

NEW ZEALAND HEREFORD ASSOCIATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. All entries for the Herd Book (registration) will be received subject to the decision of the Council's Executive Committee, as to their eligibility or otherwise for insertion.
2. At the first meeting of the Council in each year, the Council shall appoint an Executive Committee, to hold office until its successors are appointed and to exercise the powers and authorities hereby created. Such Executive Committee shall be of such size and comprise such members as the Council may from time to time determine, and shall meet as and when required. Two members of the Executive shall form a quorum.
3. Entry fees for registration in the Herd Book:- The Female Fee is an annual fee and is to be an amount as determined by Council from time to time and will be charged for each female in the herd that has been pre-listed, i.e. rising 3-year-olds and all two-year-olds. The Female Fee charged for the year in which the female leaves the Herd is non-refundable. Females removed from the Herd Inventory listing may be reinstated upon application by the owner subject to payment of a reinstatement fee. The amount of the reinstatement fee will be determined by Council from time to time. Application to register entries in the Herd Book will not be finalised until all entry fees payable shall be paid or until all arrears (if any) owing by the applicant have been paid.
4. Bulls, cows and heifers, to be eligible for entry in the Association's Herd Book, must be the progeny of cattle already entered in the previous Volumes of the New Zealand Hereford Herd Book, the English Hereford Herd Book, or some other Herd Book recognised by the World Hereford Council, and must be the property of a member of the Association registration and recording of Miniature Herefords shall at all times be marked with an asterix (*).
5. Progeny of those cows and heifers registered in the Herd Book must be by bulls entered in a Volume of the Association's Herd Book or some other Herd Book recognised by the World Hereford Council, and must be the property of a member of the Association. Sires of those progeny to be registered must also have been DNA profiled with a copy of the profile lodged with the NZHA registry. From 1 September 2013, all bulls (of any age, including calves) sold for transfer must be correctly sire verified, in conjunction with having a DNA profile and being hypotrichosis tested and declared free. **All joining sires born after 1st Jan 2019 must be sire verified using a minimum of a 50K SNP test and NZHA council recommend that best practice would be to verify the dam as well.**
- 5a. To register progeny by sires which have no DNA profile on file and for which a DNA sample is unobtainable, it is necessary to DNA profile several progeny of this sire. All or eight (whichever the greater number) 'retained for breeding purposes' progeny are to be DNA profiled before registration of these animals can occur. A copy of those profiles must

be supplied to the NZHA office to be kept file. It is considered best practice to take a DNA sample of a sire prior to the time of joining with the females.

6. A prefix and a herd number approved by the Executive Committee for each registered fixes, for both male and female animals used by members of the Association at the time of adoption of these rules shall be deemed to be registered, subject to the right of the Executive Committee to review such prefixes and herd numbers or any of them and to direct the variation amendment or disuse thereof. No member shall alter or vary his prefix or herd number or permit the use of such prefix or herd number by any other member of the Association without the prior written consent of the Executive Committee.
 - 6a. A miniature Hereford herd and a regular sized Hereford herd cannot operate under one stud prefix and herd number.
7. All animals eligible for registration in the herd book must be individually identified by a method approved by the Animal Health Board, NAIT and the NZHA Council. Every animal must be tagged with a NAIT EID tag and a visual tag (no AHB requirement as of 1st July 2012) distinguishing private animal ID number and year code (NZHA herd number is not required on tags). Tattooing is optional.
Full animal identification (NZHA herdbook number) must be entered on animal transfer certificates.
8. Every application for registration or transfer of any animal shall include such details of pedigree and other information as the Executive Committee may from time to time require.
9. Transfer Fees: On the sale of any registered Hereford for stud purposes the Vendor shall hand or send to the Association Secretary within 30 days of the date of sale or, in the case of calves, within 30 days of the registration confirmation becoming available, the transfer certificate applicable to the animal concerned completed in all respects and dated and signed by the Vendor. No transfer will be accepted or registration made without the completed transfer certificate. Transfer forms can be downloaded from the NZHA website. A charge, payable by the Purchaser, of \$50.00 as a transfer fee for each bull and charge of \$30.00 as a transfer fee for each female transferred will be made if the transfer certificate is lodged with the Secretary within 30 days from the date of sale.
Late Transfers: Should the Vendor fail to have the necessary transfer certificates in the hands of the Secretary within the stated time frames then the late fees payable by the Vendor will be applied.

If the transfer certificates are not received from the Vendor within 90 days of the date of sale the transfer registration will be at the discretion of the Council and in addition to the normal transfer fees payable by the Purchaser there will be an additional penal payment, payable by the Vendor, of such an amount as may be decided upon by the Council.

Held Transfers: Should the Vendor wish to have a transfer 'held' pending finalizing negotiations then this may be advised to the Association Office and the documentation

will not be forwarded to the Purchaser until released under instructions from the Vendor. Penalties will be avoided providing this procedure is followed.

10. The Executive Committee may in its absolute discretion refuse the transfer of an animal where the pedigree of the animal concerned discloses the existence of a blood line which has been ruled by the Council in the interests of the breed to be unacceptable for transfer. This includes the progeny resulting from a Hereford and Miniature Hereford cross (polled or horned) – effective from June 2004.
- 10a Miniature Herefords participating in a Poll Grading Up programme must be approved by the Executive committee of the NZMHBG. The regulations for the programme must be approved by the NZHA.
11. At any time upon application being made to the Executive Committee or upon its own initiatives the Executive Committee shall have power to order the cancellation of the registration in the Herd Book of any animal or animals. Before ordering the cancellation of registration of any animal or animals the Executive Committee shall give the owner or owners of the animal or animals thirty (30) days' notice of the Executive Committee's intention to consider the cancellation of the registration of the animal concerned and the reasons therefore. The owner shall be entitled to appear before the Executive Committee at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee when such is considered and to call evidence and make submissions to the Executive Committee.
12. The decision of the Executive Committee on any application for the registration or transfer of any animals or on the cancellation of the registration of any animal shall be communicated to the applicant or owner by registered letter addressed to the applicant or owner at the address shown on the application or the Association's records. Such decision so communicated shall be deemed to have been received by the applicant or owner at the time when the registered letter would in the ordinary course of post be delivered.
- 12a **NZHA Parent Verification and Genetic Disease rules**
From 1 January 2014, ALL NZHA registered bulls (of any age, including calves) **sold for transfer** must have a DNA profile, be correctly sire verified and be Hypotrichosis, Diluter and Idiopathic Epilepsy tested and declared free.

From 1 Jan 2016, ALL females **sold for transfer** must be sire verified. (dispensation granted for females born before and including 2013) and tested for hypotrichosis, diluter and idiopathic epilepsy, with results declared.

All joining sires born after 1st Jan 2019 must be sire verified using a minimum of a 50K SNP test and NZHA council recommend that best practice is to verify the dam as well.

National Bull Sale – testing of animals.

1. It is compulsory for all Hereford National Bull Sale entries (male and female) to be tested for all three defects; Hypotrichosis, Diluter and Idiopathic Epilepsy and be declared free. (applicable from 1 Jan, 2013).
 2. All Hereford entries, both male and female require full parent verification. (applicable from 1 Jan, 2017).
13. All imported Hereford genetics must be SNP (minimum 50K) DNA tested including testing for Hypotrichosis, Diluter and Idiopathic Epilepsy and be declared free.
- 13a. Effective 1st November 2017: Before any imported animal can be entered in the Association's Herd Book, a certificate certifying that the animal (and in the case of embryos – the parents) is clear of any genetic abnormality (this includes Hypotrichosis, Idiopathic Epilepsy and Diluter Gene) together with the pedigree of such animal, signed by the breeder and also by the Secretary of the Association in whose Herd Book the animal has been entered or accepted for entry, must accompany the application for entry.
- All animals, embryos and semen imported to New Zealand after 1 November 2017, are to be SNP DNA tested (minimum 50K) and correctly parent verified (including sire and dam DNA profiles) with the documents lodged with the NZ Hereford Association office prior to entry to New Zealand. (Blood typing is acceptable for genetic material imported prior to 2005).
14. The private (individual) number of each cow and her progeny respectively shall be stated on all entries accepted for registration in the Herd Book.
 15. Following the date of the last AI service or the withdrawal of a Natural Service Bull a period of 17 days must elapse before a different sire (Natural or AI) is joined. Progeny born with a gestation that falls within this 17 day period mentioned above, must be parentage verified, i.e. DNA sire and dam parent verified; as well as the resulting calf being DNA tested prior to registration.
 16. The owner of a registered herd who is exporting a portion of his registered herd or has a portion of his registered herd for export may personally or by his agent apply to the Council for an export certificate. Every export certificate granted shall be signed by the owner. The fee for granting the foregoing export certificates shall be \$150.00 for each animal and \$150.00 for each embryo, and shall be payable by the Vendor whether or not the animal or embryo be exported. Extra registry processing will incur an hourly charge of \$42.00 per hour. Inspection fees are also payable by the Vendor at such rates as from time to time decided upon by the Council.
 17. The Council shall from time to time determine the fees payable for the registration and/or transfer and/or inspection of any animal and the hearing of any application or appeal by the Executive Committee or the Council.
 18. The Executive Committee shall prescribe such forms for registration transfer and incidental matters.

INSPECTION OF HERDS

19. Whenever they think fit the Council may appoint Inspectors to inspect and count herds, and examine owner's records whenever instructed by the Council. Should any three Inspectors consider any Herd not up to a standard acceptable to the Council, the Council may expunge the said Herd from the Herd Book and thereupon the owner of such Herd shall for the purposes of rule 11, be deemed to be guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Association and may be expelled from the Association accordingly.

INSPECTION OF CATTLE

20. (a) On receipt of a request from a registered Herd owner or from an organisation, approved by the Council, controlling any registered Hereford Cattle Sale, the Council may appoint one or more of the Association's Inspectors for the purpose of inspecting Hereford Cattle prior to their sale, either by public auction or by private treaty or Hereford Cattle to be used by the owner thereof as pedigree breeding stock.
- (b) All cattle inspected for export in accordance with this regulation and whether passed or not shall be individually reported upon in writing by the respective Inspectors concerned.
- (c) Any animal inspected in accordance with this regulation and not passed as aforesaid, shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of as a pedigree Hereford and shall not thereafter be used for breeding purposes in any registered Herd, nor shall the animal be registered singly in the Herd Book if not already so registered.
- (d) The cost of such inspections when applied for by a registered Herd owner shall be paid by such registered Herd owner. The Council in its absolute discretion shall determine who shall pay the cost of inspections when applied for by organisations conducting registered Hereford Cattle Sales.
- (e) The Council may in its absolute discretion, and subject to such terms and conditions as the Council may determine, appoint and authorise inspectors for the purpose of inspecting Hereford Cattle to be sold or used as run Cattle.
- (f) The Council shall not appoint an Inspector to inspect Pedigree Hereford Cattle or to inspect run Hereford Cattle to be sold at a Cattle Fair unless the organisation controlling such Cattle Fair and/or some person or corporation approved by the Council shall first undertake in writing to fully indemnify the Association in respect of all claims, demands, actions, losses, costs and expenses whatsoever, which may be made instituted or incurred in consequence of any such inspection, or in respect of any act or default of any Inspector appointed by the Council and every such organisation shall include in its conditions of sale, such special conditions as the Council may require.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION REGULATIONS

In interpretation and application of these regulations, decisions of the New Zealand Hereford Association's Council shall be final and binding on all persons associated with the practice of Artificial Insemination of registered Hereford Cattle.

The New Zealand Hereford Association shall not be responsible for any contracts or agreements made between breeders and/or Insemination Organisations and/or Semen Marketing Organisations. These regulations are to protect and safeguard the accuracy of the pedigrees recorded in the New Zealand Hereford Association animal database.

Section A:

Owner and/or owners of a Sire breeding artificially within their own herd and/or herds.

- a. There will not be more than eight New Zealand owners in any one Donor Sire all of whom must be Association Members. In the event of an animal being leased for any period, a Transfer must be effected on the leased animal in the approved manner, both at the commencement and termination of the lease. NOTE: Approval is non transferable.
- b. The collection of semen to be carried out by Artificial Breeding Centers or other suitably qualified persons.
- c. There is no limit to the number of calves eligible for registration.
- d. When an owner sells a bull or his share in a bull and retains semen for use 'within herd' the use of such semen for the purpose of breeding registered animals shall be governed by the rules set out in Section A clause (e) hereof - the progeny must be registered with the vendors prefix with the exception of complete dispersals.
- e. An owner may give away up to ten (10) registrations from any bull approved for 'AI use within his own Herd'. Dispensation from the Council must be obtained if this number is to be exceeded. In the event of dispensation not being granted, or the number (10) is exceeded without any application being received by the Council, the owner of the bull will be required to meet all conditions of Section B (owner of a sire from which it is intended to market semen) before any registration will be accepted irrespective of source.
- f. Semen donated for auction for the Hereford Ambassador programme is intended for the use of the purchaser within his/her herd only. For further on-sale of this semen, if any, permission is to be applied for in writing by the first purchaser to the original donator to transfer the semen. All costs of obtaining the donated semen from the Hereford Ambassador auction shall be met by the purchaser including transfers and dispatch from point of origin. The sire from which semen is offered at the Hereford Ambassador auction, must be registered as an AI sire and had a DNA profile lodged with the Association, be tested free of hypotrichosis and be correctly sire verified. For more information on AI sires, view the list on the NZHA website.

Section B:

Owner and/or owners of a Sire from which it is intended to market semen to other member breeders for the purpose of breeding registerable calves.

- a. All requirements as set out in Section A above must be complied with along with the following additional requirements and/or amendments.
- b. The owner of the Sire must have obtained from the Association written permission to market semen from that Sire. Before permission is granted the Sire must have been DNA profiled, be tested free of hypotrichosis, be correctly sire verified and a certificate of same lodged with the Association. Approval ceases if the Sire is sold with a transfer.
- c. NOTE: Approval is non transferable.
- d. A pedigree must be submitted with the application extended to six generations counting the Sire and Dam of the subject animal as generation one.
- e. An application fee of \$100.00 is payable.

Section C:

Owner and/or owners of a Sire domiciled outside New Zealand must comply with all requirements of Sections A and B above before any application to market semen in New Zealand will be considered.

- a. In addition a report is required from the Hereford Society in the exporting country giving details of any known genetic defects in any generation of the animal's ancestry together with details of any known producer or genetic defects in any generation of the animal's ancestry.
- b. Documentation of the DNA profile of the subject animal, parentage verification (via DNA profiling) and genetic defect test results documentation must be lodged with the Association.

Registration of Calves:

The following rules apply to members who wish to exercise the privilege of registering calves resulting from AI.

- a. Only calves conceived after approval has been granted by the Council to artificially breed the Sire, will be eligible for registration.
- b. When applying for registration the insemination date must be noted on the calf entry form.
- c. Registration of calves begot from gifted semen (as per Section A clause e must be accompanied by a written authorisation from the registered owner of the bull confirming that the semen was a gift and giving the Donor Bull's particulars viz:- Registered Name, Private Number and Herd Book Number.
- d. There is no time limit on the sale of semen after the death of a Donor Bull.
- e. The transfer details for leased or loaned bulls (including donated semen) and/or cows grazing at another breeders' farm for the mating season, by mutual consent, shall be recorded on the certificate of service forms available from the NZHA office. These certificates of service forms will accompany the calf entry forms to registry.

Note 1: These rules are subject to review and amendment at the discretion of the Council.

Note 2: The Council reserves the right to withdraw approval at any time by forwarding notice in writing to the recorded owner/owners.

Note 3: The Association may at any time require a DNA certificate of both the Sire and Dam of any calf born as a result of AI in addition to a DNA profile of the calf.

OVA TRANSPLANT REGULATIONS

In interpretation and application of these regulations, decisions of the New Zealand Hereford Association's Council shall be final and binding on all persons associated with the practice of ovum transplantation involving registered Hereford Cattle.

The New Zealand Hereford Association shall not be responsible for any contracts or agreements made between breeders and/or Transplantation Organisations.

These regulations are to protect and safeguard the accuracy of the pedigrees recorded in the New Zealand Hereford Association Herd Book.

Owner and/or owners of a Dam breeding artificially within their own herd and/or herds or where it is intended to market eggs for transplanting.

- a. There will be not more than four New Zealand owners in any one Donor Dam all of whom must be Association members. In the event of an animal being leased for any period, a Transfer must be effected on the leased animal in the approved manner, both at the commencement and termination of the lease.
- b. The owners of a Donor Dam or Sire must submit to the Association a DNA Certificate (in the case of a Sire – also be tested free of hypotrichosis and be correctly sire verified) for the animal along with a certificate of collection within 90 days of collection of embryos, prior to any subsequent ET calves being registered.
- c. There is no limit to the number of calves eligible for registration.
- d. When applying for registration of calves conceived in this manner a DNA certificate and parentage determination is required prior to the issue of the registration certificate. The ET calf will carry the prefix of the herd into which it is born.
- e. A Shareholder in a living Donor Dam may resell his/their Share and transfer the same in the approved manner.
- f. There will be no limitation on the number of calves which can be registered after the death of a Donor Dam, provided (b) has been complied with.
- g. Ownership or shares in a deceased Donor Dam may only be transferred at the discretion of the Council.
- h. There will be no limitation on the number of Transplants in any one calendar year from any one Donor Dam.
- i. Dams with any known genetic abnormalities will be unacceptable.
- j. Where multiple sire mating is practiced then all resulting progeny must be DNA profiled and parentage verified before registration is finalised.
- k. Embryos must be recorded with the Association prior to sale to be transferable.
- l. Recorded embryo reports will be sent from time to time to allow embryos to be fated.
- m. A donor dam application fee of \$100.00 is payable.

Note 1: These rules are subject to review and amendment at the discretion of the Council. The Council reserves the right to withdraw approval at any time by forwarding notice in writing to the recorded owner/owners.

NATIONAL SALE CONDITIONS

FERTILITY GUARANTEE (National Show & Sale only):

All females entered in the catalogue and all bulls over the age of twelve (12) months entered in the catalogue ipso facto carries with it an undertaking by the Vendor that the purchase price (without interest, expense, cost or damages) will be refunded in the event of infertility or, additionally in the case of bulls, incapability of service. If a bull so entered should not possess a reasonable fertility, although not totally infertile, any dispute shall be settled by reference to the Committee referred to in Clause 6 below. The following conditions will apply to:-

(a) IN THE SALES OF BULLS:

- (i) In the sale of a bull any complaint must be lodged by the Purchaser with both the Vendor and Secretary of the Association in writing within twelve (12) calendar months from the date of sale.
- (ii) In every case a trial period of twelve (12) calendar months from the date of sale may be allowed to test the fertility of a bull if required by either Vendor or Purchaser. In the event an animal is claimed to be a non breeder the Seller may require the animal to be returned in good condition.

(b) IN THE SALES OF FEMALES:

- (i) All females are sold 'Guaranteed Breeders'. This breeding guarantee will expire upon the female reaching thirty-six (36) months of age. Any complaint must be lodged by the Purchaser with both the Vendor and Secretary of the Association in writing before the female attains this age.
- (ii) Any certified pregnancy tested female or any female over thirty-six (36) months of age with sucking calf at foot, at the time of sale is sold as a guaranteed breeder. Any complaint must be lodged by the Purchaser with both the Vendor and Secretary of the Association in writing within six months of the date of sale.

Note: All sires as of 2019 must be semen tested.

All National Sale Entries (male and female) require:

- Genetic Defect Testing – including Hypotrichosis, Diluter and Idiopathic Epilepsy and be declared free.
- Require FULL PARENT VERIFICATION

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WILL APPLY TO ALL ANIMALS IRRESPECTIVE OF GENDER (National Show & Sale Only):

1. In cases where the animal is fitted and shown after the sale these fertility guarantees shall be null and void.
2. That incapacity due to injury from whatever cause or to illness or disease suffered or contacted after the date of sale is not covered under the 'Fertility Guarantees'.

3. That the Purchaser shall throughout the guarantee period give the animal full and sufficient opportunity to demonstrate its ability to breed.
4. The Purchaser shall throughout the trial period ensure that the animal has proper care and attention and is maintained in good condition and health.
5. Failure on the part of the Purchaser to observe or perform either or any of the foregoing conditions shall render the undertaking void.
6. The New Zealand Hereford Association Council's Sale Sub-Committee will arbitrate on any dispute and the award of this Committee shall be accepted as final and binding by the parties to the dispute.
7. Transfers is the Vendors Responsibility.

These regulations are those in force as at August 2007 and apply to the National Bull Sale only and are not to be used in private sale catalogues. The local area stock and station agency rules plus any private written guarantees are applicable for private sale catalogues.

GST to be added to all fees quoted.

NAIT REGULATIONS

As of 1st July 2015, all cattle including breeding stock should be tagged with a NAIT EID and registered with NAIT (National Identification and Tracing) scheme. Please advise the Association of your NAIT number, so it can be recorded on the database.

Calves must be tagged within 180 days of birth or before moving or being moved to another NAIT number whichever comes first.

All animal movements (including moving to slaughter) must be recorded with NAIT within 48 hours.

[HerdMASTER 4](#) supports NAIT animal registration and movement recording direct to the NAIT database. NAIT transactions incur no cost for HerdMASTER users.