a pedigree has been printed in the Herd Book of the Society, the name of the animal may not be changed except by the discretion of the Board for the purpose of correcting an error or misprint.

## **9. PREFIX OR SUFFIX**

- (a)** A member shall register, subject to the approval of the Board, any suitable name for his/her sole and exclusive use as a PREFIX or SUFFIX in naming his/her cattle.
- (b)** The purchaser of a stud shall have no right to the previous owner's stud name, except with the written consent of the previous owner, and the approval of the Board.

## **10. PRIVATE STUD REGISTER**

- (a)** All breeders shall keep a register containing complete and proper records of their stud breeding activities.
- (b)** The Board may appoint a representative to inspect the private stud register of any Illawarra stud.

- (c) In the event of neglect or refusal of an owner of such cattle to permit such inspection upon reasonable notice of at least fourteen (14) days being given in writing, the Board may refuse any Applications for Registration or Transfer and/or may impose such fine commensurate with the extent of the default as it shall think fit and/or may require the owner to pay the whole or any part of any expenses which may have been incurred by reason of any attempted inspection or inspections.

## 11. OFFENCES

- (a) Any member who knowingly exhibits any registered animal in any show or exhibition or who advertises any animal in any paper, periodical, or pamphlet, whether for sale or otherwise, under any but its registered name, or knowingly or recklessly allows any false or inaccurate information regarding such animal to be given, shall be guilty of conduct prejudicial to the objects of the Society and shall be dealt with by the Board or the Disputes Committee as it may see fit.
- (b) In the event of an animal being sold and its tattoo mark being subsequently found unsatisfactory, it shall be the duty of the purchaser to report to the Board and obtain permission to make arrangements with the breeder or an approved representative for re-tattooing. If an ear tag is found missing new ear tag details must be submitted to the office to amend the details in the Herd Book.
- (c) If an inaccuracy or omission is discovered relating to any entry or if any entry shall prove to have been wrongly or incorrectly made, such entry may be cancelled by the Board and the Herd Book amended accordingly.
- (d) In every such case, the onus shall rest with the owner to establish the accuracy of any record.

## 12. SHOW AND SALE ENTRIES

- (a) All entries for a Show sponsored by the Society shall be checked by the Secretary of the Society or a Sub-Committee appointed by the Board, with the records of the Society, immediately following the closing of entries of the Show and before the catalogue is printed to ensure that all entries are in order.
- (b) **SHOWING POLICY**
  - (i) All animals to be shown must meet the Society's colour rules.
  - (ii) Only animals registered in the Society's Herd Book can be shown, subject to the following conditions:
    1. Animals born after January 1, 2012 are subject to the following rules to come into effect from January 1, 2015:
      - (A) Minimum of 37.5% Illawarra blood percentage (as printed on registration certificates)
      - (B) Both parents registered in the ICSA Herd Book or sired by a sire from a breed that has full herd book status with the ICSA.
    2. Animals born before January 1, 2012 cannot be shown if they have two consecutive Holstein sires.
    3. Animals registered in the Supplementary Register of the Society's Herd Book are ineligible to be shown.
  - (iii) All exhibitors of Illawarra cattle are required to comply with the Society's Code of Ethics (see Clause 14).
  - (iv) The ICSA does not condone teat setting of animals.
  - (v) All animals shown must be registered in the exhibitor's name and must produce a registration certificate as proof of this ownership.
  - (vi) All exhibitors of Illawarra cattle are subject to the Society's DNA/Genotype Policy.
  - (vii) Uniform for showing for members is moleskin trousers, pink/burgundy striped shirt and maroon society tie.
- (c) **JOINT OWNERSHIP**
  - (i) When an animal is jointly owned and is shown jointly, it shall accumulate its own points.
  - (ii) If an animal is shown separately by one of the owners, a written lease agreement must be signed by all other registered owners.

- (iii) This ruling is only to be used in the circumstances where Show Societies do not stipulate any rulings on ownership/exhibition of animals.

**(d) INSPECTION OF SALE ANIMALS**

All such animals shall be inspected by no less than two inspectors who from time to time shall be appointed by the Board and any animals found not suitable or suspect shall at the request of the Board be withdrawn from the sale.

**13. COLOUR RULE**

- (a) To be eligible to be shown cattle must be of acceptable colour, those colours are red, white, roan or red and white intermixed including the various shades of red. Minimal black hair around the edges of ears and muzzle are accepted as well as a small black birthmark. Excluded will be black faced and black or brindle colours.
- (b) Females not meeting colour requirements for showing but with minimal black markings will not be penalised for registration purposes. Full black or brindle bodied females may only be registered in the Supplementary Register and shall have their registration certificates marked OC (off colour).
- (c) For registration purposes bulls must meet colour requirements of the female standard for showing.
- (d) Breeders are reminded of the importance of maintaining breed identity in relation to colour thus avoiding undesirable traits eg. White skin pigmentation.

**14. CODE OF ETHICS**

- (a) All exhibitors and owners of Illawarra cattle are required to abide by the Society's Code of Ethics with respect to showing, sale and promotion, including photography, of Illawarra cattle.
- (b) The Society supports the All Dairy Breeds National Show Ring Code of Ethics with the exception of teat setting which is not condoned by the ICOSA.
- (c) A copy of the Code of Ethics will be held at the Society's office and forwarded to members on request.
- (d) The onus shall be on the member to acquaint themselves of the requirements of the Code of Ethics.

**15. OVUM TRANSPLANT REGULATIONS**

The following provisions apply exclusively for the use of Embryo transplants:

- (a) Host cow/s which are used for the purpose of incubating a fertilised ovum shall be identified with a tattoo or brand.
- (b) All details relating to identification of donor cows and host cows including tattoos and brands together with the results of pregnancy tests on host cows and insemination certificates when artificial insemination is used shall be notified to the Society when registration of the progeny is sought.
- (c) Subject to the Rules of the Society, and to such regulations of Federal and State Government departments as may exist from time to time, calves born from embryo transplants shall be eligible for recording and registration by the Society.
- (d) All eligible progeny got by Embryo Transplants shall be so indicated in the Herd Book by placing the letters ET after the animal's registered name.
- (e) **DNA & IVF VERIFICATION** as well as documentation supplied by the person implanting the embryos, must be supplied at the time of registration of resultant progeny.

## **16. CLASSIFICATION OF ANIMALS**

The following provisions apply for the classification of animals:

- (a) All animals are to be classified using the All Breeds Classification System
- (b) Maximum score for a heifer is 87.
- (c) Excellent cows will also receive a score.

## **17. ILLAWARRA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

There will be no limitation on the percentage of Illawarra blood purity on IDP approved bulls.

## **18. DNA/GENOTYPE POLICY**

- (a) All exhibitors and owners of Illawarra cattle are required to abide by the Society's DNA/Genotype Policy.
- (c) A copy of the DNA/Genotype Policy will be held at the Society's office and forwarded to members on request.
- (d) The onus shall be on owners and exhibitors to acquaint themselves with the Society's DNA/Genotype Policy.

## **19. GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL MILK RECORDS**

The following provisions apply for the approval of National Milk Records:

- (a) Seven tests per lactation must be carried out to be eligible.
- (b) Current records that are achieved on three times a day milking, shall have an asterisk placed after their name.

## **20. REAL AUSTRALIAN PHOTO COMPETITION**

- (a) Entries in the Real Australian Photo Competition will not be accepted unless photos are 7 x 5 with the owner's name, year photo was taken and the name and DOB of the animal clearly marked on the back of the photo.
- (b) Any photo that is used in an advertisement in the CrazyCow magazine, will be automatically included in the Photo Competition if it meets the photo competition rules.
- (c) Entries must be in the hands of a Photo Competition Committee member by the end of Illawarra judging at IDW.

## **21. ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- (a) Any member whose annual subscription is in arrears for three months shall not be entitled to nominate any member for the Board, nor to vote on any matter at any meeting of the Society, neither shall he/she be eligible for nomination for a seat on the Board. No nomination for a Director on the Federal Board shall be accepted by the Society until the nominee becomes financial.
- (b) Any member whose annual subscription is in arrears for one year shall automatically cease to be a member of the Society, and in order to be reinstated must pay all arrears and apply to be re-elected as a member.

## **22. SUB-COMMITTEES**

- (a) **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**



- (i) The Management Committee shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, and Treasurer. Each of the Vice Presidents to represent either the IDP Committee or Classification Committee.
- (ii) The duties of the Management Committee shall be to ensure that items dealt with at Federal Board are progressed and attended to between Federal Board meetings.

**(b) ILLAWARRA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

- (i) The IDP Committee shall consist of eight (8) members.
- (ii) This sub-committee may elect a Chairman.
- (iii) If this Chairman is not a Federal Director, then a substitute from the Committee who is a Federal Director may take his place on the Management Committee.
- (iv) This sub-committee is elected for a two year term with half retiring annually.
- (v) IDP Committee candidates are to supply a letter of introduction for consideration by the Federal Board.

**(c) CLASSIFICATION-FIELD OFFICER COMMITTEE**

- (i) The Classification Field Officer Committee shall consist of five (5) members
- (ii) This sub-committee may elect a Chairman.
- (iii) If this Chairman is not a Federal Director, then a substitute from the committee who is a Federal Director may take his place on the Management Committee.
- (iv) This sub-committee is elected for a two year term with half retiring annually.
- (v) Classification Field Officer Committee candidates are to supply a letter of introduction for consideration by the Federal Board.

**(d) PRODUCTION COMMITTEE**

- (i) The Production Committee shall consist of four (4) members.
- (ii) This sub-committee may elect a Chairman and report back to the Federal Board.

**(e) YOUTH COMMITTEE**

- (i) The Youth Committee shall consist of seven (7) members.
- (ii) This sub-committee may elect a Chairman and report back to the Federal Board.

**(f) IDW FEDERAL BREED ARBITRATOR**

Each year the Federal Board shall appoint an IDW Federal Breed Arbitrator.

**(g) PHOTO COMPETITION SELECTION COMMITTEE**

- (i) The Photo Competition Selection Committee shall consist of three (3) members.
- (ii) This sub-committee is to run any Illawarra Photo Competition and shall be responsible for selecting eligible photos.
- (iii) The sub-committee shall select a suitable judge to adjudicate on the selected photos.
- (iv) The decisions made by the sub-committee shall be final.

**23. JUDGES**

**(a) PROVISIONAL AND ROYAL PANELS**

To remain on the active judging panel, a Judge must be a financial member of the Society.

**(b) INTERNATIONAL JUDGING PANEL**

- (i) A list of elite Royal judges who are prepared to travel and are capable physically of performing at the top level will be created and distributed to all Shorthorn breed societies around the world.
- (ii) For a Judge to be added to the list, Branches should submit names supported by a CV to the Federal Board for consideration.
- (iii) The list of International Judges will be reviewed annually.

**24. SOCIETY'S LAND & BUILDINGS**

The Federal Board of Directors are responsible for the management/care/maintenance of the Society's land and buildings.