

# NEW ZEALAND HEREFORDS 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 NZH'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 NZH. 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 NZH's Herd Book or some other Herd Book recognised by the World Hereford Council, and must be the property of a member of NZH. Sires of those progeny to be registered must also have been DNA profiled with a copy of the profile lodged with the NZH registry. From 1 September 2013, all bulls (of any age, including calves) sold for transfer must be correctly sire verified (and from the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 it must be SNP sire verified), in conjunction with having a DNA profile and being hypotrichosis tested and declared free. From September 2020 bulls sold for transfer must meet the requirements listed in clause 12. **All joining sires born after 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019 must be sire verified using a minimum of a 50K SNP test and NZ Hereford's 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 progenies 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 NZH office to be kept on 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 prefixes, for both male and female animals used by members of NZ Herefords 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 NZ Herefords 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 NZH 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 (NZH herd number is not required on tags). Tattooing is optional.  
Full animal identification (NZH herdbook number) ~~must~~ be entered on animal transfer certificates.
8. To record commercial cattle, it is necessary to be a financial member of NZ Herefords. The member must have a background of using registered Hereford bulls over a period of time. A physical inspection could be required and unless there is a 30% parentage match using DNA, the member can only commercially register 20% of their total registered stud.
9. 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.
10. Transfer Fees: On the sale of any registered Hereford for stud purposes the Vendor shall hand or send NZ Herefords General Manager, 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 NZH 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 General Manager 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 General Manager 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 NZH 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.

11. 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.
- 11a 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 NZH.
12. 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.
13. 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 NZ Hereford'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.
- 13a **NZH Parent Verification and Genetic Disease rules**  
ALL NZH registered bulls (of any age, including calves) **sold for transfer** must have a minimum 50K SNP DNA profile, be correctly SNP sire verified and tested for Hypotrichosis Diluter, Idiopathic Epilepsy and Maple Syrup Urinary Disease conditions, and declared FREE.

Females sold for transfer born **BEFORE** the 1st January 2023 must be sire verified and tested for Hypotrichosis (Hy), Diluter (DI) and Idiopathic Epilepsy (IE) with results declared.

Females sold for transfer born **AFTER** the 1st January 2023 must be SNP sire verified and tested for Hy, DI, IE, and Maple Syrup Urine Disease (MSUD) with results declared FREE.

- 13b. If a registered bull is tested for Mandibulofacial Dysostosis and/or Delayed Blindness and is found to be a carrier, the bull is no longer transferable.

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

14. All imported Hereford genetics must be SNP (minimum 50K) DNA profiled and tested for Hypotrichosis Diluter, Idiopathic Epilepsy, Maple Syrup Urinary Disease, Mandibulofacial Dysostosis and Delayed Blindness genetic conditions, and be declared free.
- 14a. Before any imported animal can be entered in the NZ Herefords Herd Book, a certificate certifying that the animal (and in the case of embryos – the parents) is tested for all known genetic defects (including Mandibulofacial Dysostosis and Delayed Blindness) for which there is a commercial test available and declared free, together with the pedigree of such animal, signed by the breeder and also by the General Manager of NZ Herefords 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 (min 50K) and correctly parent verified, with the documents lodged with NZ Herefords prior to entry to New Zealand.

15. The private (individual) number of each cow and her progeny respectively shall be stated on all entries accepted for registration in the Herd Book.
16. 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.
17. 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 \$50.00 per hour. Inspection fees are also payable by the Vendor at such rates as from time to time decided upon by the Council.

18. 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.
19. The Executive Committee shall prescribe such forms for registration transfer and incidental matters.

#### **INSPECTION OF HERDS**

20. 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 NZ Herefords and may be expelled from NZ Herefords accordingly.

#### **INSPECTION OF CATTLE**

21. (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 NZ Hereford 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.

# ARTIFICIAL BREEDING REGULATIONS

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

## **Lease Bulls**

In the event of an animal being leased for any period, written permission must be submitted for the leased animal in the approved manner with a lease agreement signed by both parties. NOTE: Approval is non transferable

## **Section A:**

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

- a. There will not be more than eight New Zealand owners in any one Donor Sire all of whom must be NZ Hereford Members.
- b. The collection of semen to be carried out by Artificial Breeding Centres 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' e.g., AB restricted, 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. AB restricted approval must be applied for, through registry, with payment of a fee.
- e. An owner may give away up to ten (10) registrations from any bull approved for 'AB restricted', if that number is exceeded 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. AB Restricted must be applied for, through registry with a fee of \$20.
- f. Semen donated for auction at a NZH sanctioned event 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 shall be met by the purchaser including transfers and dispatch from point of origin. The sire from which semen is offered at auction, must be registered as an AB Approved sire and had a SNP DNA profile lodged with NZH, be tested for tested free of genetic conditions, Hypotrichosis, Diluter, Idiopathic Epilepsy and Maple Syrup Urinary

Disease, Mandibulofacial Dysostosis and Delayed Blindness, and be correctly sire verified. For more information on AI sires, view the list on the NZH 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 – **AB approved.**

- 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 NZ Herefords written permission to market semen from that Sire eg AI approval. Before permission is granted the Sire must have been SNP DNA profiled, be tested free of genetic conditions, Hypotrichosis, Diluter, Idiopathic Epilepsy, Maple Syrup Urinary Disease, Mandibulofacial Dysostosis and Delayed Blindness and be correctly sire verified and a certificate of same lodged with the NZ Herefords. Approval ceases if the Sire is sold with a transfer.
- c. NOTE: Approval is nontransferable.
- d. A pedigree must be submitted with the application extended to five 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 SNP DNA profile of the subject animal, parentage verification (via DNA profiling) and genetic defect test results documentation must be lodged with NZH.

#### **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 : 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 NZH 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: NZH may at any time require a SNP DNA certificate of both the Sire and Dam of any calf born as a result of AI in addition to a SNP DNA profile of the calf.

## **OVA TRANSPLANT REGULATIONS**

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

The NZ 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 NZH 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 NZH members. In the event of an animal being leased for any period, a transfer must be affected 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 NZH a SNP DNA Certificate (in the case of a Sire – also be tested free of genetic conditions; Hypotrichosis, Diluter, Idiopathic Epilepsy and Maple Syrup Urinary Disease 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 SNP 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 SNP DNA profiled and parentage verified before registration is finalised.
- k. Embryos must be recorded with NZH 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 General Manager of NZH 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 General Manager of NZH 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 General Manager of NZH in writing within six months of the date of sale.

**Note: All sires as of 2020 must be semen tested.**

**All National Sale Entries (male and female) require:**

- Genetic Defect Testing – tested free of genetic conditions, Hypotrichosis, Diluter, Idiopathic Epilepsy and Maple Syrup Urinary Disease
- 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 NZH 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.