



BYLAWS GOVERNING BROWN SWISS AUSTRALIA Inc. October 2021

1. REGISTRATION OF HERD PREFIX

1.1 Each member shall be required to register with the Association a Stud name for use as a HERD PREFIX for the registration of calves and such name is to be limited to two words not exceeding 20 characters in total.

1.2 A Herd prefix shall not be registered, if in the opinion of the *NATIONAL COUNCIL* is objectionable, or is the same or similar to any other known prefix unless the owner of the other prefix gives their consent in writing.

1.3 A herd prefix shall not be transferred without prior written consent of the *NATIONAL COUNCIL* and the current owner of the prefix.

2. REGISTRATION OF HERD CODE & ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Each member shall be required to register with the Association a TATTOO brand consisting of three letters, or two letters and one number, but not more than one number, to be known as the HERD CODE.

2.2 Herd code may not be registered if in the opinion of the *NATIONAL COUNCIL* it could cause confusion with any other known Brown Swiss herd code.

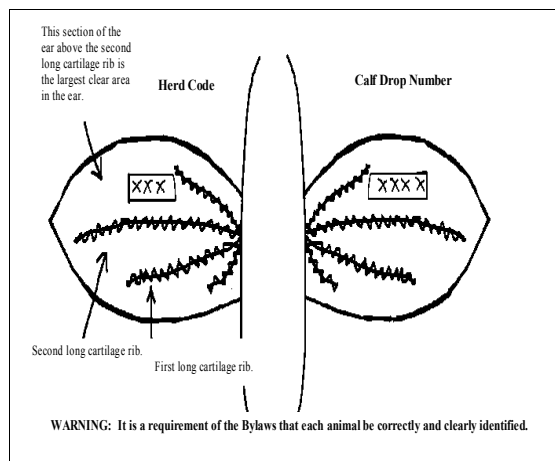
2.3 A calf must be tattooed by the owner of the calf, preferably within 30 days of birth with the herd code in the 'off' or **right ear** and with the CALF DROP NUMBER in the left ear and with NO other tattoo allowable in the left ear. (A calf drop number is the unique number allocated by the herd owner to each calf).

2.4 Permanent BRASS TAGS may be used instead of tattoos. These MUST have the same information as would appear in a tattoo. If brass tags are used, they must be noted on the Registration Certificate. If brass tags are removed or lost, tattoos MUST be applied.

2.5 In the event of a tattoo being applied inaccurately, an inspector appointed by BSA Inc. must examine the animal and if necessary, apply a new tattoo in the appropriate ear, the correct characters and noted on the BSA Inc. registration certificate.

HOW TO ACHIEVE A PERMANENT TATTOO

- 1) Restrain the calf head.
- 2) Clean the ear before tattooing as wax may cause the ink to fade.
- 3) Rub the tattoo ink or paste onto the cleaned ear.
- 4) Place the tattoo imprint above the second rib in the ear.
- 5) Squeeze tattoo pliers as hard as possible so that some holes go right through the ear, (sometimes a crunching sound can be heard).
- 6) Immediately rub the ink into the holes thoroughly – black ink is generally the best.



3. REGISTRATION OF ANIMALS

- 3.1 NAME of the animal must be no more than 40 characters (including prefix and spaces).
- 3.2 BSA Inc. reserves the right to inspect any animal prior to acceptance for registration.
- 3.3 BSA Inc. reserves the right to request Parentage Verification of any animal.
- 3.4 The *NATIONAL COUNCIL* reserves the right to refuse registration facilities to any person in financial arrears to the Association OR refuse any animal for any reason.
- 3.5 A bull or cow not registered by this Association may have its progeny accepted for registration if it is registered by an Association recognised by this Association for that purpose, or if the animal meets the requirements of this Association (e.g. imported cattle or AI Sires).
- 3.6 Registered Brown Swiss cattle IMPORTED into Australia will be accepted on the Australian register provided that a copy of a three-generation pedigree and a Transfer certificate are forwarded to the Registrar within 30 days of the animals' arrival in Australia.
- 3.7 For animals that are the result of an IMPORTED EMBRYO, BSA Inc. requires that all animals are DNA/Genomic tested for parentage verification prior to registration. The DNA/Genomic test number is to appear on the Registration certificate.
- 3.8 Where a member wishes to register a Brown Swiss animal, that was NOT BRED by that member, then the Member must obtain a Statutory Declaration from the Vendor stating the parentage, date of service and date of birth of the Brown Swiss animal. Fees for such registration shall be by negotiation with the *NATIONAL COUNCIL*.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Fees for animal registration and transfers will be determined by BSA Inc. at the Annual General Meeting. Re-issue of certificate of registration is the same as the standard fee.
- 4.2 Any age penalties that the *NATIONAL COUNCIL* may from time to time impose are not applicable to new members registering cattle for the first time, within the first three months of becoming members.
- 4.3 The *NATIONAL COUNCIL* reserves the right, from time to time to put procedures into place which will provide a mechanism to allow breeders in 'serious difficulty' to register animals. The *NATIONAL COUNCIL* will consider any case of 'serious difficulty' individually on its merits in the first instance. Registration certificates would be issued only after full payment of registration fees.

5. APPENDIX ANIMALS

There shall be three sections in the Female Appendix register and full stud book.

First cross - Registered Brown Swiss bull over a dairy cow or dairy bull over Registered Pure Brown Swiss cow shall be an Appendix three (APP 3).

Second cross - Registered Brown Swiss bull over an Appendix 3 cow shall be an Appendix two (APP 2).

Third cross - Registered Brown Swiss bull over an Appendix 2 cow shall be an Appendix one (APP 1).

A **Purebred** shall be a Registered Brown Swiss bull over an Appendix one cow or greater.

6. MALES

Males will only be accepted for Registration if both the sire and the dam are Registered Purebreds.

Bulls must be DNA/Genomic tested to verify parentage prior to being Registered.

7. EMBRYO TRANSFER

7.1 All sires and dams MUST be DNA/Genomic tested to verify parentage before any ET program can be undertaken.

7.2 All embryos that are frozen from an embryo flush, are to be Registered with the Registrar preferably within 30 days of the flush. A copy of the flush document is sufficient.

7.3 That every 200th animal Registered may be required by BSA Inc. to be DNA/Genomic tested to verify parentage. All costs will be borne by the Association.

8. POLLED ANIMALS

In dairy cattle, the trait of being Polled is dominant, meaning that an animal only needs one polled gene from its' parents. This is referred to as heterozygous.

The following definitions relate to animals eligible to be registered in the Herd Book, who carry the polled gene or have been DNA/Genomic tested for the polled gene. The Polled gene must be represented in the Pedigree.

8.1 **PO - Polled observed** The breeder has observed the animal to be polled without being tested. The animal will be identified with the suffix 'PO' after the registered name. That 1 in 50 Polled Observed (PO) animals will be required by BSA Inc. to be DNA/Genomic tested to verify Polled Observed status. All costs will be borne by the Association.

8.2 **P - Polled confirmed** The animal has been DNA/Genomic tested and carries one copy of the polled gene, therefore confirmed Heterozygous. The animal will be identified with the suffix 'P' after the registered name.

8.3 **PP - True polled** The animal has been DNA/Genomic tested and carries two copies of the polled gene, therefore is confirmed Homozygous. The animal will be identified with the suffix 'PP' after the registered name.

9. TRANSFERS and OTHER RULES

9.1 The registration certificate of the animal shall be sent to BSA Registrar within 60 days of the sale of the animal or within 60 days of the final payment by the purchaser.

9.2 All TRANSFER FEES are to be met by the vendor.

9.3 If the animal is female and has been mated to a Registered Brown Swiss sire, the mating details shall be provided on the reverse of the registration certificate.

10. REGULATIONS FOR GENETIC RECOVERY SCHEME

- 10.1 Any female being registered by a member that did not breed the animal will be deemed to be Genetic Recovery (GR). Proof of parentage MUST be provided by some or all of the following: Herd test records, original farmers stock register, AI certificates, AI invoices, Blood or DNA/Genomic testing.
- 10.2 Proof of identity MUST be provided by some or all of the following: tattoo, fire brand, freeze brand, brass tags or other permanent mark.
- 10.3 All animals nominated for registration through the GR shall be inspected by a person appointed by BSA Inc. (Inspector to verify). Inspection costs will be paid by the owner of the animal.
- 10.4 The animal shall have the letters (GR) in brackets inserted after the prefix.
- 10.5 All animals shall be named using the owner's prefix.
- 10.6 The breeder will be registered as 'Unregistered Breeder'.
- 10.7 The price will be the normal registration cost or as determined by BSA Inc.
- 10.8 The registrar has the power to demand any such proof as he or she requires and may reject any animal that he or she feels doesn't meet the minimum requirements. If rejected the member may demand that the CEO tables the full case to the next National Council Meeting for determination.
- 10.9 Appendix 4 category, which is any Brown Swiss Female of obvious parentage.

11. BRANCHES

- 11.1 BSA Inc. encourages the formation of Branches in any area of Australia provided there is a minimum of five (5) individuals to form the branch. The purpose of a Branch is to attract new members, exchange ideas, develop new strategies, run competitions, promote and have social events.
- 11.2 Branches shall be defined by state boundaries and/or determined by BSA Inc.
- 11.3 If there is insufficient members to form a branch, the member may join another branch.
- 11.4 Each branch will conduct an ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Members must be notified at least 21 days prior to the meeting. A QUORUM for a meeting shall be a minimum of four (4) BSA Inc. financial members of that Branch.
- 11.5 Only BSA Inc. financial members may vote and take office.
- 11.6 At an Annual General Meeting, an ELECTION shall be held to vote for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, National Council Delegates and any other positions which the branch requires to be filled, with each position being held for only one year.
- 11.7 NOMINATIONS for positions can be given by financial members in attendance or by those who have registered an apology in writing with the Secretary prior to the meeting. Any nomination must be seconded by a financial member.
- 11.8 If there are more than one nomination for a position, a ballot will be held with financial members casting their votes by paper. A scrutineer(s) will be appointed to be oversee the counting of the votes cast on paper, the results to be advised to the meeting and the voting papers to be destroyed.
- 11.8a In the event the meeting is held via ELECTRONIC MEDIA and there is more than one nomination for a position, a ballot will be held with financial members casting their vote to an independent pre appointed scrutineer. Votes will be collated with the results reported to the meeting. Voting shall remain confidential.

11.9 The Secretary is to keep minutes of all meetings and shall provide copies of such minutes to financial members within 30 days of the meeting.

11.10 The Treasurer will maintain accurate records of all financial dealings of the Branch and provide a financial statement to the Annual General Meeting. The roles of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined at the discretion of the members at the Annual General Meeting.

12. CODE OF CONDUCT

12.1 All financial members of BSA Inc. are required to represent the organization in a manner which is professional, courteous and without malice.

12.2 All financial members of BSA Inc. are required to adhere to the All Breeds National Show Ring Code of Ethics.

12.3 All financial members of BSA Inc. are required to adhere to the 'Ethics for Show, Sale and Registrations for Breeders and Owners of Brown Swiss in Australia'.

ETHICS FOR SHOW, SALE & REGISTRATIONS FOR BREEDERS & OWNERS OF BROWN SWISS ANIMALS IN AUSTRALIA.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT PERMITTED OR CONSIDERED UN-ETHICAL

1. Not abiding fully with the rules of the body running the exhibition.
2. Misrepresenting the age or freshness of an animal to judge or official.
3. Criticising or interfering with judge, official or exhibitor.
4. Interfering with another exhibitor's animals in any way.
5. Making frivolous accusations on the ethics of any exhibitor of any breed.
6. Making derogatory comments on the quality or abilities of any breed.
7. Exhibiting in-milk females as dry.
8. Balancing of udder (except with milk), surgery or injecting foreign matter to alter confirmation.
9. Exhibiting animals with contagious conditions (e.g. warts, ringworm, lice, scours etc).
10. Exhibiting animals in a poor physical condition so as to lower the standard of the overall display.
11. Exhibiting animals that do not show true **Breed Character** or quality and are not free of serious defects.
12. Not having properly trained animals when parading, which disrupt the parading of those properly trained.
13. Not presenting animals in a clean and 'acceptable' condition so as to bring unfavorable comment on the Breed Display.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT PERMITTED OR ARE CONSIDERED UN-ETHICAL FOR REGISTRATION OR SALE

1. Not transferring an animal within 60 days of sale.
2. Not transferring **ALL** registered animals' calves sold.
3. Not registering eligible calves.
4. Not permanently identifying calves in the first 30 days.
5. Not having adequate bookwork and working practices in place so as to avoid mistakes in tattooing.
6. Not fully completing and signing application for registration or transfer.
7. Misleading lactation, parentage and classification information.
8. Not disclosing full health details, history or restrictions of animal.
9. Not disclosing any known serious conformation faults (e.g. short jaw).
10. Not having properly developed reproductive organs for their age.
11. False details as regards pregnancy details.
12. Advertising a complete dispersal, when only a partial sale.
13. Appendix animals listed for sale must show their correct registration status (e.g. Appendix 1)