

BONSMARA CATTLE BREEDERS SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC.

BY-LAWS

DEFINITIONS

1. "Society" means the Bonsmara Cattle Breeders Society of Australia.

"The By-Laws" mean the By-Laws of the Society from time to time in force".

"The Herd Book" means the Herd Book of the Society.

"Herd Book Number" (H.B. No.) denotes the number allocated to such animal in the Herd Book.

"Management Committee" as defined in the Rules of the Bonsmara Cattle Breeders Society of Australia.

"The Progeny Details" denotes the breeding details of progeny born to Stud, Appendix females and females used in a Bonsmara Grading-Up Program.

"Registered" in relation to an animal denotes registered in the Herd Book.

"Appendix" in relation to a female animal denotes registered in the Appendix section of the Herd Book.

"Private Herd Number" (P.H. No.) in relation to an animal denotes the number or combination of numbers with which the animal has been branded or tattooed pursuant to these regulations.

"Registered Owner" in relation to an animal denotes the Society member recorded by the Society as the owner of that animal.

"Breeder" of an animal denotes the person registered or entitled to be registered as the owner of the dam of the animal at the date when the animal was conceived or the embryo fertilised.

"Affiliated Agreement" means an agreement entered into between two or more members to use or join together animals for breeding from their respective studs.

"First Owner" of an animal means - **(a)** in relation to the progeny resulting from the joining of animals pursuant to an affiliation agreement approved by the Management committee, the member nominated on the application acceptance made pursuant to subparagraph (iv) of regulation 5 (e) and **(b)** in all other circumstances the person who is registered or is entitled to be registered as the owner of the dam of the animal at the date when the animal was calved.

"Service Certificate" denotes the Certificate signed by the registered owner of a sire, certifying the date or dates when a dam was served by or depastured with the sire, and embodying the name, the Private Herd Number and the Herd Book Number of the dam and of the sire.

"Sire Authorisation Certificate" denotes the certificate signed by the registered owner of the sire authorising registration by the owner of the calf conceived by A.I. or E.T.

"Date of Sale" and "Date of Transfer" shall respectively be the date on which ownership passes to the transferee, ie fall of hammer at auction or time of delivery in a private sale, provided that for the purpose of these By-Laws, the date of sale or date of transfer shall be deemed to be that set out as such in the transfer submitted to and recorded by the Society.

"Imported and Imp." In relation to an animal shall denote that the animal has been imported into Australia, provided that if it has been imported in dam, the words "Imp. In Utero" shall be used to indicate that the animal has been imported in dam. A calf calved after shipment and during transit of its dam to Australia shall be deemed to have been calved in Australia and to be imported in dam, and subject to these Regulations be eligible for registration in the Herd Book.

"Stud Proper" (SP) designates a fully registered animal in the Bonsmara Cattle Breeders Society of Australia. (BCBS of A.) and is a Purebred (P) Bonsmara.

MEMBERSHIP

2. (a) Any person, institution, company or individuals associated together under agreement or partnership, State and/or Commonwealth institution, may apply for membership with the sponsorship of a present member. The application will be considered by the Management Committee for acceptance.
- (b) **Full Member**
A member shall be any person, institution, partnership or corporation, State and/or Commonwealth Institution who shall be actively engaged in the breeding and registration of either Purebred or Appendix Bonsmara cattle. An institution, partnership or corporation shall nominate one person to be its representative and for the purpose of voting, such nominated person shall be regarded as the member. An individual member of an institution, partnership or corporation shall not be entitled to separate membership unless he or she is actively engaged in the breeding and registration Purebred or Appendix Bonsmara cattle outside the institution, partnership or corporation. A member shall pay such nomination fee and annual subscription as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Management Committee.
- (c) **Associate Member**
Associated Membership may be granted to any person, institution, partnership or corporation, State and/or Commonwealth institution interested in the promotion of the Bonsmara breed of cattle such Associated Membership shall be without voting power or rights to register or transfer cattle. An Associated Member will pay such annual subscription as shall from time to time be prescribed by its Management committee.
- (d) **Commercial Member**
A commercial Member shall be any person, institution, partnership or corporation, State and/or Commonwealth institution interested in the promotion of the Bonsmara breed of cattle through the production of commercial cattle, and will be entitled to receive all circulars detailing enquiries for the purchase of commercial cattle. A commercial member shall pay such annual subscription as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Management Committee. Commercial Members will not be eligible for Management Committee election.
- (e) **Junior Member**
A Junior Member shall be any person up to the age of 17 years who is interested in the promotion of the Bonsmara breed of cattle. A Junior Member shall pay such annual subscription as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Management Committee. Junior Members will not be eligible for Management Committee election.
- (f) **Inspectors**
All new breeders are invited to advise whether they are prepared to be trained as inspectors.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIRMENTS

3. Every person before supplying progeny Details or registered animals in the Herd Book, shall record with the Society:
 - (a) Their Breedplan Herd Number or application thereof;
 - (b) A Prefix which shall be used as a prefix to and as part of the name of every animal of which he is the first owner, and which is submitted for registration in the Herd Book;
 - (c) A distinguishing brand or tattoo mark;
 - (d) The appropriate positions on his calves where his brand and private herd number respectively will be impressed by fire or other approved methods of branding ; the prefix; the permanent I.D.; mark shall be distinctive, and shall not so resemble that of any other prefix or permanent mark recorded by any other person with the Association as in the opinion of the Management Committee tend to be misleading;
 - (e) The Management Committee may decline to register any prefix or to record the name of any stud property, which in the opinion of the Management Committee resembles the breed name, prefix, stud name or stud property and could cause confusion.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGENY DETAILS

4. (a) No calf shall be accepted unless on the prescribed form signed by its first owner.
 - (b) All Bonsmara calves must be dehorned.
5. (a) All progeny details shall be submitted within twelve (12) calendar months of the birth of the animal. The Management Committee reserves the right to refuse any late application. A late fee as from time to time prescribed by the Management Committee shall be payable in respect of each calf.
 - (b) Every calf submitted on the Progeny Detail Form must be the progeny of a sire registered in the Herd book and a dam registered in the Herd Book or recorded on Progeny Details Forms or a female used in a grading-up program or in such other herd book as may be approved by the Management Committee. In the case of foundation dams a brief description of the breed of the dam must be given, eg Hereford x Brahman.
 - (c) Except in the circumstances provided for in paragraph (e) of this regulation where the first owner of a calf submitted was not the owner of the dam at the time she was served to produce such calf, the dam shall have been transferred to the first owner of the calf before the birth or that calf and such transfer shall state the joining sire and date of service.
 - (d) Except in the circumstance provided for in paragraph (e) of this regulation where the first owner of the calf submitted was not the owner or the sire at the time that the calf was conceived, the application shall be accompanied by a Service Certificate evidencing the parentage of the calf.
 - (e)
 - (i) Members may with prior approval in writing of the Management Committee enter into an affiliation agreement;
 - (ii) An application for approval of the Management Committee to an Affiliation Agreement shall be made in writing by all parties to the agreement in the form prescribed by the Management Committee;
 - (iii) The Management Committee may at its discretion and without assigning other reason therefore:-
 - (a) refuse an application for the approval of an affiliation agreement or,
 - (b) accept the application and grant the approval requested; or
 - (c) accept the application and grant the approval on such terms, conditions or restrictions in relation to the approval as the Management Committee deems fit.
 - (iv) A party to an approved affiliation agreement must apply to the Management Committee in order for the progeny resulting from the joining for the animals from the respective or various studs (as the case may be) to be accepted. Such application should be made on the form prescribed by the Management Committee.
 - (v) The party to the agreement making the application pursuant to subparagraph (iv) hereof shall for the purpose of these By-Laws be or be deemed to be the first owner of that progeny and shall comply with all obligations imposed upon it as such by these regulations.
 - (f) All calves shall be recorded on Breedplan or other performance recording scheme approved by the Management Committee and submit a 200d weight for analysis.
 - (g) Subject to these Regulations, every calf submitted shall be tattooed or branded with the registered tattoo mark or brand of its first owner;
 - (h) No two calves of the same stud shall be permanently identified with the same private herd number. The private herd number with the herd prefix will be recorded as the Society Herdbook Number.
 - (i) A fee shall from time to time be prescribed by the Management Committee shall be payable on each calf submitted on the Progeny Detail Form or computer registration form.
 - (j) The prescribed late fee shall be paid in respect of each late calf submitted described in Section 5 (a).
 - (k) An animal of Bonsmara breeding, and accepted, after inspection, for registration may be branded **B** 10 cm. above the hock on the same side as the first owners brand. These animals may have the letter "**B**" noted after the Herdbook Number if possible .

6. (a) It shall be the duty of every member to send to the Secretary at least every twelve months, a Progeny Detail Form detailing all calves born to **S.P.** registered, appendix registered females and any females used in Bonsmara grading-up program since the previous return.

- **FORM E BOOK**

- (b) This form is for the removal from the herd of animals which died or were culled. All Appendix A and B females and SP males and females that will not be presented for inspection must likewise be removed. The Stud Book charges fees on all live animals eligible for registration.

- **APPLICATION FOR BULL INSPECTIONS BOOK**

- (c) Forms should be used to apply for all inspections other than annual, as detailed on the form. State number of animals to be inspected and convenient inspection date. Submit **AT LEAST 2 MONTHS** in advance.

- **INSPECTION BOOK**

- (d) Once a year between February and June, annual inspections may be conducted. Special application forms are sent from the office during the latter part of the year. Complete and return your application to the office by date indicated. The Management Committee will determine itineraries for the different areas.

Write **ALL ANIMALS FOR INSPECTION** into the inspection book in their entire age groups, bulls and females separately with performance data, before the age of 2 years. **PERFORMANCE DATA SHEETS** or printouts for the relevant animals must be kept for the inspectors to check data. All animals must be permanently identified.

- **MATING LIST BOOK**

- (e) For each group of cows, the animal's identification number must be listed with the bull mated to. Within 2 months after the end of the mating season, submit these lists or electronic data transfer method approved by the Management Committee to the office.

- **PERFORMANCE TESTING**

- (f) **BIRTH MASS - IS NOT COMPULSORY BUT VERY IMPORTANT.**

WEIGHING ANIMALS – Weight for age Ratios or Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) are compulsory for all Grades of Bonsmara registered cattle. For breeding stock to retain active status in the Herd Book it is compulsory for Weight for age ratios (final) or Estimated Breeding Values(EBVs) min 400 day growth to be forwarded to the office prior to the animal attaining 24 months of age.

- **BULLS TESTS**

- (g) It is recommended by the Management Committee that all SP bulls be bloodtyped or DNA prior to using them for stud breeding.
Rejected bulls will not be endorsed by the Society as Bonsmara and will not be accommodated at any Bonsmara Society sponsored activity or sale. Dams of rejected bulls could be culled.
A minimum of 10 bulls from the same age group must participate in weight ratios or Breedplan EBV's. At least 5 should be SP bulls and the others can be commercial bulls. The office may assist in arranging group trials.

- **HERD LISTS**

- (h) Once a year, approximately March, a complete herd list of all your animals approved by inspection will be sent to you. If this list does not agree with yours, advise the office in writing. **ALWAYS** update this list by adding new animals approved or bought and deleting culls and deaths. Animals not inspected will be provided on a separate list.

REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

7. (a) Purebred Bonsmara cattle imported from Africa with sufficient documentation will be eligible for recording in the Australian Herd Book as Fullbloods. The progeny of a fullblood mated to fullblood cow will be eligible for recording as a fullblood .
- (b) All animals eligible for registration as Appendix B and SP must be :-
- (i) From Breedplan Herds or other performance recording scheme approved by the Management Committee.
 - (ii) Each animal shall have previously been accepted on a Progeny Detail form or computer printout.

- (iii) The progeny of a sire and of a dam which is registered in the Herd Book or approved for the purpose by the Management Committee.
- (c) (i) An animal eligible for registration in the Purebred section (SP) of the herd book must be the result of a mating which produces not less than $\frac{7}{8}$ Bonsmara blood and which is the progeny of (1) S.P. registered Bonsmara bull and a S.P. registered Bonsmara female; (2) a S.P. registered Bonsmara bull and a female registered in Appendix B.
- (ii) A female eligible for registration in Appendix B of the Herd Book must be the result of a mating which produces not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ Bonsmara blood, and which is the progeny of a fully registered Bonsmara bull and an Appendix A registered female. A female eligible for registration in Appendix A of the Herd Book must be the result of a mating which produces not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ Bonsmara blood, and which is the progeny of a fully registered Bonsmara bull and a Foundation cow of any recognised beef or dual purpose breed.
- (iii) The use of multiple sires will be permitted for the registration of females into Appendices A and noted with the suffix M.S.; but only the use of single sires or sires identified by DNA will be permitted for the registration of males and females into Appendix B and of males and females into the S.P. Section of the Herd Book.
- (d) Registration of an animal under a particular name may be refused if the name, including the prefix and including any numeral forming part of the name shall exceed twenty-five (25) letters (including figures) or the computer allowance - abbreviation will not be accepted.
8. (a) The Management Committee may refuse to allow any name or any prefix, or any tattoo mark or any brand which, in its absolute discretion, it considers to be misleading, misapplied or contrary to the interest of the members of the Society generally.
- (b) The I.D. of an animal shall not be changed after registration except with the approval of the Management Committee and upon any change being made in accordance with these Regulations, a proper record shall be made by the Secretary in the Herd Book and in any relative Certification of Registration and elsewhere, as may be required in order to avoid confusion. Such changes shall be subject to a fee as from time to time prescribed by the Council.
- (c) The prescribed fee shall be paid in respect of and with each registration, and an animal may be registered at any age at the prescribed fees as detailed in Appendix 2 of these Regulations.
- (d) A number shall be allocated by the Management Committee to each animal registered in the Herd Book and the number so allocated shall be known as the Herd Book Number. The number shall consist of 3 letters as the studs registered prefix or herd designation (ie VAL) followed by 2 numerals denoting the year of branding and 4 numerals (the private herd I.D. number). Eg. VAL990024. In a separate field following the number the grade of the will be noted. X=Foundation; A=Appendix A; B=Appendix B;P=Purebred.
- (e) For Bonsmara cattle there shall be a Portal of Entry to the Herd Book by submission of evidence satisfactory to the Management Committee as to breeding of the cattle. The Portal of Entry shall remain in effect indefinitely and shall only be closed at the discretion of the Management Committee after 3 months notice to members. Fees for entry of cattle through the Portal of Entry shall be set at twice the normal registration fee and the cattle will be accepted one grade below that which evidence supports. ie. BR dams may enter as Appendix A if above average performance from Group Breedplan herds or Appendix B if approved after inspection.

TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

9. (a) Upon the sale, exchange, gift or otherwise disposal temporarily or permanently of an animal registered in the Herd Book, there shall be lodged by the registered owner with the Secretary within sixty (60) days of such ownership or possession either:-
- (i) an application in the prescribed form for the transfer of the animal to the disposee signed by the registered owner as transferor. The application for transfer of a registered animal shall be accompanied by the certificate/s of registration issued in respect of the animal.
 - (ii) in the case of an animal not already registered in the Herd Book, and application for its registration must accompany the official certificate of transfer, except for unbranded calves at foot under the age of four months which may be transferred on the same certificate as their dam.

- (iii) upon temporary transfer of possession or use of an animal for either joint or sole use the registered owner shall lodge with the Secretary a transfer (or authority to use form) stating appropriate details with respect to the use of the animal within sixty (60) days of the arrangements becoming effective.
- (b) Upon the registration of a transfer of an animal, the relative certificate of registration shall be endorsed with a record of such transfer and the certificate so endorsed shall be sent by the Secretary to the transferee as the new registered owner.
- (c) Subject to the Regulations, the transfer of an animal shall be recorded by the Society.
- (d) the transferor shall pay the prescribed fee in respect of each transfer.
- (e) A late fee shall be payable in addition to the ordinary fee and shall be payable in respect of each transfer made (unless the Management Committee shall determine otherwise) after the expiration of the time within which a transfer should be made, that is to say, in each case of a transfer after sixty days from the date of sale.
- (f) Where a transfer submitted for registration is expressed by way of a lease, or otherwise disposal of, the lessee shall at the expiration or sooner determination of the lease, submit to the Secretary for registration, a transfer of the animal to the lessor; the Management committee may at any time upon such evidence as to such expiration or determination as it considers sufficient call upon the lessee to submit such transfer and if he shall fail to do so, the Management Committee may record a transfer and re-register the lessor as the owner of the animal in the place of the lessee.
- (g) Subject to the provisions herein contained, a transfer by a member of the Society in favour of his or her spouse and/or one or more of his or her children or to a firm or company as sole transferee(s) and comprising animals of which he is registered as the owner in the Herd Book may be approved by the Management Committee and recorded with the reduction of 50% in the prescribed fee, provided that all members of such firm and all shareholders and directors of such company are respectively either wife, son or daughter or such member. Except in the case be passed to his family, according to these provisions, in such transfers there be no fees involved.
- (h) The transferor and the transferee shall be responsible to the Management Committee to physically check the recorded tattoo mark and/or brand shown on a Herd Book registered animal before the animal is delivered or consigned to the transferee. If the tattoo mark and/or brand cannot be clearly read, or an error has been made on the Herd Book Certificate of Registration, it shall be reported by the transferor to the Management Committee for direction.
- (i) In the case of the sale or transfer of an entire stud including stud prefix application for transfer of the registered animals shall be in a form acceptable to the Management Committee. The fee of 50% only of the prescribed fee shall be payable in respect of each animal.
- (j) Eligibility or liability for transfer under regulation 9 (a) i, ii, iii, 9 (d), 9 (g), 9 (i) a change in ownership of member companies shall be solely at the discretion of the Management Committee and may be upon such terms as it thinks fit.

GENERAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- 10. (a) The Management Committee reserves the right to appoint a special committee of inspection to ensure that members are maintaining the high standard of foundation stock necessary to ensure that the prime object of the Society is being fulfilled.
- (b) The Management Committee reserves the right to reject or disqualify any animal at any time.
- (c) The Management Committee may cancel Progeny Details of any animal/s in the Herd Book if it be found that particulars furnished of such animal/s are incorrect in any material particular and the Management Committee may thereupon cancel the Progeny Record and/or registration in the Herd Book (as the case may be) of any descendant on the Progeny Record Form and/or Herd Book as the Council may consider proper.
- (d) The Management Committee may employ an inspector for the purpose outlined in 10 (a).

11. Before a calf is accepted from a Progeny Detail Form or a Portal of Entry request for an animal to be registered in the Herd Book the Management Committee may request a parentage determination on the basis of blood typing or DNA analysis be performed and all costs involved will be the responsibility of the member.
12. In the case of a dispute arising over the registration of any animal the Management Committee reserves the right to either declare such registration accepted or rejected subject to the evidence submitted. In all cases, the decision of the Management Committee shall be final and binding.
13. Any animal submitted on a Progeny Detail Form or for registration in the Herd Book or an application for registration of a prefix, tattoo mark or firebrand will be subject to rejection if (inter alia):-
 - (i) made by a person who is not a member of the Society,
 - (ii) the Management Committee is not satisfied that the particulars set out in the information are accurate.
 - (iii) such information as may be required by the Management Committee is not supplied to the satisfaction of the management Committee, or
 - (iv) if the Brand or Tattoo is indistinct.
14. Upon receipt of a declaration that a Certificate of Registration has been lost and that after reasonable search it cannot be found, the Secretary will issue a provisional Certificate to the declarant, or to the transferee if a transfer in respect of such animal has been lodged with the Society pursuant to Clause 9 (a) thereof. The registered owner or transferor (as the case may be) shall pay the Society such fee in respect of the provisional Certificate as the Management Committee may from time to time prescribe.
15. Any animal may upon the written application of its registered owner be deregistered as at a specified date.
16. The Management Committee may :-
 - (a) Decline to accept any animal on a Progeny Detail Form or to register any animal in the Herd Book if the person applying for such acceptance, registration or recording shall fail to pay upon demand any monies due to the Society or to pay any fee payable in respect of the relative acceptance on the Progeny Detail, registration or recording, or if it has not been tattooed and/or branded pursuant to the preceding paragraphs in the Regulations.
 - (b) Cancel any animal submitted on a Progeny Detail Form and/or registration of an animal in the Herd Book if the person for the time being recorded as the owner of such animal shall fail to pay to the Society within sixty (60) days after demand for payment has been made by the Society any monies payable in respect of registration or transfer fees.
 - (c) Cancel any animal submitted on a Progeny Detail Form and/or the registration in the Herd Book of any animal sold, exchanged, leased or otherwise disposed of if no application for transfer or such animal be lodged with the Secretary pursuant to these Regulations or if the prescribed fee not be paid within sixty (60) days of such disposition.
17. (a) Progeny records and applications for registration in the Herd Book and applications for transfer shall be made on the appropriate forms from time to time prescribed by the Management Committee.
 - (b) Unless all forms as required by the Society are completed in every detail, same shall be deemed invalid and returned to the member concerned.
 - (c) The Management Committee may require such additional information as it may think fit before accepting any animal on the Progeny Detail Form or for registration in the Herd Book or before approving any transfer.
18. Nothing in these Regulations shall compel a person or member to brand or tattoo or otherwise mark an animal of which he is the first owner except as a condition of acceptance on a Progeny Detail Form and for registration in the Herd Book or Transfer of Ownership.
19. No person submitting an animal on a Progeny Detail Form or for registration in the Herd Book and now owner or any animal registered in the Herd Book shall use any of the terms defined in the By-Laws in respect of animals to which they are not properly attributable in accordance with these Regulations.
20. It shall be the duty of every member to keep proper records of his breeding activities, and all such records so kept shall be open for inspection by any person authorised by the Management Committee to inspect same, and any such person shall be at liberty to take such extracts therefrom as he may think fit.

DEATHS AND CULLS

21. Appendix A,B females and SP males and females not to be presented for inspection (culls) together with deaths and other culls will be noted on the Annual Herd List. (Which could incorporate the Inspection List.)

SALES

22. (a) The Management Committee may approve, adopt and/or prescribe standard conditions of sale applicable to sales of bulls and/or females registered in the Herd Book of the Society.
- (b) Any member who advertises and holds a Dispersal, Clearing and/or Reduction Sale of cattle registered with the Society is required by this Regulation to:
Authorise the Selling Agent in writing, with a copy of the authorisation to the Society to withhold from sale proceeds an amount sufficient to cover the transfer fees of the animal sold, and further authorise the Agent to forward such sums collected to the Bonsmara Breeders Society of Australia Inc.
- (c) Any member selling Bonsmara cattle at auction described as a stud, pedigree or registered cattle must have the described animals registered in the Herd Book of the Society. Animals on the Progeny Detail Form are not recognised by the Society as registered cattle and the Association reserves the right to advise the Selling Agent/s accordingly and request that it be announced at the sale for the protection of the purchasers.
- (d) The Sale of cattle, registered by the Society, sold for export, shall be subject to a pedigree document export charge as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Management Committee.
- (e) The Society shall not recognise or be bound by terms and conditions of auction sales which are contrary to these Regulations.
- (f) Auctioneers will be advised to correctly describe Bonsmara cattle prior to selling at auction.

SHOWS

23. (a) It is contrary to the Principles to Bonsmara breeding to place emphasis on Show ring and Show preparation where members compete against each other. Exhibition of Bonsmara cattle is necessary in Australia to promote the breed.

The Society recommends that cattle at the same venue be exhibited in different classes and, in consultation with the Judge, the Minimum Standards and Visual Appraisal Guidelines be applied to determine the most desirable animal. The Society strongly recommends the exhibition of Bonsmara at field days, trials and carcass competitions.

- (b) All cattle exhibited at shows must be recorded in the Herd Book of the Society.

SALE INSPECTION

24. That when requested by Stock Selling Agents and/or Vendors, all bulls herd and registered and Appendix and Stud Book Females sold at nominated public auction sales throughout the Commonwealth will be inspected and approved for the purpose of the sale only for which they are inspected if found to be true representatives of the breed by:-
- (i) A Field Officer of the society, or
 - (ii) a panel of three nominated by the Management Committee of the Bonsmara Breeders Society of Australia Inc. of which the Field Officer shall be one, or
 - (iii) any individual or individuals not exceeding three nominated by and at the discretion of the Management committee of the Bonsmara Breeders Society of Australia Inc.
- (a) In the event of any such inspection, fees shall be payable by the stock selling agents or vendor as shall be determined by the Management Committee.
- (b) Approval at auction sales shall be based on structural soundness, presentation, temperament and Breedplan performance or weight ratios.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

25. In all cases the registration of animals produced by AI shall be treated in the same manner as animals produced by natural service subject to the following:-

- (a) The Management Committee may from time to time set standards for bulls to be used in AI and in that event intending users will be required to submit details of such bulls intended for AI use and to establish credentials for subsequent registration of progeny.
- (b) The Management Committee may establish a premium to be applied to the registration of AI progeny.
- (c) The application for registration of animals got by Artificial Insemination shall state in the appropriate place on the registration form that the animal was produced by Artificial Insemination and such information shall appear in the Herd Book denoted by the letters AI.
- (d) The application for registration of animals produced by Artificial Insemination using semen from a bull not in the same ownership as the female shall be accompanied by a Sire Authorisation Certificate by:-
 - (i) the owner of the bull from whom the semen was purchased or
 - (ii) the authorised agent of the owner of the bull from whom the semen was purchased, or
 - (iii) the person from whom the semen was obtained entitled under the regulations to issue Sire Authorisation Certificates in respect of semen stock eligible for resale. Such authorisation shall indicate if the semen is for the sole use of the purchaser.

NOTE: Breeders are advised that a fee may be charged by the owner of the bull for the Sire Authorisation Certificate.

- (e) The owner/s of the bull approved under Regulations 25 (a) shall record with the Society the name/s of the persons authorised to sign Authorisation Certificates in respect of the bull.
- (f) The registration of animals produced by Artificial Insemination using semen from bulls not in the same ownership as the females at the time the animal was conceived may be subject to the payment of a premium as from time to time prescribe by the Management Committee.
- (g) The Management Committee may require a parentage determination on the basis of a DNA analysis or blood type to be performed on an animal produced by Artificial Insemination before acceptance of the registration.
- (h) The collection of semen and use of semen used shall be in accordance with the legislation of the State or States concerned.

EMBRYO TRANSFER

26. In all cases the registration of animals produced by Embryo Transfer shall be treated in the same manner as animals produced naturally subject to the following:-

- (a) The Management Committee may from time to time set standards for donor females to be used in Embryo Transfer and in that event intending users will be required to submit details of such proposed donor female to establish suitability for registration of resulting progeny. Failing that registration will not be accepted.
- (b) The Management Committee may establish a premium to be applied to the registration of Embryo Transfer calves.
- (c) The application for registration of animals got by Embryo Transfer shall state in the appropriate place on the registration form that the animal was produced by Embryo Transfer and such information shall appear in the Herd Book denoted by the letters ET.
- (d) The application for registration of animals produced by Embryo Transfer using an embryo from a female not in the same ownership as the animal to be registered may be required to be accompanied by a Donor Female Authorisation Certificate signed by:-
 - (i) the owner of the female from whom the embryo was purchased, or

- (ii) the authorised agent of the owner of the female from whom the embryo stock eligible for resale. Such authorisation shall indicate if the embryo is for the sole use of the purchaser on the invoice.

NOTE: Breeders are advised that a fee may be charged by the owner of the female for the Donor Female Authorisation Certificate.

- (e) The registration of animals produced by Embryo Transfer using embryos from donor females not in the same ownership as the animal to be registered shall be accepted subject to the payment of a premium from time to time prescribed by the Management Committee.
- (f) The Management Committee may require parentage determination on the basis of DNA analysis or blood type to be performed on an animal produced by Embryo Transfer before acceptance of the registration.
- (g) For the purposes of registration the owner of the recipient dam at the time of calving shall be deemed to be the breeder and the eligible progeny shall be identified with the member's prefix and brand.
- (h) The collection of embryo transfer and use of embryos shall be in accordance with the legislation of the state or states concerned.

PERFORMANCE RECORDING

- 27. (a) (i) The Society shall adopt a system of Performance Recording (see Appendix 1 on performance recording) Weight for Age and Visual Appraisal. The performance system may be modified from time to time in the light of new information and subject to the approval of the Management Committee and to due notice being given to all members.
 - (ii) where performance recording, in part of whole, is compulsory, Management Committee may either debar an animal from registration or deregister such animal (as the case may be) if such animal fails to satisfy certain minimum levels of performance as determined from time to time by Management Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 28. In these regulations where the context reasonable permits, the singular number includes the plural number and vice versa.
- 29. Until otherwise determined by the Management Committee, the Minimum Standards shall be as prescribed. (See Appendix)
- 30. Nothing in these Regulations, whether expressed or implied, shall be taken as meaning that such regulations are in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia or its States or Territories and all regulations made pursuant thereto and it shall be the responsibility of members of the Association to satisfy themselves that they comply or have complied at all times with the provisions of such laws and regulations.
- 31. The Management Committee endorses the use of the content of 'Tropical Beef Breeds & Performance Assessment' Published by M.R.C. & B.R.A of A March 1997 by Bonsmara breeders
- 32. The Management Committee endorses the BR Objective Judging Manual Appendix 2 in the above publication, subject to changes and deletions made since 1997, particularly 'Bonus points'.

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Appendix 1.

**BONSMARA MINIMUM BREED STANDARDS
SCHEDULE B**

The Management Committee shall draw up Minimum Breed Standards for selection purposes.

The Management Committee may direct the Secretary to reject or to cancel the recording or registration of an animal that does not comply with the following set Minimum Standards:

1. REPRODUCTION

- 1.1 A heifer must calve before or at the age of 36 months for the first time;
- 1.2 A calving interval may not exceed 24 months (730 days);
- 1.3 The minimum number of calves a cow must produce by a certain age is noted in the table below:

Age of Dam	Minimum No. of Calves
3 years	1
5 years	2
6 years	3
8 years	4
9 years	5
11years	6
12 years	7

- 1.4 A cow should rear at least two of any three consecutive calves (up to weaning age).

2. MILK PRODUCTION

- 2.1 A cow must be capable of rearing a healthy calf to 200days.

3. GROWTH

- 3.1 GENERAL
WEIGHT FOR AGE PERFORMANCE RECORDING.

Information required for each animal :-

- 1. Identification- Private herd number of animal being Performance Recorded
- 2. Date of birth of animal.
- 3. Identification number of Dam of animal.
- 4. Sire Identification number.
- 5. Age of dam when animal was born.
- 6. Weaning data- Date at weaning; Weight of animal at weaning; Age in days at weaning.
- 7. Final Weight. Weight of animal at approximately 600d; Date of Weighing; Age at final weight.

Conditions:

Animals being performance recorded should be grouped together on the basis of sex,age,and Appendix classification.

The age of animals in any group should not differ by more than 100 days. Animals within a group should be weaned at the same time, final weights should be recorded on the same day and the animals should be run and /or treated identically at all times.

Ratings:

Relative growth rates of animals within a group are to be compared on the basis weight per day of age and expressed as a percentage of the group average. For weaning data, individual weight per day of age values are to be corrected where necessary for age of dam before the group average is determined. No age of dam correction is required for final weight per day of age.

Correction factors:

Age of Dam	Correction Factor.
2 years	1.15

3 years	1.10
4 years	1.05
5 years & older	no correction

Data on all animals within a group must be included on a Performance Recording return whether or not all Animals are to be registered.

3.2 HEIFERS

- a. Minimum 200d index of 90 or 200d EBV 90% Of the Group Breedplan Breed Average
 - b. Minimum 400d index of 90 or 400d EBV 90% of the Group Breedplan Breed Average
 - c. Minimum 600d index of 90 or 600d EBV 90% of the Group Breedplan Breed Average
- In cases where heifers are selected before the age of 600d the 200d and 400d data will suffice.
 - In cases where the animal could not be weighed at the age of 400d, the 200d and 600d data will be acceptable.

3.3 BULLS

3.3.1. Bulls phase B

- a. Minimum weight of 375 kg
- b. Minimum 200d index of 90 or 200d EBV 90% of Breed Average
- c. Minimum 400d index of 90 or 400d EBV 90% of Breed Average
- d. Minimum 600d index of 90 or 600d EBV 90% of Breed Average

3.3.2

- a. Minimum scrotum circumference.

Weight	375 to 399 kg -	30cm
	400 to 449 kg -	31cm
	450 to 499 kg	32cm
	500 to 549 kg	33cm
	550 kg and over	35cm

NOTE: The scrotum circumference of phase b bulls is not officially measured. The selector may measure the scrotum circumference and use the above standards as guidelines.

3.3.3. All rejected bulls from Phase B as well as bulls not submitted for selection, will not be registered as Bonsmaras

4. VISUAL APPRAISAL

4.1 The emphasis is on the function of the animal. The selector will determine whether the defect warrants culling the animal. Animals with congenital defects must be culled. The following undesirable visual characteristics have been found in breeds of cattle throughout the world.

4.1.1 HEAD

- ** Undershot jaw
- ** Overshot jaw
- * Skew muzzle
- ** Skew face
- * Compact or excessively long head
- * Too fine and narrow muzzle

4.1.2. FRONT AND HIND LEGS

- * Split between hooves too wide
- * Hooves curling inward
- ** Wall of hoof curling (folding) inward
- ** Out Growing hooves
- * Uneven length of hooves
- * Upright or sagging pasterns
- * Absence of dew claws
- * Standing over at the knees (calf knees) or hollow knees
- * X-legged (knock knees)
- * Bandy legged
- * Pigeon-toed
- * Sickle or upright hocks

- * Faulty gait
- 4.1.3. SHOULDERS
 - * Loosely attached shoulder
 - * Withers extending too far above shoulders
- 4.1.4. CHEST, BACK AND MIDPIECE
 - * Devil's grip
 - * Hollow back
 - * Hunchback
 - ** Laterally twisted spine (scoliosis)
 - * Narrow chested
- 4.1.5. PELVIS, RUMP AND TAIL
 - * Narrow pelvis (females)
 - * Flat, rooey or excessively sloping rump
 - * Very prominent root of tail
 - * Wrytail - tail attachment off centre
 - ** Congenital kink in upper third of tail
- 4.1.6. REPRODUCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS
 - ** Too long, fleshy sheath
 - ** Large sheath opening
 - * Definite preputial prolapse. Slight prolapse tolerated in polled males over 400d.
 - ** Hypoplasia of testes (uni - or bilateral)
 - * Epididymis partially absent
 - * Tortion of scrotum more than 45^o
 - ** Cryptorchidism (partial, uni - or bilateral)
 - * Pendulous scrotum
 - * Infantile or horizontally inclined vulva
 - * Poor udder development
 - * Teats small or absent
 - * congenital imbalance or udder
 - * Malformed teats
- 4.1.7. GENERAL
 - ** Frizzy or woolly summer coat
 - * Longhaired coat
 - * Bulls with oxy or feminine appearance
 - * Heifers with oxy or masculine appearance
 - * Pony-types or extreme large frame types
 - * Wild temperament
 - * Poor muscling
 - * Double muscled or excessive muscling in females
 - * Fine or coarse skeleton

* Discrimination according to judgement of selector

** Disqualifications

- 4.1.8. ANY OTHER DEFECTS NOT LISTED
 - Eg. Chronic bloaters or poor constitution

4.2 TYPE AND COLOUR

4.2.1. BASIC ANIMALS

A variety of crossbred animals phenotypically Representative of a Bonsmara-type will be acceptable. Different shades of red with minimum white, is acceptable.

4.2.2. APPENDIX AND STUD PROPER ANIMALS

Animals must be red and dehorned. White will be acceptable on the underline only.

4.2.3. APPENDIX B AND SP females with white above the underline must be downgraded to Appendix A.

4.2.4. P. BULLS with a minimum of white above the underline may be approved as commercial bulls.

5. BULLS FOR ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

5.1 STANDARDS

BULLS LICENSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF AI

Nominated bulls with exceptional genetic potential may be researched by a committee appointed by the Management Committee in respect of:

- Own performance
- Ancestral performance
- General appearance

Own performance

Maximum birth weight 45 kg (to natural dam.)

Minimum 200d index 100 or 200d EBV above breed average.

Minimum 400d index 100 or 400d EBV above breed average.

Scrotum circumference 3.3.2 a

5.2 PROGENY

The Breed Society may cancel the registration of an AI bull if the performance of the progeny is not satisfactory and detrimental to the Bonsmara breed.

6. EMBRYO TRANSFER (ET)

The Breed Society will control embryo transfer in accordance with the By-Laws of the Society

6.1 PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

6.1.1. Apply in writing to the Breed Society, submitting production data of the prospective donor cow.

6.2 STANDARDS

6.2.1. SIRE AND DONOR COWS

Must conform to Minimum Breed Standards.

6.2.2 RECIPIENT COWS

Permanent identification is compulsory as well as complete records of cows and their foster calves. Bonsmara-type cows are preferred. Dairy breeds are not recommended.

6.3 PROGENY

All progeny must, with the exception of 200d index (guideline), comply with Minimum breed Standards. Breeders should endeavour to have recipient cows calve during normal calving season.

7. EXCEPTIONS

7.1 Animals which do not meet the requirements of Minimum Breed Standards may in exceptional cases be approved by the Inspector with written motivation on the selection form.

7.2 Written application (appeal) to the Management Committee where applicable.

7.3 Individual animals in a situation eliminating them from index calculations may be selected provided that the corrected weight of such an animal is satisfactory in comparison with its contemporaries.

Appendix 2

SCALE OF FEES

As prescribed from time to time by the Management Committee.

Membership Fees

Application for full Membership	\$ 250.00
Annual Subscription	\$ 125.00
Annual Subscription (Associate)	\$ 30.00
Annual Subscription (Commercial)	\$ 30.00
Annual Subscription (Junior)	\$ 5.00

Calf Recording

Under 12 months of age	No charge
Embryo Recording Fee	\$ 10.00 per certificate

Male Registration Fees

SP to 2 years of age	\$ 50.00
2 years to 2 ¹ / ₂ years of age	\$ 55.00
2 ¹ / ₂ years to 3 years of age	\$ 60.00
3 years to 4 years of age	\$ 75.00
Over 4 years age	\$ 250.00
Sires producing semen for non-owned progeny	\$ 250.00

Female Registration Fees

	\$ 50.00
SP to 2 years of age	\$ 30.00
Appendix B	\$ 10.00
Appendix A	Twice normal fee
Late Fee (Females over 2 years of age)	

Late Progeny Detail Return Fees

	\$ 1.00
12 months to 30 months	\$ 5.00
30 months and over	

Transfer Fees

Permanent Transfer

	\$ 40.00
Male	\$ 40.00
Purebred Female	\$ 20.00
Appendix B	\$ 10.00
Appendix A	Twice the normal
Portal of Entry Fees	registration fee

Temporary Transfer of use/loan

	\$ 7.00
Male	\$ 3.00
Female	
	\$ 10.00 per month
Late Transfer Fee (after 60 days)	
	\$ 10.00 per head
Pedigree Document Export Charge	

Copies of Certificates, Pedigrees, Alterations to Certificates, etc	\$ 5.00
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Promotion Levy

Sponsored Sales	3%
Paddock Sales	2%
	\$ 100.00

Affiliation Agreement Recording

