

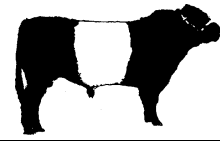
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**1. REGULATIONS** of the Council of the Australian Belted Galloway Association Incorporated, and conditions governing registration in the Herd Book, Transfers, Tattoo Marking, Memberships etc.

## **2. PRIVATE STUD REGISTER**

All breeders shall keep a register containing complete and proper records of their stud breeding activities.

The Council may appoint a representative to inspect the private stud register of any Belted Galloway stud.

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 Council 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.

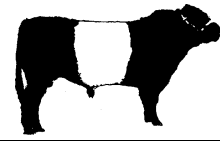
## **3. PREFIX AND TATTOO**

A member shall register, subject to the approval of Council, any suitable name and tattoo for his/her sole and exclusive use as a PREFIX in naming and tattooing his/her cattle

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 Council.

## **4. POLICIES ON SCHOOLS AS MEMBERS**

- a) Schools wishing to become members of ABGA are to take out one of the memberships as appropriate, and as prescribed in the ABGA constitution.
  - (i) Schools wishing to operate their own breeding program of registered stock, and/or requiring their own prefix, for whatever purpose, would normally become ordinary (full) members.
  - (ii) School wishing to exhibit registered stock, steers or carcasses not of their own breeding or registered ownership would normally become associate members.
  
- b) Council may, at its complete discretion, waive all appropriate subscription and membership joining fees for schools applying for ABGA membership. This is only to occur when:
  - (i) Schools actively exhibit steers or carcasses.
  - (ii) Schools actively exhibit registered animals (either their own or on behalf of an ABGA breeder).
  - (iii) Schools actively undertake their own stud - breeding program with a registered Prefix of their own.



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- c) Waived subscription and joining fees for schools are to be for an entire subscription year, or pro rata when a school joins during the course of a subscription year.
- d) Schools not actively engaged in the activity of breeding, or exhibition of Belted Galloways in some form are to pay the required joining and subscription fees appropriate to their membership class.
- e) Council are to reassess school subscription fee waivers annually.
- f) Council, when considering waiving a subscription fee, are to take into account a school's individual situation, in terms of their capacity to procure Belted Galloway exhibits. If a school is hampered by a lack of breeder support in procuring exhibits, council may acknowledge that school's dilemma and continue to waive subscription fees for that school.
- g) If granted a joining and/or subscription fee waiver for membership, schools are still required to pay all other fees due as appropriate e.g. registration fees, herd inventory levies, etc. "

## 5. HERDBOOK

As from July 1999 the Herd Book will be categorized into three Sections Bulls

(General Section)

Females (General Section)

Appendix section for Miniatures

All animals that are progeny of imported stock will have the letters POIS added to the end of the animal's registered name.

The Herd Book will contain all information regarding the origin and introduction of all males in each individual Herd and the origin of all females categorized into four grades being A, B, C or D.

### 5.1. MALES

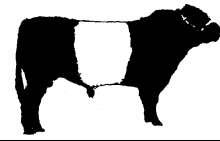
A bull will only be eligible for entry into the Herd Book where that bull is the resultant progeny of the mating of a Registered Belted Galloway bull with a Registered "A" grade Female.

The Sire and Dam themselves must have four generations of known breeding on both sides, which makes the Sire and Dam the 4<sup>th</sup> generation and their progeny, 5<sup>th</sup> generation.

For breeding recording purposes, steers may be entered into the herdbook as unregistered animals.

### 5.2. FEMALES

For gradings, please refer to Item **9.1 FEMALES**.



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6. No Longer used.

## 7. DOWNGRADING

In the event of an animal eligible to be graded A, B or C and not being up to standard for which it is eligible in the opinion of the owner or inspector, it may be Down Graded to a lower grade.

## 8. MINIATURES

As of the 25th July 1998, Miniature Belted Galloway cattle can be registered with the Association, as an Appendix to the Herd Book with the letter M after its name. Once an animal is registered as a Miniature Belted Galloway, it or its progeny will not be allowed back into the General Section of the Herd Book without the letters POMS after its name.

## 9. REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Any person, firm or company, desiring to register cattle with the Association must become a member of the Association, and must registered a stud prefix and be allotted a registered Herd Number.

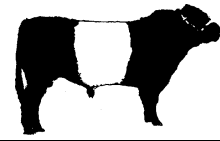
All applications for registration of cattle in the Herd Book of the Association must be made on the official forms supplied by the Association. Any forms not correctly filled in will be returned to the applicant for completion or correction. **REQUISITE FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ALL APPLICATIONS** Eligibility for registration of animals will always be subject to approval of the registrar of the Association, and is available to progeny of all sires and dams entered in the Herd Book of the Association, provided they have complied with the provision of the relevant By-Laws mentioned herein.

Eligibility of base breeding females in Class D of the Herd Book will be available until otherwise determined by the Council and will be open to pure bred Angus females, pure bred Red Angus females, pure bred Galloway females, or pure bred Red Poll females.

The undermentioned guidelines are given for use when applying for registration of animals into the Herd Book of the Association. It is recommended that animals be registered after weaning, preferably before the age of 18 months. See schedule of fees for charges made at various age levels.

### 9.1 FEMALES

**Grade – D Females** – Foundation/Base breeding females being from registered stud Angus, registered stud Red Angus, registered stud Galloways, or registered stud Red Polls with good confirmation and true to type.



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**Grade – C Females** - Resultant progeny from the mating of a registered Belted Galloway bull, with a D Grade female. It should have a full or part belt preferably with no other markings.

**Grade – B Females** - Resultant progeny from the mating of a registered Belted Galloway bull with a C Grade female. It should have a full belt with no other markings, especially on the feet and tail.

Females that are the resultant progeny from the mating of a registered Belted Galloway bull with an A Grade female and has a broken or incomplete belt and/or white feet must be classed as a **B Grade**.

**Grade – A Females** - Resultant progeny from the mating of a registered Belted Galloway bull, with an A Grade female or a B grade female. Confirmation should be good and must have a full continuous belt between the 4 legs, with no other white markings (white hair and/or white skin) at birth.

## 9.2 BULLS

Result of mating an "A" grade cow with a registered Belted Galloway bull. Confirmation should be good and must have a full continuous white belt between the four legs, with no other white markings (white hair and/or white skin/or white feet) at birth. Any mismarked or incorrectly marked bulls are ineligible for registration. Any bull that is the resultant progeny from the mating of a registered Belted Galloway bull, with a downgraded A Grade female cannot be registered even if perfectly marked.

As of 1st July 1990, bull calves born from that date must be by sires, and out of dams, which have themselves, at least FOUR GENERATIONS of known breeding on both sides - before the bull can be registered.

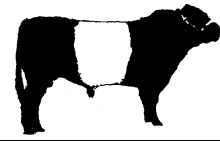
As of 1st January 2011, all male calves require DNA testing to be eligible for registration. Any male calf submitted for registration without a DNA will not be entered in the herd book.

As of 1st January 2023, all new registered bulls must provide photos of both sides and all bulls transferred from another association must provide photos of both sides. All four feet must be visible in the photos.

## 9.3 MINIATURE BELTED GALLOWAY CATTLE

As of the 25th of July 1998, Miniature Belted Galloway cattle can be registered with the Association, as an Appendix to the Herd Book with the letter M after its name. Once an animal is registered as a Miniature Belted Galloway, the animal and all of its progeny will only be allowed back into the General Section of the Herd Book with the letters POMS (Progeny of Miniature Stock) after its name. Registration of Miniature Belted Galloways will follow the same criteria as General Section animals with a prefix of "M" and added height criteria at 48 months of age;

- Males to be **no more than 125cm** hip height



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- Females to be **no more than 120cm** hip height

Animals which exceed these hip heights can no longer be regarded as miniatures and must be transferred to the General Herd Book with the letters POMS after their names.

**(i)** For registration as a Miniature Belted Galloway the animal shall comply with all By-Laws and Rules of the Australian Belted Galloway Association.

**(ii)** The registered owner of a Miniature Belted Galloway shall be responsible for compliance with this By-Law. This shall include representations made to others as to the miniature status of the animal. The registered owner should monitor the height of each animal through its growth to maturity.

**(iii)** Miniature registration status is recognized on an individual basis.

**(iv)** Dwarfism or malfeatures in skeletal structure will disqualify an animal for registration as a Miniature.

**(v)** The Australian Belted Galloway Association “Height Recording Form” must be completed and signed by the owner and returned to the Australian Belted Galloway Association office for data recording on the following occasions:

- With the registration application;
- With a transfer application;
- At 24 months and;
- At maturity
- Maturity is deemed to occur at an age of 48 months.

**(vi)** The maximum height at maturity must not exceed:

- Male – 125 cm;
- Female – 120 cm.

**(vii)** For animals registered up to 12 months of age, the maximum height at registration must not exceed:

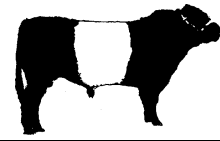
- Male – 114 cm;
- Female – 110 cm.

**(viii)** For animals registered at ages greater than 12 months the requirements of this Bylaw will apply.

**(ix)** If a Miniature Belted Galloway grows over the maximum height its Miniature Belted Galloway Registration Certificate will be revoked. The registration will be transferred to the general herd book and a Belted Galloway Registration Certificate will be issued.

- The Certificate re-issue fee published in the Australian Belted Galloway Association fee schedule will apply.

**(x)** If after reasonable requests are made and the mature height measurement is not submitted, the Miniature Belted Galloway Registration Certificate will be transferred to Belted Galloway.



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Registration and a Belted Galloway Registration Certificate and Certificate Re-issue fee invoice will be issued to the registered owner.

**(xi)** The Australian Belted Galloway Association herd book will record the height of each miniature animal at registration and at maturity and this data will be available for inspection.

**(xii)** Animals that comply with the Australian Belted Galloway Association registration criteria for Miniature Belted Galloways may be shown in a Miniature Belted Galloway class. The Owner will be responsible for the animal's compliance with the Australian Belted Galloway Association By-Laws.

**(xii)** If the owner of a Belted Galloway wished to have the "Miniature" notation recorded on the pedigree, it can only be amended with the written permission of the original breeder, and must be accompanied by a Miniature Hip Height Recording Form and comply with the By-Laws.

## 9.4 DNA PARENT VERIFICATION

All calves born after 1.1.2023 must be DNA Parent Verified (PV) and abide by the ISAG (International Society of Animal Genetics) SNP Parentage Panel for PV testing, to the registered Sire and Dam of the calf.

**Exceptions** for DNA Parent Verifications, providing both parents have been registered with ABGA:

1. If the sire was registered before 1.1.2011 and is deceased, the resultant calf will be Dam Verified **ONLY** and the calf will be **A** base animal for future DNA PV testing to that bull.
2. If a calf born after 1.1.2023 and cannot be parent Verified to both parents, an appeal can be made to the ABGA Council, and Council's decision will be final.

Anything outside of these guidelines is subject to council approval. Members can appeal DNA PV failures/discrepancies through Council.

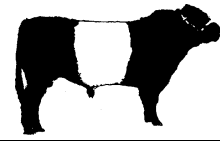
## 10. NAMING OF ANIMALS

**10.1** 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.

**10.2** Names misleading as to sex, relationship, or origin, or objectionable in any respect or pronounced alike but spelt differently cannot be allowed.

**10.3** The number of words in proposed names is limited to two (2), exclusive of the Prefix or Affix. The word "of" is not counted.

**10.4** After a pedigree has been printed in the Herd Book of the Association, the name of the animal may not be changed except by the discretion of the Council for the purpose of correcting an error or misprint.



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## 11. TATTOO

**11.1** All pedigree animals to be eligible for registration in the Herd Book of the Association must be tattooed by the breeder as soon as possible. NLIS tags are inserted in the right or offside ear, therefore the preference is that the tattoo is applied in the left or near ear using black or green ink, with green ink being preferred. The tattoo must be clear and readable, as follows: The tattoo must consist of –

- (i) The registered Herd Prefix of the Breeder which is to be either two or three letters (For example - ABJ) PLUS
- (ii) The year letter or number (For example - T for the year 2022. The letters “O” and “I” are not used) PLUS
- (iii) Breeder's number allocated for identification of the animal. (For example - 1 for the first calf born for the year 2022)

Example: ABJ T1 or

ABJ

T1

**11.2** In the event that a tattoo is applied incorrectly, or a mistake has been made, X's must be tattooed over the incorrect tattoo and the correct tattoo applied but not before an appeal to Council for permission (refer to By-Law 21 “Errors or Irregularities”).

## 12. TRANSFERS

**12.1** 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.

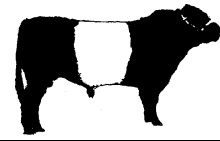
**12.2** Transfer declarations must be made on the official form of the Association and must be lodged with the Association within 90 days of completion of the sale transaction - otherwise penalty fees will apply.

**12.3** 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.

**12.4** Transfer of animals from another Society Herd Book will incur a fee (as adjusted from time to time by Council) to be paid for administration costs on all animals brought into the Association Herd Book from another Society (i.e. Galloway Society, New Zealand Society, UK Society etc.) However, in order to be transferred, the animals must satisfy the requirements under Clause 8 for registration in the Herd Book.

**12.5** A transfer by a member of the Association in favor 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 Council, 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.





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**12.6** Where a registered female animal is sold and has previously been joined to a registered Belted Galloway bull - the Service Certificate on the reverse side of the Official Registration Certificate is to be completed on transfer.

## **13. SERVICE CERTIFICATES**

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 Association.

## **14. MANNOSIDOSIS**

**14.1** That the Australian Belted Galloway Association Inc, keep a register of the Mannosidosis status ("Carrier", "Non-Carrier" (MF)) of all breeding cattle registered in the revised Herd Book (Volume 1) and its subsequent supplements.

**14.2** That no animal be transferred from any stud Herd to any other stud Herd without having a Mannosidosis Free status (i.e. progeny of Mannosidosis Tested Free parentage, or themselves tested free)."

**14.3** That all bulls found to be "Carriers" of Mannosidosis, be slaughtered (unless these bulls are required by scientists for research purposes) and that bull calves found to be "Carriers" of Mannosidosis be denied registration in the Herd Book.

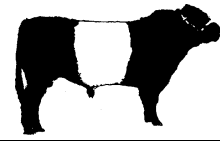
## **15. LIVE ANIMAL REGISTER AND LEVY**

As from 15th January 1986, a Live Animal Return Levy will become applicable

The Live Animal Register and Levy will be introduced with a fee payable on all active animals, as set out in the Schedule of Fees.

**15.2** The Secretary will forward to members of the Association, at the end of each calendar year, a list of all active animals registered by office records, in the name of the member as at 31st December for the year just completed. Members are then to complete the form by:

- (i) ADDING calves born during the year under review from registered active females that are eligible for registration.
- (ii) ADDING calves born during the year under review from registered active females intended to be included as calf recordings (unregistered) on the database. As of 1st of January 2024, a fee per calf recording will be payable of the amount as listed on the fee schedule.
- (iii) ADDING name of sires used for calf drop for the year under review
- (iv) **RETURN COMPLETED INVENTORY AND FORMS**, along with payment of the fees calculated as per the herd inventory form, payable to the Secretary of the Association by no later than **31st March** of each year. It is the responsibility of the member to ensure that both the herd inventory and payment is received by the Secretary of the Association in time. The late payment of a herd inventory may result in the herd to become inactive until all arrears are paid.



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**15.3** Members are required to fate any animal that is no longer active as per codes below:-

1. Sold
3. Died
5. Inactive

N.B. As of January 1st 2024, if a Member chooses to reinstate any registered inactive animals back to an active status, there will be a reinstatement fee imposed as stated on the fee schedule, at the time of each reinstatement. The registration of progeny born during the inactive period of a sire or dam that has been reinstated to an active status will attract the registration fee as listed on the fee schedule, per animal.

**15.4** Each year on the live animal return, members with miniature animals will be required to submit hip height records on every registered miniature animals aged 48 months and older.

## **16. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION**

An animal obtained by AI shall be eligible for entry in the records of the Association upon such conditions, and such restrictions as the Council may from time to time prescribe, and which are as follows:

- AI Sire permits
- Privately owned unlicensed & licensed semen (permits required)
- AI approved sires

In the event of the death of a bull, the semen rights for that bull can be transferred for as long as the semen continues to exist.

### **16.1 AI SIRE PERMITS**

An animal obtained by AI, where the owner of the dam is not the owner of the sire, shall require an AI Sire Permit to be completed, on the prescribed ABGA forms, by both parties.

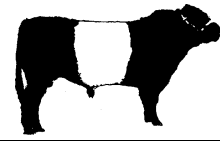
### **16.2 PRIVATELY OWNED UNLICENSED SEMEN & LICENCED SEMEN**

#### **Privately Owned Unlicensed Semen**

A member may submit an application to have bull semen listed as unlicensed. Unlicensed semen may be collected on farm and shall only require a DNA profile to be eligible. Listing sires semen as unlicensed means no AI Sire Permit are required as the current owner consents to use of this semen by any other party.

#### **Privately Owned Licensed Semen (permit required)**

A member may submit an application to have a bull listed as licensed semen. Licensed semen may be collected on farm and shall only require a DNA profile to be eligible. Licensed semen shall still require written approval from the current owner of the semen.



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## 16.3 AI APPROVED SIRE

An AI approved sire must be collected at an approved artificial inseminating center and be DNA tested.

- (i) The AI certificate issued by a government approved AI Breeding Centre, or Sub-center signed by an approved inseminator and lodged with the Association.
- (ii) Council approve all Artificial Breeding Centers that are or may be approved and/or licensed by the particular government of the Country or State wherein the Artificial Breeding Centre is situated to collect, store and package semen for sale.

## 17. IMPORTED BULLS OR SEMEN

That it is confirmed that the bull or semen in question is registered with a recognized Belted Galloway society anywhere in the world.

The Belted Galloway 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 Belted Galloway and in its fifth generation is there any Angus, Red Angus, Galloway or Red Poll or any other breed not listed in this paragraph.

(i) That verification and approval of entry into Australia has been submitted. (This to be requested by the applicant from quarantine center i.e. AQIS)

(ii) That the breeding of the bull conforms with the breeding requirements of this Association, i.e. five generations and having no known blood in it other than Angus, Red Angus, Galloway or Red Poll.

(iii) That the bull have a DNA profile and Mannosidosis test with a negative result before being accepted by Council

Such registrations shall be subject to approval from the Council

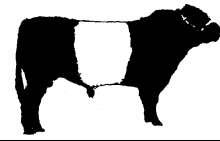
## 18. IMPORTED FEMALES

(i) That it is confirmed that the female in question is registered with a recognized Belted Galloway society anywhere in the world.

The Belted Galloway society that has the female in question registered in its Herd Book is to be asked to advise whether there is any breeding in the animal other than Belted Galloway and in its fifth generation is there any Angus, Red Angus, Galloway or Red Poll or any other breed not listed in this paragraph.

(ii) That verification and approval of entry into Australia has been submitted. (This to be requested from the applicant).

(iii) That the breeding of the female conforms with the breeding requirements of this Association, i.e. five generations and having no known blood in it other than Angus, Red Angus, Galloway or Red Poll.



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**(iv)** That the bull have a DNA profile and Mannosidosis test with a negative result before being accepted by Council

Such registrations shall be subject to approval from the Council.

**18.1 CALVES IN UTERO** of females imported, are accepted as imported cattle. Such registrations shall be subject to approval from the Council.

## **18.2 OVUM TRANSPLANT REGULATIONS**

The following provisions apply exclusively to the use of Embryo transplants:-

Host cows which are used for the purpose of incubating a fertilized ovum shall be identified with a tattoo or brand.

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 Association when registration of the progeny is sought.

Subject to the Rules of the Association, 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 Association.

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.

## **19. SPONSORED SALES**

All animals entered for a sale sponsored or approved by the Association shall be checked by the Secretary or a Sub-committee appointed by the Council, immediately following the close of entries for a sale and before the catalogue is printed to ensure all entries are in order.

### **19.1 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 Council and any animals found not suitable or suspect shall at the request of Council be withdrawn from the Sale.

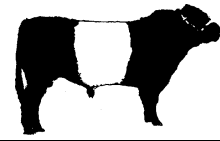
### **19.2 SHOW AND SALE ENTRIES**

**(i)** All Stud entries for a Show may be checked by the Secretary of the Association or a sub-committee appointed by the Council, with the records of the Association, immediately following the closing of the entries of the show and before the catalogue is printed to ensure that all entries are in order.

**(ii)** Only "A" grade cattle may be exhibited at Shows except for "A" grade registrable calves up to the age of 9 months.

**(iii)** All graded up "A" Grade Belted Galloway females must have at least five generations to be to be shown.

**(iv)** Calves being shown at foot must be registrable as "A" grade animals and if not then the cow must not be shown with the calf at foot.



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(v) All animals exhibited as stud exhibits must be actively registered prior to exhibition, except for calves up to the age of 9 months shown as calves at foot, unless otherwise required as per rules set by the Show concerned.

(vi) A member may submit a request for a provisional exemption for any condition set in By-Law 19.2 to Council providing it is in writing prior to the show. Approval of such request is at Council's discretion provided in writing and the decision shall be final.

## 19.3 JOINT OWNERSHIP

When an animal is jointly owned, and is shown jointly, it shall accumulate its own points; if an animal is shown separately by one of the owners, a written lease agreement must be signed by all other registered owners. This ruling only to be used in the circumstances where Show Societies do not stipulate any rulings on ownership exhibition of animals.

## 20. OFFENCES

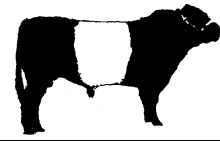
**20.1** Any member who knowingly exhibits any registered animal in any Show or Exhibition or who advertises any animal in any paper, periodical, or pamphlet, whether for sale or otherwise, under any but its registered name, or knowingly or recklessly allows any false or inaccurate information regarding such animal to be given, shall be guilty of conduct prejudicial to the objects of the Association, and shall be dealt with by the Council or the Disputes Committee as it may see fit.

**20.2** Any person or persons who administer or cause to have administered any drug to cause tranquility or tractability in an animal may be removed from the Association by a quorum of the Council.

## 21. ERRORS OR IRREGULARITIES

**21.1** In no case shall an error or irregularity of any nature be adjusted or corrected without the Council's permission. A Statutory Declaration will be required in all such cases.

**21.2** 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 Council and obtain permission to make arrangements with the breeder or an approved representative for re-tattooing.



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**21.3** if an inaccuracy or omission are 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 Council, and the Herd Book amended accordingly.

**21.4** In every such case, the onus shall rest with the owner to establish the accuracy of any record.

## **22. ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**22.1** Any member whose Annual Subscription is in arrears for three months shall be deemed unfinancial. Such member shall not be entitled to nominate any member for Council, nor to vote on any matter at any meeting of the Association, neither shall he/she be eligible for nomination for a seat on the Council.

**22.2** Any member whose Annual Subscription is in arrears for one year shall automatically cease to be a member of the Association, and in order to be reinstated must pay all arrears, and apply to be re-elected as a member.