



Regulations

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REGULATIONS

These regulations come into effect on the 1st March 2008.

SECTION 1 – Membership

Full membership definitions and procedures are included in the Association Constitution under Membership.

Authority to Act

1. The Association will recognise only one authorised signatory per membership. That being, the signature of the Member.
2. The Annual Membership renewal form must be completed, signed and returned with payment to the office of Speckle Park International Inc. for your membership to be valid. This includes all new, existing and life Members.

SECTION 2 – Ownership

The Association records unlimited possession owners from any Country in any one animal (alive or dead) on the register.

SECTION 3 – Procedures to Import and Export Live Animals, Semen and Embryos

A. Import

Subject to Section 2 and excluding those live animals, semen and embryos accepted into the Association on or before 1 January 2012, and before the Association can record an interest in respect of any imported live animal, semen or embryo, the Association must receive:

1. The prescribed Import Fee must be paid to the Association (see Schedule of Fees).
2. An extended pedigree to 4 generations from the relevant Breed Association of the exporting country. In the case of embryos, an extended pedigree is required for both the donor sire and the donor dam.
3.
 - (i) **Live Animals**
Animals born outside a Country must be registered or eligible for registration in the records of Breed Associations recognised by the Association. Certified evidence issued by the relevant Breed Association must be produced to the Association. Imported animals are required to be identifiable and must be recorded with the Association within 6 months of importation. The animal must have a DNA/Parentage Verification certificate, which must be provided to the Association.
 - (ii) **Semen**
The bull which produced the semen must be registered in the exporting country and have a DNA/Parentage Verification certificate, which must be provided to the Association. If the animal is not already recorded on the SPI database, the importing member must pay the import fee to have the animal recorded with SPI (see Schedule of Fees)
 - (iii) **Embryos**
The donor dam and the donor sire must be registered in the exporting country. The donor dam must have a DNA type on the file of the association of the exporting country which for embryos collected after 1 January 2014 will include DNA/Parentage Verification certificate. The sire must have a DNA/Parentage verification certificate.

B. Export

In order for export documents to be sent to the importing country the following applies:

1. The prescribed Export Fee must be paid to the Association (see Schedule of Fees).
2. The live animal, semen or embryo must meet the requirements for entry to the stud registers of the importing country. For example if the importing country requires a DNA/Parentage Verification Certificate then this must be obtainable.

SECTION 4 – Breeding

A. Natural Service

All sires require a DNA profile to be registered with the Association.

1. Natural Service with OWNED Sires

Multiple sire joinings are permitted subject to paternity determination of the sire by DNA testing.

No female shall be depastured with a different sire or inseminated to another sire unless paternity determination of the resultant progeny can be established by a DNA test.

2. Natural Service with NON-OWNED Sires

- A registered owner who is in possession of a sire may allow another Member to have access to that sire for natural service purposes.
- If a Member allows another Member access to a sire for natural service it will be a matter for agreement between the members involved. Any restrictions an owner of the natural sire may wish to place on the use of that sire and the registration of progeny will be a matter of private agreement between the members involved. The Association will not record or monitor such agreements. Disputes that may arise from breaches of such agreements will be a matter for the parties to resolve between themselves or at common law.

B. Artificial Insemination (AI)

1. The owner of a sire at the time semen is collected for the first time must:

- Provide the Association with a DNA profile of the sire which for semen collected after 1 January 2013 will include a DNA/Parent Verification.
- Obtain an AI Permit from the Association (see Schedule of Fees).

2. There is no limit to the amount of semen sold in a bull or to the number of calves that can be registered from that semen.

3. Semen marketing rights will not be monitored or recognised by the Association. If semen marketing rights are to be assigned in any individual animal, it will be a matter for agreement between the vendor and purchaser. Any restrictions a vendor may wish to place on the use of semen and the registration of progeny will be a matter of private agreement between the vendor and purchaser. The Association will not record or monitor such agreements. Disputes that may arise from breaches of such agreements will be a matter for the parties to resolve between themselves or at common law.

C. Embryo Transfer (ET)

1. Donor Dams

- (i) The owner using a female for embryo transfer must obtain a Donor Dam Permit from the Association (see Schedule of Fees) at the time of embryo collection.
- (ii) A DNA type (or an existing blood type) of the Donor Dam must be on file with the Association before a Donor Dam Permit will be issued which for embryos collected after 1 January 2013 will include DNA/Parent Verification.

- (iii) The owner of the calf at the time of birth shall be known as the 'breeder'.
- (iv) There will be no limit to the number of calves bred by ET which are eligible for registration.

2. Recipient Dams

- (i) The recipient dam must be identified by tags in both ears and/or by tattoo.
- (ii) The owner of a recipient dam may sell the pregnant recipient dam in accordance with these regulations, by recording a transfer of the recipient dam with the Association.

SECTION 5 – Registrations

A. Purpose

1. The purpose of a registration certificate is merely to record information provided by the breeder and to certify that the animal is only in the herd book of registrations at the time of printing. It is not the purpose of the registration certificate to be evidence or proof of content contained in the registration certificate.
2. The Association reserves the right to call for a parentage determination of any progeny before accepting registration.

B. Registration Procedure

1. DNA/Parent Verification will be compulsory as of 1 January 2018 in order to have an animal registered in the SPI Inc. herd book.
2. Every person shall, before applying to register/record a calf, be a financial Member of the Association:
 - (i) A stud Prefix (not exceeding 16 characters), and
 - (ii) A Herd Identification Symbol (a combination of 3 alpha characters or alpha numeric)
3. No calf shall be registered without the submission of a Calf Recording form or online registration notification to the Association showing complete particulars of the calf and signed by the registering Member or alternate authorised signatory or by use of their selected password.
4. Calves submitted for registration are required to be the progeny of sires and dams which are recorded in the Association's register, provided the sire and dam are listed as active animals at the date of calving (or are re-activated).
5. Progeny may be registered up to 24 months of age. Late registrations (after 24 months) will attract a late registration fee (see Schedule of Fees) and must be accompanied by a DNA/Parentage Verification certificate.
6. The Association may request any additional information which it may think fit before accepting any animal for registration, or accepting any correction in the records of the Association, and reserves the right to call for a parentage determination of any progeny before accepting it for registration.
7. Recipient dams must be listed on the animal recording form for all ET calves. Recipient dams details required include breed composition, year of birth and tag identification.

C. DNA Testing

1. DNA/Parent Verification will be compulsory as of 1 January 2018 in order to have an animal registered in the SPI Inc. herd book.
2. The Association may conduct random DNA/Parentage Verification on any animal at the Association's expense. If a calf fails this test, it will be de-registered and will only be restored to registered status when the breeder can satisfy the Association of the correct parentage of the calf at his/her expense. If a Member of the Association has three animals that fail this verification test, the Association may expel the Member from the Association pursuant to Article 5.13(f).
3. Where the Association requires DNA/Parent Verification in respect of an animal, the Member need only comply to the extent that the sire and dam have DNA evidence recorded either on the Association Register or on the register of an association in another country.

D. General

1. Where the registering owner of a calf submitted for registration was not the owner of the dam at the time she was served or artificially inseminated to produce such calf, the parentage of the calf must be notified to the Association on the Transfer Form if the dam was in calf when transferred, or
2. Where an ET calf is submitted for registration and the dam is not owned by the registering owner at conception of the embryo, refer to Section 4 C.1.
3. With the exception of ET calves, no calf will be registered unless the owner of the calf was the owner of its dam at calving.
4. (a) The Member who was the breeder of an animal may advise the Association of any correction to the registration records of that animal.
(b) If a Member requests a correction of the particulars of either a sire or dam of an animal pursuant to sub-clause (a) that Member must supply DNA/Parent Verification in respect of that animal.
5. With the exception of ET calves, no calf born in a lesser period than 275 days after the birth of the last calf from the same dam will be eligible for registration unless approved by the Chief Executive Officer.
6. No person shall be allowed to register in the Association's records any animal with the registered Prefix or Herd Identification Symbol of any other person.
7. No progeny of a sire domiciled overseas in respect of the Country of use shall be registered unless semen import procedures are observed, see Section 3, Clause A.
8. The Calf Recording form and the Registration Certificate will include the following disclaimer and indemnity:
 - (a) By entering an animal in the records of the Association and issuing a Registration Certificate in respect of that animal the Association will not be liable for any loss or damage arising out of any error or misdescription contained in the Calf Recording form. In the event of such error or misdescription the Association reserves the right to cancel the entry of an animal in the records of the Association and the Registration Certificate issued in respect of that animal.
 - (b) By completing the Calf Recording form the registering Member indemnifies the Association against all claims which may be made by any person against the Association in respect of any loss arising out any error contained in the Calf Recording Form.
9. The acceptance of the pedigree of an animal for the purpose of entering that animal in the records of the Association will be based upon the Calf Recording form.
10. The Association may at its discretion, and at any time, require an inspection of any animal or herd.

11. If the Association receives information indicating that any sire is transmitting undesirable genes, it shall cause the matter to be investigated and shall suspend registrations in respect of that sire or its progeny pending the outcome of such investigation.
12. The Association may refuse to register any animal name which is considered contrary to the interests of the Members of the Association.
13. The entry of an animal in the records of the Association and the issuing of a Registration Certificate in respect of that animal are subject to correction or cancellation pursuant to the regulations of the Association.

E. Pure Breeding

1. To be a purebred animal, an animal must F3 or more Speckle Park blood and must ultimately be derived from a purebred Canadian Speckle Park dam being F2 or better and a Canadian Speckle Park sire being F3 or better. This also means that any semen must be F3 or better and embryos must be derived from a dam that is F2 or better and sire that is F3 or better. Below is a conversion table.

Conversion Table F Status to Percentage		
A	½	50%
F1	¾	75%
F2	7/8	87.5%
F3	15/16	93.8%
F4	31/32	96.9%

2. Animals must be one of the following colour patterns or variations between the extremes:
 - (a) Speckled - black sides with white topline and white underline with speckled hips and black frosted faces;
 - (b) Leopard - leopard pattern which describes colouration between White and Speckled;
 - (c) White - white with black ears, nose, hooves and eye pigmentation; or
 - (d) Black - solid black animal which will have the descriptor (Black) after its name.
3. The following animals are not eligible for registration (if there is any doubt the animal in question will need to be DNA tested) :
 - (a) animals which show some red colouring (“red colouring” is not to be confused with rusty coloured or brown hair which is either the result of bleaching by the sun and wind or dead hair about to be shed);
 - (b) animals with horns
 - (c) animals that are double muscled
4. Solid black animals will not be registered unless accompanied with a DNA/Parentage Verification.
5. Any animal that is not eligible for registration, and has been registered, can on 21 days’ notice given to the owner and or breeder to show cause why the animals should not be deregistered will be, by the decision of the board, deregistered. Any resultant progeny will also be deregistered.
6. Any Member and or owner who has erroneously registered an ineligible animal will indemnify SPI Inc. from any loss arising out of the incorrect or erroneous registration of the animal.

F. Animal Identification

1. As of 1 July 2016 any animal intended to be exhibited at shows must be tattooed when required by the rules of the particular show Society. If not tattooed, all other animals must be tagged with their identification number and be parentage DNA verified before registration.
2. A tagged animal must have written on the tag the year letter and animal identification number.
3. The tattoo shall comprise:
 - Herd Identification Symbol
 - Year Letter
 - Animal Identification Number

G. Description of Animals

1. Polled or scurred animals shall be eligible for registration and the letter P or S shall be shown in the Association's records and on the Registration Certificate.

(P) - Polled
(S) – Scurred
2. Animals which develop scurs after registration shall remain on the Association's register. The Association must be notified, in writing, of the appearance of scurs. The Association shall amend the animal's Registration Certificate accordingly.
3. If an animal is to be sold in an Association recognised sale, the notification must be received prior to the sale's catalogue being compiled (as a rule, allow eight weeks). Any Member who fails to notify the Association will be subject to a penalty (see Schedule of Fees).

Note: Members may be exposed to litigation by purchasers if scurs on animals registered as polled are not recorded with the Association at the appropriate time.

3. Calves conceived by AI will have the symbol (AI) recorded after their official name. Likewise, calves conceived by ET will have the symbol (ET) recorded after their official name.
4. The name of an animal shall not be changed after registration except with the approval of the Chief Executive Officer and the Breeder. Upon such change, the Association's records will be amended and a new Registration Certificate will be issued.
5. No two animals in any one herd shall carry the same Animal Identification Number, registered or commercial.
6. The registered name of an animal (including the Prefix) must not exceed 29 characters.

SECTION 6 – Transfers

1. All animals are required to be transferred to the purchaser by way of an Association transfer form. It is the vendor's and Purchaser's responsibility to transfer animals. Both parties must sign a formal transfer document.
2. The Association may require that any additional information it deems necessary be produced before recording the transfer of any animal in the records of the Association.
3. An inactive animal cannot be transferred until reinstated by the registered owner as an active animal in the records of the Association.
4. All transfers must comply with the Association's Ownership Regulations, see Section 2.

SECTION 7 –Shows and Sales

1. Only Members of the Association are eligible to exhibit and sell cattle at Speckle Park National Sales.
2. The Association recognises two types of show and sales:
 - (a) Events run by the Association e.g. the National Show and Sale. This is an Association event.
 - (b) Events run by Members and other bodies that the Association does not control e.g. Royal Shows.
3. Members are required to comply with the prevailing Conditions of Entry governing all Association events.
4. It may be a condition of an Association event, that entry will only be allowed to animals that have submitted to and have recorded weight data by BREEDPLAN run by the Agricultural Business Research Institute for any birth, 200 day, 400 day or 600 day weights.
5. Black animals cannot be shown, including calves at foot, at any event listed in paragraph 2(b) above.

SECTION 8 – Dispersal Sales

1. The status of animals being offered at a dispersal sale must be Active and Registered, unless otherwise declared in the catalogue as being Inactive or Unregistered.
2.
 - (a) The Prefix and Herd Identification Symbol (Tattoo) relating to a dispersed stud is not eligible for re-use by any person except where the Association approves the re-use of the Prefix and Herd Identification Symbol.
 - (b) An application for the re-use of the Prefix and Herd Identification Symbol of a dispersed stud may only be made by the following persons:
 - (i) In the case of an individual owner of a dispersed stud – by that original owner or by a member of the immediate family of the original owner,
 - (ii) In the case of an original firm or partnership owner of a dispersed stud – by one or more of the continuing members of that original firm or partnership, and
 - (iii) In the case of an original company owner of a dispersed stud – by that company.
 - (c) An application cannot be made pursuant to paragraph (b) if the Prefix has been sold.
 - (d) An application pursuant to paragraph (b) will only be considered by the Association where it is accompanied by the signed written consent of the following persons:
 - (i) In the case of an original individual owner – by the original owner or by the legal personal representatives of that original owner (where the original individual owner is deceased), or
 - (ii) In the case of an original firm or partnership owner – by each person who was a member of the firm or partnership as at the date of dispersal of the stud, or
 - (iii) In the case of an original company owner – by each person who was a Director of the company as at the date of dispersal of the stud.
 - (e) Any person making an application under this clause, will pay all fees and expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Association in relation to the application.

SECTION 9 – Payment Conditions

A. General

1. The Association will operate on a cash basis for all transactions except those which may be charged to a Member's account at the discretion of the Board.
2. Where the Association approves debiting of charges to a Member's account, the Member must settle that account within 30 days of the charge.
3. The Association has the option to charge accounts, which the Member has not settled within 60 days after the charge was first raised, with an interest penalty at a rate to be determined from time to time by the Association.
4. The Association may from time to time vary the fees it charges.
5. The Association will not provide services to a Member when a Member's account is in arrears by 90 days or more. To reinstate services, the Member must pay the account in full.

B. Membership Fees

1. Membership Fees are due on 1st July each year. The deadline for Membership Fees is 30th October each year.

C. Inventory Fees

1. Inventory fees are payable on all females 2 years and older as at the 1st of January each year. This includes registered and commercial.
2. Registered and Commercial Females under 2 years old that calve during the year, will be charged the Inventory Fee at the time of registration of the calf (see Schedule of Fees).
3. A prelist will be sent members in January listing all females on each member's inventory on which inventory fees are payable.
4. Inventory fees are calculated at 1st January each year. Inventory Fee payment options are explained on the Inventory Checklist. Members will be invoiced the female inventory in April and The deadline for the payment of Inventory Fees is 31st August each year.
4. If Inventory Fees are not paid by 31st August, all relevant animals will be made inactive and re-instatement fees will then apply (see Schedule of Fees).

D. Extension of Time to Pay

The Association may grant an extension of time for the payment of fees in cases where a confidential application is lodged in writing to the Chief Executive Officer and approved prior to the expiration of the period within which the fees are due. Credit will not be extended beyond one drop of calves.

E. Non-Australian Members

Members with registered animals in a Country other than Australia shall pay the amount specified in the Schedule of Fees in Australian Dollars. These members will not pay GST in Australia.

Definitions

Definition	Explanation
Active Female	Female for which an Inventory Fee has been paid for the current year
AI	Artificial insemination
AI Permit	Permit issued to support the registration of calves bred by artificial insemination
Animal Identification	Sequential number preceded by the herd identification symbol and year letter to uniquely identify each animal in a herd
Authorised Signatory	The person(s) nominated to sign Association documentation on behalf of a member (see Section 1)
Breeder of an Animal	The person who is the owner of the dam at conception of the animal
Calf Recording Form	The Association's official calf registration and recording form
Association	Refers to Speckle Park International Inc
Conception	The commencement of pregnancy
Depasture	Process of naturally mating a bull with a cow
Dispersal Sale	A sale in which all registered animals in a member's herd are offered for sale
DNA Typing (Deoxyribonucleic acid)	Process of determining variability and individuality in the sequence of the monomers which pass on genetic information, conducted by a recognised laboratory
Donor Dam	Dam which produced an embryo for the purpose of embryo transplant into a recipient cow
Embryo Transfer (ET)	Process of transferring an embryo from the biological dam into a recipient dam for the remainder of gestation
Fee	A charge levied on Association members in accordance with the Schedule of Fees
Foreign Association Members	Members who are also members of another Speckle Park breed association
Inventory Checklist	A listing of all active cows in a herd issued by the Association in January every year. An inventory fee is payable for active cows 2 years and over at January 1 st . The listing can be used to add or delete cows from the herd inventory
Foundation Stock Listing	A listing of all cattle owned by a person(s) which must be submitted when becoming a member of the Association
Herd Identification Symbol	Unique member (herd) tattoo identification comprising 3 alpha or alpha numeric characters (eg. ABC) used in conjunction with individual animal identification number and year letter
Imported	An animal imported into a Country whose registration is suffixed with identifying symbols from the country of origin, eg. IMP CAN, IMP USA, IMP UK
Inactive Female	A cow for which an inventory fee has not been paid, or which has been removed from 'active' status by the owner
Member	A current financial constituent of the Association (eg. person(s)/company/partnership) having paid the relevant membership fee
Member Number	A unique membership number allocated by the Association to identify each Member individually
Name – Trading	Name under which the Member trades eg. ABC Pty Ltd T/As Cattle Pastoral Company
Name – Full	Full name of a membership eg. ABC Pty Ltd
Natural Service	Natural joining of a sire with a dam
Owner	Person(s) recorded as having an ownership interest in an animal
Parentage Determination	DNA profiling used to verify an animal's lineage by confirming parentage
Possession	Refers to an ownership interest in an animal, ie. an owner having physical possession
Prefix	Registered stud name with the Association. Prefix shall not exceed 16 characters
PTIC	Cow pregnancy tested in calf
Recipient Dam	Cow used as surrogate of an implanted embryo from a donor dam for continuance of gestation
Registered	Animal with registered status in the Association's herd book

Registration Certificate	Certification issued by the Association denoting an animal's registered status which may be either in hard or electronic form
Registering Owner	Member owning the embryo/calf at calving. The calf shall carry the prefix and tattoo identification of the registering owner. The registering owner should also own the dam at calving, unless supported by an ET Certificate
Reinstatement	Act of re-establishing 'active' status of a female previously made 'inactive' in the Association's records
Scur	Horny-like growth loosely attached to the skin of the head of an animal
Tattoo	Unique identification of an animal. A tattoo identification (in one ear) shall consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herd identification (eg. ABC) • Year letter (eg. B) • Individual animal number (eg. 100) • Tattoo: ABC B100
Transfer	Document by which a change of ownership of an animal is notified to the Association
Year Letter	Tattoo letter (eg. Z [2004], A [2005], B [2006] etc) allocated by the Association each year denoting the year in which a calf was born. Used in conjunction with the individual animal identification number and herd identification symbol