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AHCS Mission Statement

*"To preserve
heritage, protect
integrity and
advance Highland
Cattle in Australia
through herd
registration,
education, promotion
and fellowship "*

*The AHCS, it's Office
Bearers, Council
Members and
Fieldsman cannot and
do not accept any
responsibility
whatsoever for advice
given in good faith to
members and
prospective members.*



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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 *Australian Highland Cattle Society Incorporated*. (herein called the "Association") is incorporated in Victoria and is a Registered Australian Body.
- 1.2 The Constitution of the Association provides rules regarding the authority of the Regulations in PART 6 – REGULATIONS, replicated below:

78. Authority

- 78.1. Members and Councillors must comply with Regulations as if they were part of this Constitution.
- 78.2. The Regulations shall be those in force as at the date of incorporation and shall remain in force until amended, rescinded or otherwise altered with rule 77.

79. Alternation of Regulations

- 79.1. The Council may from time to time make such Regulations as it deems fit for and in respect of any one or more of the following: -
 - a) the compilation and publication of the Australian Highland Cattle Society Incorporated Herdbook; and
 - b) the registration of stock.

80. Notice of Change of Regulations

- 80.1. The Secretary must give to each member of the Association a Notice of Change of Regulations at least 90 days before the effective date of the change.

81. Member objection

- 81.1. Members have the right to submit a formal objection to a change of Regulations to the Secretary within 30 days of receipt of the Notice of Change of Regulations.
- 81.2. Should at least ten (10) full financial members submit an objection, the rule is referred to:
 - a) The Annual General Meeting if this is scheduled to occur within 3 months; or
 - b) A Special General Meeting convened by Council under rule 39.2.
- 81.3. Where deferral of implementation occurs under rule 79.2, the Secretary must give to each member of the Association a notice that:
 - a) the change of Regulations is deferred and shall be subject to the prior approval of a majority (at least 50%) of the members of the Association present in person or by proxy at a General Meeting; and
 - b) the prior Regulations remain in force for the intervening period.
- 81.4. A postal vote is not a valid form of approval from members for changes to the Regulations.

- 1.3 These Regulations came into operation on 25 June 2022. Former Regulations of the Association were repealed as from that day.

2 DEFINITIONS USED IN THESE REGULATIONS

"Accredited AI Sires" means registered bulls that have been Accredited for use as AI licensed Sires within the **AHCS** Herdbook.

"Animal Name" means letters and/or numbers recorded in the Herdbook being the name of an animal. Up to 20 characters including spaces may be used. Animal name must be unique in the Herdbook.

"Approved Highland Association" means a Society or Association in an overseas country, which maintains a Highland Herdbook the validity of which is recognised by the Association.

“Approved Sires” means those sires approved by the **AHCS** for use as AI Licensed Sires within the AHCS Herdbook.

“Australian born” shall *also* include an animal born after export from another country and during transit to Australia.

“Breed Ideal” represents what is considered to be the perfect conformation traits of a Highland.

“Breeder” is the registered owner(s) of a cow at the time of birth of her calf/calves, whether the cow is the natural mother or a recipient.

“Breeding year” means the calendar year from January 1 to December 31.

“Calf drop number” means the consecutive number allotted by the herd owner to each calf born in his herd.

“Dispersal Sale” means the sale or disposal of all registered stock within a herd.

“Fees” shall mean any monetary charges payable under the Constitution and/or these Regulations.

“Five Generation Pedigree” means, in respect of an imported animal, *semen or embryo*, identification of that animal, semen or embryo in printed or electronic form, extracted from and authenticated by the Herdbook of an approved overseas Highland Association. The extracted information is to identify five generations of ancestors including the subject animal, semen or embryo.

“Fold” a common term used within the Association in replacement of the term “Stud”.

“Foundation animal” or “Base” means an animal of any breed or cross of breeds mated with a registered Highland bull to produce C grade progeny.

“Frozen Embryo” means an embryo not implanted in an animal and where its development has been suspended by any means.

“Fully Imported Bloodline” or “FIB” refers to animals where all ancestors in the animal’s pedigree can be traced back to the UK, Canadian or USA Herdbooks in accordance with regulation 6.

“Grade Code” means the number recorded in the Herdbook denoting the grade of an animal.

“Grade Highland” means *a female* animal recorded in the Herdbook, having been bred in accordance with regulation 4.1, which is classed as Grade C, B or A.

“Grade” denotes the amount of Highland blood in an animal, as described at regulation 4.1.

“Grading up table” is a table which details the degree of Highland purity to be used in the registration of Highland calves and is shown at 4.1.

“Herdbook” means the pedigrees and breeding records register of the Association in which records of individual registered animals are kept. Each registered animal is allotted a unique Herdbook number.

“Identification” in relation to an animal means the recorded NLIS tag number and any additional form of identification used where required.

“Known genetic notifiable defect” means those hereditary defects as prescribed within each State’s relevant Parliamentary Legislation. (refer to your specific State’s Primary Industries or Agriculture Department).

“Member” means an individual or other legal entity accepted for membership of the Association.

“Owner” except where stated otherwise, is a member who owns registered Highland or registered Grade Highland animals.

“Parent Verification” means use of laboratory testing by DNA to verify the parents of an animal.

“Purebred Highland” means an animal classified in the Herdbook as purebred.

“Recipient” means a surrogate cow of any breed or cross of breeds carrying an implanted embryo.

“Registered owner” is a financial member/s who is/are the owner(s) of an animal registered in the Herdbook.

“Registration certificate” is an extract from the Herdbook (or from an overseas Herdbook) in a form approved by Council.

“Service, served or mated by” shall mean natural service, artificial insemination or invitro fertilisation, as the case may be.

“Stud Prefix” also known as a “Fold Prefix” means a name approved by the Association, for the stud/herd/fold of a member.

“Tattoo prefix” is the unique identification for each herd. It comprises three letters, numbers or a combination of letters and numbers approved by the Association to a member, and which may be tattooed in the ear of an animal.

“The Association” or **“AHCS”** means Australian Highland Cattle Society Incorporated.

“The Council” means the Council of the Association.

“These Regulations” means the regulations of the Association from time to time in force.

“Year letter” means the letter recorded in the Herdbook denoting the year of birth of a registered animal, as shown at 10.1.2.3

3 HERDBOOK

- 3.1 The Herdbook of the Association is the official record of the registered Highland cattle in Australia. Such cattle are classed in the Herdbook as either GRADE (see Regulation 4); or PUREBRED (see Regulation 5) or FULLY IMPORTED BLOODLINE (see Regulation 6).
- 3.2 An entry of registration in the Herdbook shall set out the date of registration, Herdbook number, Stud prefix, animal name, sex, grade code, birth date, colour, breeder, NLIS Tag / Rumen Bolus number, tattoo (if any), owner and parentage of the animal which is the subject of that entry.
- 3.3 After such entry has been made the Association shall issue a registration certificate, which shall be an extract of the entry for such animal in the Herdbook. The registration certificate is deemed to be the property of the Association, by which it may be recalled by written request at any time.
- 3.4 Transfer of ownership (wholly or in part) of a registered animal shall be entered in the Herdbook whereupon the Association shall either issue a new registration certificate in the name of the transferee(s) or record the transfer on the existing registration certificate.
- 3.5 The Herdbook shall also record the identification (breed) of each base animal used in a grading up program, and details of bulls licensed for general use within the Highland breed with or without payment of royalties for registration of their progeny. Details of embryo production or importation, embryo ownership, transfer of embryo ownership,

embryo use, embryo storage and the unique identification of any recipient, may be recorded at the Council's discretion.

- 3.6 The publications of the AHCS Herdbook shall have Purebred and Fully Imported Bloodline animals listed together in one section by member in the order of animal Herdbook Number, after which graded animals shall be listed together in the second section by member in the order of animal Herdbook Number.

4 GRADE HIGHLAND ENTRY IN THE HERDBOOK AND PURITY IDENTIFICATION

- 4.1 A Highland infused animal shall be classed as Grade and given a grade code using the following grading up table:

Highland Purity Table			
DAM	SIRE		Grade of Progeny on Pedigree
	Purebred (5th Generation or Higher)	Fully Imported Bloodline	
Foundation	Progeny is Grade C (Female Only)		C
Grade C	Progeny is Grade B (Female Only)		B
Grade B	Progeny is Grade A (Female Only)		A
Grade A	Progeny is Purebred (Female Only)		P
Purebred (4th Generation or Higher)	Progeny is Purebred (Male & Female) Male progeny eligible for registration at 5 th Generation		P
Fully Imported Bloodline	Progeny is Purebred (Male & Female)	Progeny is Fully Imported Bloodline (Male & Female)	P or F

Notes:

As of 1 of January 1996, male progeny are not eligible for registration unless both the sire and dam are registered as either Purebred or Fully Imported Bloodline.

Only progeny from both a sire and dam who are registered as Fully Imported Bloodline will be registered as a Fully Imported Bloodline.

"GRADE HIGHLAND" = A Highland infused female which has been bred in accordance with the Grading-Up Table and is classed as Grade C, B or A:

Grade C for at least 1/2 pure. Females submitted for registration prior to 26 September 2020 whose sires are registered as Purebred or from Fully Imported Bloodline in the AHCS Herdbook or an Approved Herdbook and whose dams are either less than 1/2 pure or of any other breed of cattle, as specified. As of 26 September 2020, females of Highland type who have been inspected and passed by the AHCS are also eligible for Grade C registration.

Grade B for at least 3/4 pure. Females who sires are registered as Purebred or from Fully Imported Bloodline in the AHCS Herdbook out of a Grade C female, or female animals whose ancestry is obviously Highland and have been granted Grade B status by an Inspector of the Association prior to 1 January 1999.

Grade A for at least 7/8 pure. Females who sires are registered as Purebred or from Fully Imported Bloodline in the AHCS Herdbook out of a Grade B female, or female animals whose ancestry is obviously Highland and who have been granted Grade A status by an inspector of the Association prior to 1 January 1999.

“PUREBRED HIGHLAND” (FEMALE) = A Highland female animal which is classed Purebred (P) including a Purebred bred in accordance with the Grading-Up Table. Females whose sire is registered as a Purebred or from a Fully Imported Bloodline in the AHCS Herdbook

“PUREBRED HIGHLAND” (MALE) =

- i) A Highland male born on or after 1 January 1996 resulting from the joining of:
 - a. a purebred Highland male to a purebred Highland female;
 - b. a purebred Highland male to a Fully Imported Bloodline Highland female; or
 - c. a Fully Imported Bloodline Highland male to a purebred Highland female;
 - ii) or a Highland male born before 1 January 1996 resulting from the joining of a purebred or Fully Imported Bloodline Highland male to a Grade A or Purebred Highland female.
- 4.2 Information on the breed or breeds of base animals shall be supplied in such detail as the Council shall require from time to time.
- 4.3 A base cow may be of any breed.
- 4.4 **INSPECTION of “HIGHLAND TYPE” (FEMALE) CATTLE**

As of 26 September 2020, female cattle of “highland type” with an assumed purebred or FIB breeding background will be eligible for inspection for possible registration into the Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc Herdbook as Grade C cattle. Female cattle will be inspected by one person chosen by the governing Council, who will determine the eligibility of the nominated animals at the owner’s expense. Inspection for Grade C registration will only be available to FEMALE cattle who are of “Highland type” with an assumed purebred or FIB breeding background of at least 4 generations. The decision of any animal will be made by the inspector and council and the decision will be final. As of 31 July 2022, Grade C registrations of inspected females of “highland type” will only be allowed into the Herdbook. First cross females out of registered highland bulls will no longer be accepted into the AHCS Herdbook from this date forward.

Grade C Inspection Criteria

- 4.4.1 Must be female
- 4.4.2 Horned (not polled or scurred). Dehorned cattle allowed providing there is obvious signs of horn growth/horn base on both sides of the poll.
- 4.4.3 Structurally sound enough as to reduce the risk of potential health issues later in life related to poor structure.
- 4.4.4 Appear to be healthy and not malnourished. Free of any signs of disease or illness. If recovering from any injuries or illness at the time of inspection, a veterinarian certificate must be provided stating that the animal will be fit to breed from once recovered.
- 4.4.5 Free from crop ear (visually as genetics may be unknown)

- 4.4.6 Individual identification in the form of NLIS RFID (ear tag device or rumen bolus/visual ear tag combination) or tattoo. All cattle must be fitted with an NLIS RFID device before registration.
- 4.4.7 Must NOT show signs of aggression towards people.
- 4.4.8 Cows must have four functional, adequately placed teats. Heifers are to have at least four teats, evenly placed. Extra teats at the back of the udder are acceptable providing they don't not exceed the length of the four main teats.
- 4.4.9 Must look to be overall true to type highland.

5 PUREBRED HIGHLAND ENTRY IN THE HERDBOOK

- 5.1 A Highland animal shall be deemed Purebred if it is in one of the following categories, and subject to compliance with the Highland Breed Standard for Breeding, Showing and Registration. (Appendix A)
 - 5.1.1 An Australian born animal of which both the sire and the dam are registered in the Herdbook and classed as purebred.
 - 5.1.2 An Australian born female animal resulting from a grading-up program and which attains the level 'P' on the Highland Purity Table (see 4.1).
 - 5.1.3 An Australian born male animal resulting from the joining of a registered Purebred Highland bull with a registered Purebred Highland female.
 - 5.1.4 An imported animal classed as purebred in the Herdbook of an Approved Highland Association and otherwise verified to the satisfaction of the Association as purebred.

6 FULLY IMPORTED BLOODLINE ENTRY IN THE HERDBOOK

- 6.1 A Highland animal will be designated to be of a Fully Imported Bloodline if all ancestors in the animal's pedigree can be traced back to the UK, Canadian or USA Herdbooks, and the pedigree does not contain any of the following:
 - 6.1.1 Appendix animals from the UK Herdbook born after 1 January 1994; or
 - 6.1.2 Appendix animals from any Herdbook that allows grading up from unregistered Highland cattle or other cattle breeds.
- 6.2 Highland animals originating in any other country other than Canada, United Kingdom or the United States of America are eligible for registration in the Herdbook as FIB animals, provided that all of the ancestry can be traced back to Canada, United Kingdom or the United States of America.
- 6.3 Commencing 8 June 2018, animals of Fully Imported Bloodline will be designated with the letter "F" appearing as the animal's grade, as follows:
 - 6.3.1 This designator will appear for all animals designated as being of Fully Imported Bloodline in the online AHCS Herdbook.
 - 6.3.2 Animals being accepted for AHCS registration and classified as being of Fully Imported Bloodline after 8 June 2018 will have this designation printed on their AHCS Registration certificate.
 - 6.3.3 Owners of animals designated as Fully Imported Bloodline and registered in the Herdbook prior to 8 June 2018 may apply to the Registrar to reissue their animal's registration certificate with the designator applied, however normal certificate reissue fees will apply.

7 REGISTRATION OF ANIMALS IN THE HERDBOOK

7.1 Application to Register

- 7.1.1 An application (Appendix B) for entry of registration of an animal in the Herdbook shall be made by the Breeder (except for Grade C) before such animal is two years old and shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed by these regulations (Appendix C), together with any additional information prescribed by these regulations (see rules 7, 11 and 12). Members are required to record all animals being registered with the Association, using a form or forms prescribed by Council.
- 7.1.2 In the event of an application to register being refused, Council may withhold a portion of the registration fee (Appendix C) to cover administration costs.
- 7.1.3 A late application for registration may be accepted, provided it is accompanied by the late fee prescribed by these regulations (Appendix C).
- 7.1.4 An application for entry of registration shall not be accepted from any person who is not a financial full member of the Association and entitled to apply for registration.
- 7.1.5 A calf resulting from a transferred embryo, either imported or otherwise, a calf shall be registered **only by the member owner of its recipient dam (as at the date of birth of the calf)** and shall be identified as such by the NLIS Tag Number, optional tattoo, and stud prefix of the said member.
- 7.1.6 In the case of a multiple owned female the resulting progeny will be registered in the herd of the owner as stated in the contract lodged with the AHCS. If the progeny is to be multiple owned the calf must be first registered in one herd and then transferred in part to the other herd(s).

7.2 Australian Born Animals – Additional information required to accompany an application for registration.

- 7.2.1 In the case of a calf sired (by natural mating) by a bull neither owned nor part owned by the member applying for calf registration, a service certificate (Appendix B), signed by the registered owner of the bull.
- 7.2.2 In the case of an animal produced using Artificial Insemination, additional information required to accompany registration as detailed in rule 11.
- 7.2.3 In the case of an animal produced using Embryo transfer, additional information required to accompany registration as detailed in rule 12.

7.3 Overseas Born Animal – Additional information required to accompany an application for registration.

- 7.3.1 A five-generation pedigree registration certificate from the overseas Herdbook of an Approved Highland Association with the importing member who is applying for registration listed on the certificate as the registered owner. In the absence of the importing member being so listed, other satisfactory proof shall be supplied that such a member was the legal owner of the animal prior to its departure from the country of origin.
- 7.3.2 Prior to the registration all imported embryos and semen must be certified free of crop ear before being accepted for use.

7.4 Registrations from Living or Deceased Bulls

- 7.4.1 For the owner(s) of a living or deceased registered bull there is no limit to the number of calves eligible for registration within the herd of the owner(s). For a non-owner of such a bull there is no limit to the total number of calves eligible

- for registration providing natural service certificates, or AI Sire certificates (see 7.2.2) are supplied to the Association at the time of application for registration.
- 7.4.2 In the case of artificial insemination there is no limit to the number of calves in any herd provided that the bull concerned has been approved or accredited by the Association for general use within the breed. A member applying to register a calf sired by artificial insemination shall provide an AI service certificate to the Association.
 - 7.4.3 In the case of artificial insemination by a living or deceased registered bull from privately collected semen, there is no limit to the number of calves eligible for registration from within the herd of the owner(s) of the bull, or those who have approved semen rights of the bull.
 - 7.5 Registration shall be restricted to animals of these colours – black, brindle, red, dun, silver dun, yellow, white and parti-colour.
 - 7.6 Further Conditions for Registration
 - 7.6.1 The Association reserves the right to request further information, photographs or tests to substantiate the identity, parentage, or other compliance with the registration requirements in respect of any animal for which registration is applied.
 - 7.6.2 All bulls must be DNA profiled prior to any progeny being registered and recorded with the AHCS.
 - 7.6.3 Progeny of bulls who do not have a DNA profile on record with the AHCS will be put on hold until the appropriate information is received by the Registrar.
 - 7.7 Further Conditions for Registration as of 01/01/2024
 - 7.7.1 All applications for animals of B, A, P or F Grade for registration into the AHCS Herdbook, both male & female, must be accompanied by a hair or TSU sample of the animal for the purpose of a DNA Parentage Verification to both; its sire and dam (or donor dam for ET).
 - 7.7.2 Applications for registration of C-grade females into the AHCS Herdbook must be accompanied by a hair or TSU sample of the animal for the purpose of a DNA profiling.
 - 7.7.3 Applications for registration of steers into the AHCS Herdbook do not have to be accompanied by DNA evidence.
 - 7.7.4 For B, A, P or F Grade registrations, a hair or TSU sample, or an existing SnP DNA profile number including the name of the provider that conducted the test (i.e. Zoetis 123456) for both; sire and dam of the progeny to be registered must be provided for the purpose of DNA Parentage Verification.
 - 7.7.5 All DNA samples and results remain the property of the member(s) providing it. Any DNA samples and results of animals registered into the AHCS Herdbook must be made available to the AHCS at request and without delay.
 - 7.7.6 All hair or TSU samples supplied must be in accordance with the requirements set out by the laboratory appointed by the AHCS to conduct the test. Hair sample kits and instructions for the collection of samples can be obtained from the Registrar or via the AHCS official website at cost price.
 - 7.7.7 Where an existing DNA profile number is supplied (for sires and dams only), the member is taken to have provided consent for the AHCS Registrar to obtain any information required in order establish Parentage Verification.
 - 7.7.8 Registration for progeny (except C-grade females and steers) of sires or dams who do not have a SnP DNA profile number or hair or TSU sample accompanying

them, are put on hold until the appropriate information has been received by the Registrar.

7.7.9 All animals (except C-grade females and steers) that cannot be positively parentage verified via DNA testing, are not eligible for entry into the AHCS Herdbook.

7.7.10 Council may at discretion accept other methods of parentage verification.

8 NON-REGISTRATION OR DEREGISTRATION

8.1 Any animal may be deregistered upon the written application of its registered owner.

8.1.1 A deregistered animal may only be reregistered with the written permission of the member who deregistered it.

8.2 The Council:

8.2.1 Will decline to enter any animal in the Herdbook if the application for registration is incomplete or otherwise defective.

8.2.2 Will decline to enter any animal in the Herdbook if the appropriate fees are not paid.

8.3 Deregistration of any animal shall not affect the registration of any calf of which such animal is the sire or dam if the conception of such calf occurred during the period of registration of such animal.

8.4 The registration status of a registered animal sold or otherwise disposed of to a non-member of the Association shall be suspended until the transferee becomes a member of the Association.

8.5 An animal with a known genetic notifiable defect will not be registered and a registered animal will be de-registered following confirmation that it has such a defect.

9 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF A REGISTERED ANIMAL

9.1 Subject to the provisions of the Application for Transfer of ownership (either wholly or in part) of an animal entered in the Herdbook shall be made to the Association **by the animal's registered owner(s)** by completing the transfer section on the back of the pedigree registration certificate and lodging it with the **AHCS** Registrar with the prescribed fee (Appendix C). Such application shall be made by the vendor within 60 days of date of sale, gift or exchange of the animal, and be subject to payment of the prescribed fee. A penalty fee shall be required for a late transfer.

9.1.1 Where a lapsed or registered member fails to transfer an animal, council at its discretion, may allow the transfer to proceed providing proof of purchase and ownership can be established and the required fees are paid.

9.2 In the case of a registered female with a calf or calves at foot, the calf or calves eligible for registration shall be registered with the **AHCS** before transfer by the vendor.

9.3 Transfer of an Accredited/Approved or Privately Collected/Unlicensed AI sire must be accompanied by a signed copy of an agreement as to ownership of semen rights.

9.4 When a member purchases an existing herd either as a part or full herd, transfer fees are required to be paid for all animals.

10 IDENTIFICATION MARKING AND TAGGING OF A REGISTERED ANIMAL

10.1 **Before** application to register is made, an eligible animal shall be permanently identifiable by any means currently required by law, in addition to any identification methods required by these regulations, as specified below:

10.1.1 A breeder's NLIS ear tag **MUST** be applied in the animal's right ear.

10.1.2 From 01/01/2024 by taking hair or TSU sample and submitting it to the Registrar to establish a SnP DNA profile. (see 7.7)

10.1.3 The animal may be tattooed (ie, optional). A tattoo is applied in the left ear (your righthand side as you face the animal from the front) and readable from the front, according to the following specifications:

10.1.3.1 The tattoo must be applied with green ink.

10.1.3.2 Tattoos are to be applied in two rows in the animal's left ear (opposite ear to NLIS tag) with the Fold Prefix in the top row and the Year letter followed by the calf drop number in the bottom row, as follows:

Fold Prefix

Year letter + Calf Drop Number

10.1.3.3 Year Letter – The year letter denotes the calendar year of birth. Traditionally 'I' and 'O' are not used. For example:-

2013	C	2018	H	2023	N
2014	D	2019	J	2024	P
2015	E	2020	K	2025	Q
2016	F	2021	L	2026	R
2017	G	2022	M	2027	S

10.1.3.4 Calf Numbering

10.1.3.4.1 The year letter (see 10.1.3.3) and sequential calf number must be unique within the herd of origin.

10.1.3.4.2 It is recommended that members should restart the calf numbering sequence each new calendar year, i.e. The last 2005 calf may be T15, so the first 2006 calf would be U01, and so on.

10.1.3.4.3 For example, if your Fold Tattoo Prefix were ABC, for the 3rd calf born in your fold during 2019, the calf's ear tattoo would be:

ABC

J3

10.1.3.5 In the event of a mistake being made, X's shall be placed over the tattoo, the correct tattoo shall be reapplied, and the Association shall be notified in writing.

11 MATING OF A REGISTERED ANIMAL VIA ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (AI)

11.1 A member may use Artificial Insemination in a registered fold to produce registered progeny providing the following criteria are met in full;

11.2 Domestic Semen

11.2.1 Non-accredited Sires

Semen of non-accredited sires may only be used to produce registered progeny by a(the) registered owner(s) of the registered sire at the time of breeding and only in their own fold (There is a maximum of eight shares to be sold).

11.2.2 Accredited Sires

A member of the Association that is the registered owner of a registered sire that has not previously been accredited, desiring to provide semen that is intended to produce registered progeny outside the owner's own fold, is required to accredit such sire for general use by:

11.2.2.1 Notifying the Association of such intention on the prescribed form (AI Sire Accreditation)

11.2.2.2 Paying the prescribed fee (Appendix C)

11.2.2.3 Providing a DNA Profile (SnP) for the sire for the purpose of parentage verification.

11.2.2.4 In the case of multiple ownership, written consent of all registered owners must be provided.

11.3 Imported Semen

The importer of semen is required to accredit the sire by:

11.3.1 notifying the Association using the prescribed form (AI Sire Accreditation)

11.3.2 paying the prescribed fee (Appendix C)

11.3.3 providing all of the following additional information:

11.3.3.1 An Approved Highland Association five-generation pedigree registration certificate of the sire

11.3.3.2 Proof of the purchase of the semen

11.3.3.3 The Import Permit

11.3.3.4 Providing a DNA profile (SnP) for the sire for the purpose of parentage verification.

11.3.3.5 Certified proof the sire is free of crop ear by either statutory declaration from the importer or DNA test.

11.3.4 Except where the member importing semen and accrediting the sire is the owner of the animal, the Breeder and Current Owner shall be recorded as the name of the first international Herdbook into which the animal was registered.

11.4 Accredited AI sire register

11.4.1 The Association shall keep a register of all accredited AI sires, domestic and imported. Except for privately collected semen within the sire's owner's own fold, only sires on this register shall be used to produce registered progeny via AI.

11.4.2 All AI sires registered prior to 30/06/2022 retain their current AI accreditation status. (An AI sire is defined as animal with registered progeny as the result of an AI mating).

- 11.4.3 Sires collected before 30/06/2022 and with no registered progeny as the result of an AI mating, may be admitted to the AI sire register at Councils discretion and only with consent of the current registered owner(s) of the sire.
- 11.4.4 As of 30/06/2022, any vendor of semen, sold with the intention of producing registered progeny, must provide a DNA profile (SnP) to the Association for the purpose of parentage verification.
- 11.5 Semen Marketing Rights**
 - 11.5.1 Semen marketing rights will not be monitored, regulated, or enforced by the Association.
 - 11.5.2 If semen marketing rights are to be assigned on any individual sire, this may be in the form of agreement between vendor and purchaser. Any restrictions a vendor may wish to place on the use of semen and the registration of progeny shall be subject to private agreement between vendor and purchaser. The Association will not monitor such agreements.
 - 11.5.3 For the case of any disputes that may arise from breaches of semen marketing rights, these shall be matters for the parties to resolve between themselves or at common law.

12 EMBRYOS

- 12.1 A member may use Embryo transfer in a registered fold to produce registered progeny providing the following criteria are met in full;
 - 12.1.1 A calf resulting from embryo transfer shall be registered under the fold of the owner of the recipient dam, as at the calf's date of birth.
 - 12.1.2 Registration must be accompanied by DNA Parentage verification for the calf to both, sire and donor dam.
- 12.2 Domestically produced Embryos**

A member of the Association that is the registered owner of a registered donor dam, desiring to provide embryos that are intended to produce registered calves outside the owner's own fold, is required to accredit the embryo donor dam for general use by:

 - 12.2.1 Notifying the Association of such intention on the prescribed form (ET accreditation)
 - 12.2.2 Paying the prescribed fee (Appendix C)
 - 12.2.3 Providing a SnP DNA profile for the donor dam for the purpose of parentage verification.
 - 12.2.4 Accreditation must take place prior to sale or trade of any embryo(s)
- 12.3 Imported Embryos**

The importer of an embryo/embryos, is required to accredit these embryos by:

 - 12.3.1 Notifying the Association using the prescribed form (Appendix B)
 - 12.3.2 Paying the prescribed fee (Appendix C)
 - 12.3.3 Providing all the following additional information:
 - 12.3.3.1 An Approved Highland Association five-generation pedigree registration certificate for the sire and donor dam
 - 12.3.3.2 Proof of purchase of the embryo(s)
 - 12.3.3.3 The Import Permit
 - 12.3.3.4 Providing a SnP DNA Profile for both, sire and donor dam for the purpose of parentage verification

12.3.3.5 Certified proof the donor dam and sire are free of crop ear by either statutory declaration from the importer or DNA test.

12.3.4 Except where the member importing embryos and accrediting the dam is the owner of the animal, the Breeder and Current Owner shall be recorded as the name of the first international Herdbook into which the animal was registered.

12.4 Accredited Embryo Donor Register

As of 25/6/2022, the Association shall keep a register of all accredited donor dams for embryo use in Australia, domestically collected and imported.

13 DEHORNING

13.1 Dehorning of registered Highland animals is optional. Dehorning of Highland cattle is a personal choice however dehorned cattle are not eligible to be exhibited, with the exception of steers and heifers in commercial classes such as hoof & hook competitions.

14 MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP

14.1 The Association will register a maximum of eight shares. (There is to be a maximum of eight shares sold as of 31 of July 2020. An animal subject to multiple ownership at any time prior to 31 July 2020 will also be limited to eight shares). The Herdbook is to record all owners.

14.2 Each part owner must be a member of the Association.

14.3 The Association shall require the owner(s) of the animal being sold in part to another member, to lodge a copy of the agreement with the Association.

14.3.1 This agreement shall set out the details and conditions of ownership and all the rights and obligations of the vendor and the purchaser, including the use of privately collected semen, embryos and the ownership of the live animal.

14.3.2 In the event of an agreement not being lodged with the Association, the purchaser will be deemed to have purchased a one eighth share in the animal.

14.4 The rights of all part owners shall be protected. Any changes or application for change, to the registered status of an animal with multiple owners, shall be advised by the Association to all part owners, prior to the change being enacted.

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14.6 Any part owner entitled to possession of an animal in the absence of other agreement with the remaining part owners shall have the right to show such animal.

14.7 The registration certificate of animals with multiple owners must record all owners, and all owners must receive a photocopy of that registration, endorsed by the Association.

14.8 The vendor is required to pay the relevant transfer fees for each multiple ownership sold.

14.9 In the case of a multiple owned female the contract will also require the addition of a clause stating into which herd the resulting progeny will be registered. If the progeny is to be multiple owned the calf must be first registered in one herd and then transferred in part to the other herd(s).

15 NATURAL SERVICE

- 15.1 The owner of a Highland bull which is not accredited or approved as an A.I sire for general use in the breed shall be entitled to allow natural service of the bull within a herd other than their own, on the following condition: -
 - 15.1.1 When applying for registration, the “For Natural Service/Paddock Mating Only” section within the Multi-purpose Form (Appendix B) shall be completed and signed by the registered owner of the bull.

16 SHOWS, AUCTIONS AND SALES

- 16.1 General requirements for all shows.
 - 16.1.1 The Association requires all members to observe the highest standards at shows. Any misrepresentation (including misinformation about age and breeding history) is considered detrimental to the Association and the Highland breed.
 - 16.1.2 The Breed representative reserves the right to inspect any animal entered in an Association endorsed show or Royal Show, and to reject any animal not tattooed incorrectly tattooed or wrongly tattooed and/or not bearing NLIS identification, according to these regulations.
 - 16.1.3 Only registered animals or animals for which registration has been received are eligible for entry as stud Highlands at **AHCS** endorsed shows.
- 16.2 General requirements for all auctions and sales including dispersal sales.
 - 16.2.1 The Association requires all members to observe the highest standards at all auctions and sales. Any misrepresentation including bogus sales is considered detrimental to the Association and Highland Breed.
 - 16.2.2 Each animal advertised or offered for sale as “registered” shall be registered in the Herdbook of the Association with a valid Certificate of Registration, or an Association copy of the application for registration must be available at the time of sale as evidence of such registration or intended registration with the Association.
 - 16.2.3 Any member who owes any money to the Association which is overdue for payment shall not be permitted: -
 - 16.2.3.1 To advertise in any publication of the Association: and
 - 16.2.3.2 To present registered animals or other transferable genetic material at an Association sponsored sale.
 - 16.2.4 Any animal declared by the Association to be a confirmed carrier of a notifiable genetic defect shall not be offered or transferred.
- 16.3 Additional requirements for dispersal sales.
 - 16.3.1 Any member who advertises a dispersal sale shall catalogue and present for sale all registered animals, and other transferable genetic material, in his/her possession, and unless such advertisement is amended by public announcement at least two weeks prior to the date of the sale and by verbal and written public announcement on the day of and prior to the sale that the sale is not a dispersal sale, it shall be required of the member that all registered animals, and other transferable genetic material, in his possession are offered.
 - 16.3.2 Any registered animal or transferable genetic material not sold during the dispersal sale must remain for sale until sold or otherwise disposed of.

- 16.3.3 A member shall require his agent to collect and submit to the Association a marked catalogue or sale roll, containing full particulars of the sale, including purchaser transfer requirements, accompanied by the applicable transfer fees.
- 16.3.4 On completion of a dispersal sale, the Vendor will surrender the right to use the herd prefix of the dispersed herd in the registration of any future calves of the Highland breed.

17 USE OF DRUGS

- 17.1 In the opinion of Council, animals which have been treated with any drug, tranquilliser or hormone, which artificially alters performance, fertility (except in the case of Embryo Transfer), physical appearance, behaviour or which may disguise the natural features of an animal, shall not be eligible for entry or exhibition at Breed Shows, Royal Shows or other Agricultural Shows.
- 17.2 The Council shall have the right to order the taking of a sample of blood, saliva or urine from any suspect animal for purposes of testing for any drug, tranquilliser or hormone prohibited by these regulations, at the Council's expense.
- 17.3 The detection of the use of any drug, tranquilliser or hormone prohibited by these regulations in any animal may render that animal liable to be removed from the Herdbook by the Council and its registered owner liable to cancellation of membership by the Council.

18 MISREPRESENTATION

- 18.1 Should any animal be registered in the Herdbook or transferred through misrepresentation or fraud, the Council on discovery of same shall declare the entry of registration or transfer void and may declare void entries which have been made of the descendants of that animal. The Council may refuse any subsequent application for registration or transfer dependent on the signature of any person implicated in such fraudulent entry or transfer.
- 18.2 All representations of fact contained in documents submitted to the Association, to the Registrar or for any local, State or National Show shall constitute solemn declarations by the applicant to be the truth. A false declaration made will be considered fraud and subject to Council disciplinary action under the Constitution.

19 DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 19.1 The Association reserves the right to request information, photographs or tests to confirm the identity, parentage or other compliance with the registration requirements in respect of any animal registered where Council has valid concern requiring investigation.
- 19.2 Members warrant to use their best endeavours to comply with the requirements of the Constitution and Regulations including Appendices as may be determined by the Association from time to time.
- 19.3 Members indemnify the Association and its agents and representatives for any loss, damage or other liabilities arising from members' mistakes, negligence or deliberate misleading conduct arising from the members' obligations under the Constitution and Regulations.

- 19.4 Members recognise the Association is a Victorian Incorporated Association and a Registered Australian Body, and that the exclusive jurisdiction for all disputes relating to the AHCS and its agents and representatives is that of VIC Australia and shall be governed in accordance with Australian law.

20 REGIONAL HIGHLAND BREEDERS GROUP RULES

- 20.1 The members of the Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc. within a State or region may with the approval of the Council of the Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc. form a Regional Highland Breeder or Promotional Group. Regional and Promotional Groups are sub-committees of the AHCS.
- 20.1.1 The Council of the Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc. shall not unreasonably withhold approval to any application for the formation or recognition of a Regional Highland Breeder or Promotional Group; moreover
- 20.1.2 A Regional Highland Breeder or Promotional Group shall be primarily responsible for the local promotion of the breed of Highland Cattle and the furtherance of the objectives of the AHCS in the region or State in which the Breeder or Promotional Group operates.
- 20.1.3 A Regional Highland Breeder or Promotional Group will primarily comprise, but not be restricted to members of the Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc., A Council representative/State Representative shall liaise between the Regional Highland Breeder or promotional Group and the Council of the Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc
- 20.1.3.1 A Regional Highland Breeder or Promotional Group may be permitted to invite any other interested parties & associates in the view to gaining or creating a greater public interest and exposure of the breed whilst having regard and respect to the objectives of the Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc.
- 20.1.4 Regional Breeders Groups may raise funds to fund the activities of their Group, provided that those arrangements do not conflict with existing or potential sponsorships and/or fundraising activities of the Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc. The nominated Council Representative/State Representative will be responsible for liaison with Council on such matters.
- 20.1.4.1 Notwithstanding the aforementioned, a Regional Breeder or Promotional Group will be able to make application to the AHCS for assistance in the running of Field Days and other Promotional activities. An application for funding will be subject to a submission to Council by the approved Council Representative/State Representative for inclusion in the annual budget.
- 20.1.5 A Regional Highland Breeder or Promotional Group shall at all times conducts its affairs in accordance with the statutory obligations that it has to the Association and members through its rules, the Constitution, the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Vic) under which the Association is incorporated, and under the *Corporations Act 2001* as a Registered Australian Body. The nominated group representative will be responsible for liaison with Council on such matters.
- 20.1.6 A Regional Highland Breeder or Promotional Group will use the logo of the Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc in all its promotions, correspondence, advertising and publications on the provision that its use is in accordance with the intent of the Association.

- 20.1.7 As a sub-committee of the Association a Regional Breeders Group or Promotional Group is not permitted to enter into any contractual arrangements without the prior consent of the AHCS Council. The Association will not be liable for any debts, monies or contractual arrangements entered into by a Regional Highland Breeder or Promotional Group without permission from the AHCS Council.
- 20.1.8 The Council Representative/State Representative of each of the Regional Highland Breeder or Promotional Groups shall be subject to review in accordance with the rules of election of the Council of the Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc, a new representative may be appointed if deemed necessary.
- 20.1.9 If the State group folds, all money will be returned to the Association.
- 20.1.10 All members of the Regional Breeders Group or Promotional Group are subject to the Association's policies and procedures and required to comply with the AHCS Members Code of Conduct and Ethical Behaviour.

21 FEES

- 21.1 The Council shall from time to time prescribe a schedule of fees, levies and other charges including penalties payable under these Regulations and the times for payment thereof which shall be appended to and form part of these Regulations.

22 APPROVED HIGHLAND ASSOCIATIONS

22.1 Explanation

The purpose of this title is to indicate those Highland Associations whose registration process and Herdbook management is considered comparable to the same processes and management of the **AHCS** Herdbook. Importers of animals or genetic material sourced from members of such Associations will be able to use pedigree information authorised from the said Associations to authenticate pedigree for the **AHCS** registration process. Pedigree information from organisations not 'approved' will not be automatically acceptable for **AHCS** registration. Registration of imported animals or animals born as the result of the import of genetic material will also require satisfactory fulfilment of all other aspects of animal registration for the **AHCS** Herdbook.

22.2 Approved Highland Associations

The Highland Cattle Society (U.K.)

The Canadian Highland Cattle Society

American Highland Cattle Association AHCA

Danish Highland Association DHA

New Zealand Highland Cattle Society I NZHC

Highland Verband Deutschland e.V (German Highland Society)

Holland Highland (Highland Society in Netherlands)

Any other Herdbook approved by Council

23 APPENDICES

The Appendices listed below are set out on the following pages of the Regulations:

APPENDIX A – BREED IDEAL, HIGHLAND BREED STANDARDS

APPENDIX B – ANIMAL REGISTRATION FORM

APPENDIX C – FEE SCHEDULE

APPENDIX D – STANDARD AHCS SHOW REGULATIONS

APPENDIX E – CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

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APPENDIX A – BREED IDEAL, HIGHLAND BREED STANDARDS

The Breed Ideal represents what is considered to be the perfect conformation traits of a Highland.

TYPE

The animal should be of good length, depth, and elevation, with neck long enough to give the head a good lift. The head, horns, neck, body, hindquarters, and legs should be in perfect balance. On the move the Highlander should show plenty of style, character and quality and look as if it is "going places".

HEAD

The head should be proportionate to the body of the animal, and broad between the eyes, while short from the eyes to the point of the muzzle. The hair between the horns, known as the dossan, should be wide, long - reaching to the muzzle - and thick. The eyes should be bright and clear. The muzzle must be broad with large distending nostrils and strong under-jaw with teeth meeting upper pad evenly (not over- or under- shot). The ears should be symmetrical and well formed. No cropping of the ear is allowed.

HORNS

The horns in the bull should be strong, but not too heavy (heavy horns are undesirable), and come out of the head level, curving slightly forward. Above all, the head and horns of a bull must give the impression of strength and masculinity.

The horns of the cow take a number of different shapes, but in general must be slightly lighter than the bull. Coming out of the head more or less horizontally, they should not curve downwards too much before rising, and fining down considerably about six inches from the tip and up to the end of the horn denoting femininity.

In the case of both cow and bull the horns should be symmetrical.

NECK

The neck should be of good length, allowing for natural lift to the head. A bull should show masculinity but this development should not be excessive at an early age. The throat and neck should be clean-cut without excess skin. The brisket should not be excessive or too fatty.

UDDER

The udder on females should not be fleshy, coming well forward in line with the body and well up behind, with four teats well apart and of even moderate size.

BODY & HINDQUARTERS

From the shoulder back, the top of the animal should be straight, with no hollows, and as wide as possible - particularly between the hooks, or hips, and should not be too hard, which indicates bone on which no flesh will develop. It should not narrow over the heart, i.e. behind the shoulders, nor should the shoulders be too prominent. The body should be long and proportionately long from the hook to the tail end of the spine in relation to good length from shoulder to hook. It is important that there should be no sloping of the spine from the hooks

back to the tail end of the spine - it should be level and the tail set in smoothly to the body, not creating a knob or lump. The plates on either side of the tail-end of the spine should be a good follow-through from hooks to pins, the latter being well set up and wide. The animal must not be flat-sided so the ribs need to be well sprung. The thighs should be well developed and be as full as possible. Finally, when viewed from the rear, the body should not appear to be split up to any great height by the legs, and the hindquarters should appear fairly square. When viewed from the side, the body should appear rectangular.

LEGS

The legs should be sturdy and straight with good bone and a good covering of hair, and the animal should be seen to be walking freely and easily, the legs not brushing against each other but set well outside the body. The four legs should each be placed at a corner of the body, the front ones straight when seen from the front or side and well apart; the back should be as the front, but slightly hooked when seen from the side. If hooked too much it becomes a 'sickle' hock, which is most undesirable, as are all structural faults. When viewed from the side of the animal the back of the hock should be in line with the pin bone on the same side. The legs should lead down into well-set and large even hoofs, and when on the move the hind feet should step into the tracks made by the front feet for perfect traction.

HAIR

Highland cattle have two coats of hair. The outer coat is long and strong and is presumably meant by nature to keep the winter weather away from the skin. The under coat is soft and fluffy to keep their bodies warm. This under coat does not grow long to renew the outer coat, but each coat is separately renewed. The Australian Highland Cattle Society's official Highland coat colours range from black through brindle, dun, silver dun, red, yellow, white and parti. No colour is genetically dominant.

SHEATH & SCROTUM

Bulls sheaths should not be loose or pendulous. The scrotum should contain two testicles well let down of good and even size.

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ANIMAL REGISTRATION FORM



Member Name	Member Number
Fold Name	Tattoo Brand
Email	
Phone	
Address	
State	Postcode

PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING FORM:

Horns - Animals must be horned to be registered in the AHCS Herdbook.
 Crop Ear - Animals must be free of Crop Ear to be registered in the AHCS Herdbook.
 DNA No. - Sires DNA profile number and lab name must be supplied for progeny to be registered (if not already on record). Optional for Dams and Progeny until 1/1/2024. Members organise DNA testing at any lab (Zoetis preferred) and at members' cost. DNA lab test results showing markers to accompany this form.
 Mating by AI / ET - parents must be Accredited AI Sire / ET Dam and must provide AI / ET Certificate.
 Mating by Service - if sire not owned by applicant at time of service, must provide Service Certificate.
 Identification NLIS No - Full 16 character NLIS number mandatory and must be in animal's right ear at registration.
 Identification Tattoo - not compulsory; where done include Fold Prefix, Year Letter and Serial No per Reg. 10.1.3
FOR FULL DETAILS ON ANIMAL REGISTRATION RULES, REFER TO [AHCS REGULATIONS](#)

NLIS No.	DNA No.	Lab:	No:	Tattoo	Sex	Horns	AI ET	Col	Birth Date	Birth Weight	Name of Sire	Reg No.	Name of Dam	Reg No.
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Sex = M(ale) / F(emale)
 AI = Artificial Insemination
 SERV = Natural Service

Horns = H(orned) / P(olled)
 ET = Embryo Transfer
 TW = Twin

COLOUR CODES

R = Red Y = Yellow W = White P = Parti
 B = Black D = Dun S = Silver Dun BR = Brindle

TATTOO YEAR LETTERS

(I and O are not used)
 2019 = J 2020 = K 2021 = L 2022 = M 2023 = N
 2024 = P 2025 = Q 2026 = R 2027 = S 2028 = T

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the information given above is correct and that this application is made in accordance with the AHCS Constitution and Regulations thereof.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

FEEs MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM. SEE WEBSITE FOR [FEEs SCHEDULE](#)
 COMPLETED FORMS TO: admin@australianhighlandcattle.org
 Or post to AHCS, C/- AGRI ELEMENTS, PO BOX 194, ST AGNES SA 5097

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INSPECTION OF "HIGHLAND TYPE" FEMALE CATTLE

This form is for members seeking Grade C Registration of a Female "Highland Type" animal under AHCS Regulation 4.4. This form and information supplied will be reviewed for completeness and then supplied to Council for a decision.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Members seeking Council Approval for Grade C registration of a female "highland type" animal submit to the Registrar:

1. The below declaration
2. Completed Animal Registration Form (Appendix B)
3. Remittance of Registration fees paid
4. Clear photographs of the animal's body from all sides, head and horns. Photographs are to be clearly labelled by the Name of each Animal.

DECLARATION:

Member Name: _____ Member ID: _____

I hereby certify that:

1. I am the owner of the animal(s); and
2. I have considered the Grade C Inspection Criteria for the animal(s) as detailed in Herdbook Regulations items 4.4.1 to 4.4.10 and am satisfied all criteria are met; and
3. The photographs supplied are true and correct images of the animal(s); and
4. I acknowledge that Council's decision on whether to approve Grade C registration is final; and
5. I acknowledge that registration fees are non-refundable.

Signature: _____ Dated: _____

If animal is multiple owned, please include name and signature from ALL registered owners below.

PAYMENT OF FEES must be made before form will be processed.
See [FEES SCHEDULE](#)
SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO:
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APPENDIX C – FEE SCHEDULE



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FEE SCHEDULE

Effective from 1 January 2023

All fees are in Australian dollars. Fees are GST inclusive except where otherwise stated.

	Australian members	Overseas members (no GST)
MEMBERSHIP - Membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December		
JOINING FEE - once only fee, applies to Full members only	\$132	\$120
FULL (LIFETIME PAID) MEMBERSHIP - once only fee, no annual renewal fees Plus Joining Fee of \$132 for non-members Existing members upgrading to Full (Lifetime Paid) membership before 30 June receive a rebate of their current year's Membership fee	\$2,700	n/a
FULL MEMBERSHIP Plus Joining Fee of \$132 for non-members	\$160	\$210
Joining between 1 January and 31 March	\$160	\$210
Joining between 1 April and 30 June	\$120	\$158
Joining between 1 July and 30 September	\$80	\$105
Joining between 1 October and 30 November	\$40	\$53
Joining in December – membership expires 31 Dec the following year	\$160	\$210
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP – available until 25 years of age	\$55	n/a
COMMERCIAL MEMBERSHIP	\$66	\$100
HERITAGE MEMBERSHIP	\$66	\$100
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	All members	
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS		
ANIMAL REGISTRATION	\$40	
Female - Grades A, B, C, Fully Imported Bloodline & Purebred - to 2 years old		
Male - Fully Imported Bloodline and Purebred only - to 2 years old		
LATE REGISTRATION	\$80	
Females and bulls over 2 years of age may be registered if the listed Late Registration fees are paid in lieu of standard registration fees above.		
Late registration fees do not apply to Grade C animals regardless of age.		
ARTIFICIAL BREEDING – AI SIRE / ET DAM ACCREDITATION	\$150	
Accredits animal for general use outside own fold where selling semen or embryos, so purchasing members may register resulting progeny.		

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All members

ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS (continued)

ANIMAL TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION CHARGES

It is the vendor's responsibility to sign the reverse of the pedigree registration certificate and to submit it with the relevant fee.

Standard transfer - up to 60 days from transfer date	\$40
Late standard transfer – over 60 days from transfer date	\$80
Multiple owners transfer – per transaction	\$40
Transfer from non-member to member regardless of submission date	\$80

CHANGE OF FOLD NAME

Change of Name – Includes new Tattoo Brand & Membership Number	\$55
Transfer of Animals to New Fold - per transfer	\$40

CERTIFICATE REISSUE FEE \$18

CONSULTANCY – ad-hoc requests and will be advised prior to work commencing. \$110/HR

Eg: member request for 5 or 7-Generation Pedigree with checks on grade of animals within pedigree for international registration.

PROMOTION

WEBSITE ADVERTISING

AHCS Website Classifieds listings - animals and genetics	Free
Fold Banner ad – per calendar year:	
Up to 12 months (1 January – 31 December, or part thereof)	\$150
Up to 6 months (1 July – 31 December or part thereof)	\$75
Ad design is available at an additional cost, from \$55	

HIGHLAND FLING PUBLICATION ADVERTISING

	Members (20% disc)	Non-Members
Per issue:		
Inside Back Cover (if available)	\$264	\$330
Full Page	\$176	\$220
Half Page	\$88	\$110
Quarter Page	\$44	\$55
Ad design available at an additional cost, from \$55		

AHCS NATIONAL SHOW SPONSORSHIP

Packages available, please contact for details.

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APPENDIX D – STANDARD AHCS SHOW REGULATIONS

APPENDIX D.i – AHCS NATIONAL SHOW COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

1. Show Date

The AHCS National Show is to be held annually on the Queen's Birthday June Long weekend. Typically the show will be held on a single day, on the Sunday of the long weekend, with the schedule of events and facilities to cater for the running of the AHCS Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the Saturday afternoon of the long weekend, the day before the show. It is typical to commence the AGM at 4:00pm.

2. Show Location

Each year the AHCS delegates the responsibility for planning, preparing and running the National Show to a volunteer-led state regional breeders group or committee, with the aim to rotate the show to a different host state and show committee every year.

3. Show Funding

To assist in covering the preparation and running costs of the show, the AHCS will provide a loan to the Show Committee of an amount determined using the AHCS National Show Funding Loan Form (refer Appendix D.v), once the following details have been provided to, and approved by, the AHCS Council:

- **Name and contact details of Chair of Show Committee** (must be a current AHCS Financial member)
- **Name and contact details of Show Committee Treasurer** (must be a current AHCS Financial member)
- **List of Show Committee members** (can be a mix of AHCS members and non-members)
- **Show Bank Account Confirmation letter** (official letter provided by the bank) – note that the show bank account is to be held and operated solely by the Show Committee and is to be independent of the AHCS. The Show Committee must NOT use any AHCS bank account for National Show related transactions, including both expenses and income.

Once the National Show has been completed, the Show Committee is to detail all outgoings and incomings in a National Show budget and **return the total loan amount plus profit or minus loss** to the AHCS. The show committee is required to comply with this obligation even if it elects to waive its right to receive a loan from the AHCS for the purposes of running the National Show. The National Show budget and loan repayment adjusted for profit or loss is to be submitted to the AHCS within ninety (90) calendar days from the show date.

4. Show Judge

The Show Committee is to organise the Show Judge, with a preference for an international judge to be flown in for the event. The Show budget is expected to cover any expenses associated with travel and accommodation for the Show Judge.

The name of the Judge is not to be announced outside the Show Committee until the day of the show and exhibitors are not to be introduced to the Show Judge until after show judging has been completed, except in the case that an exhibitor is an organising member of the show committee and interaction with the Show Judge cannot be avoided prior to the show. Any members on the show committee who are also exhibitors at the show are expected to be professional at all times with any interactions with the judge and to refrain from discussing their exhibits or breeding program with the judge until after the show judging has been completed. All efforts must be made to ensure the judge remains impartial and unbiased come show judging day.

5. Show Flyer

The Show Committee is to prepare a one-page A4 Show Flyer announcing the key details of the show, including as a minimum: date and start time, location, contact name, phone number & email address for enquiries. The Show Flyer is to be submitted to the AHCS Council for proofing and approval prior to release to the public and membership. Two digital file versions of the flyer should be provided in pdf format – a high resolution version for quality printing and a lower resolution file of smaller size suitable for web download and email distribution.

The Show Flyer should be submitted to the AHCS Council for proofing no later than six (6) months prior to the show date.

6. Show Schedule and Entry Form

The Show Committee is to prepare the Show Schedule and Entry Form documentation and submit to the AHCS Council for proofing and approval prior to release to the public and membership. The Show Schedule should include, as a minimum, the following:

- Show Date
- Show Location and information on how to get there, including information on both exhibitor and spectator parking and unloading/loading facilities.
- Contact name, phone number and email address for entries and enquiries.
- Accommodation suggestions / options
- Class Schedule
- Program of Events for the show long weekend
- AHCS National Show Rules (Appendix D.ii)
- Classes Entry Form
- Any additional information relating to specific showground rules or facilities for both exhibitors, exhibits and spectators.
- Social Events RSVP Form
- Sponsorship Form
- If the AGM is to be held at the National Show, AGM RSVP Form – All AGM RSVP's must include names and membership numbers and/or Fold names and be submitted to the AHCS President once the show entries have closed.
- National Cattle Health Declaration Form
- Check boxes for exhibitors to confirm they have attached to their Entry Form the following:
 - Pestivirus PI-test results certifying that all animals being exhibited, including calves at foot, are non-PI (Persistently Infected)
 - Public liability insurance certificate
 - Any other Health or Biosecurity requirements/forms as deemed necessary for the event.

Two digital file versions of the Schedule should be provided in pdf format – a high resolution version for quality printing and a lower resolution file of smaller size suitable for web download and email distribution. **The Show Schedule and Entry Form documents should be submitted to the AHCS Council for proofing no later than three (3) months prior to the show date.**

7. **Show Program**

Once all entries have been finalised, the Show Committee is to prepare the Show Program and submit to the AHCS Council for proofing and approval prior to release to the public and membership. The Show Program should include a copy of the AHCS Breed Standard (Appendix A) and list all classes from the Show Schedule, including those that have received no entries, in this case marked with “No entries”, otherwise all entries are to be listed in their respective classes with a unique entry number assigned to each entry. All class sponsors should be listed in the program alongside the class or award they are sponsor for.

Two digital file versions of the Program should be provided in pdf format – a high resolution version for quality printing and a lower resolution file of smaller size suitable for web download and email distribution.

The Show Program should be submitted to the AHCS Council for proofing no later than two (2) weeks prior to the show date.

8. **Show Communications and Council Approvals**

All communication to the AHCS Membership and general public regarding the show, including all mandatory show publications, according to these regulations, is to be:

- first submitted to the AHCS Council for review and approval; and
- channelled through the appropriate official AHCS communication mechanisms as determined by the AHCS Council.

The Show Committee may set up dedicated National Show social media and/or website page(s) only by application to, and with permission from, the AHCS Council.

The Show Committee is to set up a dedicated email address and primary contact person for handling show entry submissions and enquiries. Contact details for show entry submissions is to be included clearly in the Show Catalogue and Entry Form. The AHCS will not coordinate show entries.

The AHCS Council will provide a single delegate to work with the National Show Committee to coordinate approvals of publications and show communications. By default this role will be performed by the AHCS President, but the President may elect to delegate the role to another AHCS Councillor.

The AHCS Council must provide response to any submissions for approval from the Show Committee within 72 hours of the submission being received by the AHCS Council delegate. The onus is on the Council delegate to ensure timely submission to the AHCS Council for review. The formal response back to the Show Committee is to be channelled through the AHCS Council delegate. If the Show Committee receives nil response from Council by the end of the 72 hours after submission, then the Show Committee can take that particular submission as being approved.

9. **Show Sponsorship**

The Show Committee is responsible for seeking and organising sponsors to help cover show expenses. The Show Committee is to align its sponsorship packages offered with the standard AHCS Partnership Packages (Appendix K) but, with Council approval, the Show Committee may, and is encouraged to, request additional sponsorship offers be permitted for the purpose of the show.

Before seeking Show sponsors, the Show Committee must verify with the AHCS Council the existence of any current AHCS Partners or Sponsors and nature of their relationship with the AHCS, and ensure that any new sponsorship arrangements negotiated in relation to the show do not conflict with any existing partnership or sponsorship agreements. The AHCS Treasurer is required to list the names of any existing AHCS Partners on the AHCS National Show Funding Loan Form (refer Appendix D.v) that will accompany the show loan funding payment made to the National Show Committee (refer D.i.3).

If, in seeking sponsors for the show, the Show Committee signs a new AHCS Partner up to one of the Partnership Packages listed in Appendix K, the Show Committee will refer that Partner to the AHCS Partnership Liaison Officer (or AHCS President in the absence of a Partnership Liaison Officer) for finalisation of the Partnership arrangement. Any Partnership Package fee paid by a new Partner will be required to be paid into the normal AHCS fees and payments bank account and should not be paid into any Show account. If and once a new Partner is secured by the Show Committee in the lead-up to the National Show, the Show Committee may apply for additional loan funding according to the partner allocations set out in the AHCS National Show Funding Loan Form in Appendix D.v.

10. AHCS and RBG Promotional Stalls

The Show Committee will be required to provide promotional space free of charge to the AHCS and any approved Regional Breeders Group affiliated with the AHCS. It is expected that the space provided for each group will be sufficient to set up a table and/or small marquee (as a guideline a 3m x 3m space allocation per group is suggested) and cater for display of association/group and breed promotional and educational material and/or merchandise. The Show Committee is under no obligation to provide equipment or content for these promotional spaces however they can offer if they have facilities or equipment available that would be suitable for this use.

11. Animal Shed Cards

The Show Committee is to print weather-proof Show Shed Cards for each exhibit entered in the show using the approved AHCS National Show Shed Card Template (refer Appendix D.vi). The Show Committee is to instruct exhibitors to display the Shed Cards for all their entered exhibits on the stall for the corresponding animal, in a position where each Shed Card can be clearly seen by Show officials and spectators passing through the sheds.

12. Animal Neck Cards

The Show Committee is to print weather-proof neck cards for each class entry clearly displaying the unique entry number and age of animal in a font size that can easily be read by the judge as the animal is paraded around the show ring. The neck cards are to be provided with holes pre-punched and length of string that will enable exhibitors to easily hang the neck card around their exhibit's neck and display the card on the animal's chest. For group classes, a single card for each entry is to be provided, with the entry number and name of class printed on the card. The Show organisers are to instruct exhibitors to hang the neck card on the animal that is paraded in the lead position of a group.

13. Photographer and Official Photos

It is the responsibility of the Show Committee to organise and fund (out of the show budget) an official show photographer for the day of the show. It is expected that the show photographer will take a mixture of candid shots both in and out of the show ring as well as posed stand-up shots of main prize-winners, including all Champions and Reserve Champions. The Show Committee will be required to provide high resolution non-watermarked and non-copyrighted digital images of stand-up shots of the main prize winners. As a minimum, the images as specified in Table D.1 must be submitted to the AHCS within the timeframes specified. Any costs to provide these images to the AHCS are to be borne of the show budget. The stand-up shots for the animal placings listed in Table D.1 are to include a clear posed shot of the winning animal with its winning sash, plus its owner/exhibitor and handler. The judge should be included in the Supreme Exhibit photo. The shots for the Champion Handler placings listed in Table D.1 are to include a clear posed shot of the winning Handler with their sash, either with or without the animal they handled in their winning class. Where possible, the sponsor, or some representation of the sponsor (e.g. banner), of all main prize-winning awards should be included in the stand-up shots of those winners.

Any other photos taken by the official show photographer and not on the list in Table D.1 are to be made available for purchase by the AHCS and exhibitors. The full selection of all photos available is to be published in a publicly-accessible online medium within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of the show.

Table D.1 – List of Minimum Required National Show Digital Images

Photo Subject	Timeframe in which Photo is to be provided
Supreme Exhibit	by 9pm on the evening of the show
Grand Champion Female	within 48 hours of completion of the last class of the show
Grand Champion Bull	
Champion Junior Female	within 1 week of the date of the show
Reserve Champion Junior Female	
Champion Senior Female	
Reserve Champion Senior Female	
Champion Junior Bull	
Reserve Champion Junior Bull	
Champion Senior Bull	
Reserve Champion Senior Bull	
Champion Steer	
Winning Breeders Group	
Champion Junior Handler	
Champion Senior Handler	
Grand Champion Handler	

14. Results Transcript

The Show Committee is to submit the official results transcript to the AHCS Council for proofing and approval within four (4) business days from the date of the show, but preferably as soon as possible after the completion of the last class of the show.

The Results Transcript should be provided as a Word document in plain text/font, with the results for each class to be provided in the order as scheduled, including classes with no entries, in this case marked with “No entries”.

All sponsors should be listed in the Results Transcript, directly following the class name they were sponsor for.

The results for each individual animal class are to be set out as follows:

Class number – Class name

Sponsored by Sponsor name 1st

Animal name (HB#) DOB dd/mm/yyyy

Sire: Sire name (HB#)

Dam: Dam name (HB#)

Owner: Exhibitor name (as recorded in the AHCS membership database)

2nd Animal name (HB#)

DOB dd/mm/yyyy

Sire: Sire name (HB#)

Dam: Dam name (HB#)

Owner: Exhibitor name (as recorded in the AHCS membership database)

3rd Animal name (HB#)

DOB dd/mm/yyyy Sire:

Sire name (HB#)

Dam: Dam name (HB#)

Owner: Exhibitor name (as recorded in the AHCS membership database)

The same animal details as above are to be provided for all Champions, Reserve Champions, Grand Champions and the Supreme Exhibit.

Results for all Group classes are to include placings, exhibitor name (as recorded in the AHCS membership database) and Fold name, along with name and herdbook number of Sire and Dam in the Sire's and Dam's Progeny classes respectively.

Full names of placegetters and champions in the Handler Competition and Junior Judging (if held) are also to be provided.

15. Trophies and Quaich

Winners of perpetual show trophies are responsible for:

- i. organising engraving of the relevant winning details on the allotted space on their respective show trophy/ies; and
- ii. return of their respective trophy/ies to the organising show committee for the subsequent year's show. By 1st May preceding the next year's show, winners must:
 - a. confirm with the show committee that they will be in attendance at the next National Show and that they will hand-deliver the trophy then, or
 - b. have delivered their won trophy/ies back to the show committee.

The Show Committee is to ensure winners of the perpetual show trophies are handed their respective trophy before the close of the show and that each winner is aware of their obligations with respect to engraving and return of their trophy/ies for the subsequent show. After the completion of the show, the Show Committee is to produce a list of locations and names of holders of all the perpetual show trophies and the show Quaich. This list must be submitted to the AHCS Council within fourteen (14) calendar days from the show date.

The Perpetual Trophies currently in circulation and to be awarded at each National Show are listed below –

THIS LIST IS IN DRAFT AND TO BE CONFIRMED:

Grand Champion Female plaque

Grand Champion Bull plaque

Supreme / Grand Champion Exhibit plaque

Supreme Exhibit trophy – large bowl on wooden box base

Breeders Group trophy – carved wooden Highland animal head donated by Donna & Andrew Johnston from Mandurama NSW.

Most Successful Exhibitor trophy (more than 3 head) - ?

Most Successful Exhibitor trophy 1-3 head - ?

Most Successful First-Time Exhibitor trophy – wide shallow bowl on board donated by Peter & Pauline Henderson, Bo Gaidhealach Fold, NSW.

Quaich (not a trophy as such but traditionally used to circulate around the gathering for a friendship drink at the dinner following the show) – donated by Glen and Karen Hastie in 2011.

16. Show Report

The Show Committee is to submit an official Show Report to the AHCS Council for proofing and approval prior to publication. This Show Report is to be submitted to the AHCS Council within fourteen (14) calendar days from the show date.

17. Judge Profile and Judge's Report

The Show Committee is to provide a written profile on the Show Judge as well as an official Judge's Report (written by the Show Judge) to the AHCS Council for proofing and approval prior to publication. The Judge Profile and Judge's Report is to be submitted to the AHCS Council within thirty (30) calendar days from the show date.

APPENDIX D.ii – AHCS NATIONAL SHOW RULES

(These Regulations must accompany all Show Entry Forms)

1. Actual age is at date of judging at the show.
2. A member may only exhibit in stud classes an animal that is registered Purebred or Fully Imported Bloodline in the AHCS Herdbook.
 - 2.1. All calves at foot must be eligible for Purebred or Fully Imported Bloodline registration in the AHCS Herdbook. As such, only female or bull calves may be exhibited in the show ring. Steer calves are not permitted.
 - 2.2. Furthermore, any calf at foot of an exhibit must be the natural born progeny of the exhibit and still suckling at the time of exhibition.
3. All exhibitors must be Financial Full, Life or Junior Members of the AHCS as at the closing date for entry in the show concerned.
4. All cattle must be owned by the exhibitor at the closing date for entry in the show concerned.
5. Identification of all cattle being exhibited will be checked and confirmed in advance by verification of NLIS ID and/or tattoo and/or any other identification system that may be introduced by AHCS Council from time to time. The identification should agree with that shown on the animal's Registration Certificate, a copy of which shall be supplied to the Show Stewards.
6. With the exception of NLIS ID tags, any and all identifying tags in ears must be removed or covered.
7. Where possible bulls and steers will be weighed and weights and ages will be shown on neck cards.
8. There will be no refund of fees paid.
9. Substitution of an animal shall not be permitted after the closing date for entry in the show concerned.
10. Exhibitors will comply with all relevant State Health and Identification Regulations, with particular attention to Johne's Disease and Biosecurity regulations.
11. All animals must be free of ticks, lice, warts, ringworm and other infectious diseases, and any animal displaying any of these conditions may be asked to be removed from the venue by a member of the show committee, unless permitted on veterinary advice.
12. Exhibitors must provide certification that animals entered for competition, including calves at foot, have been tested for Pestivirus antigen and certified as non-PI (Persistently Infected). Certification must be provided in the form of a laboratory report, listing animals and their identification. Animals previously tested and certified as non-PI are not required to be retested, however certification must be provided.
13. Animals not being shown will not be permitted on the grounds. An animal not being shown will not be allowed to attend for display or sale only.
14. Exhibitors are required to ensure that the entry number card, or neck card, provided to them by the Show Committee for any given animal is clearly displayed on the chest (hung around the neck) of the exhibit that entry number correlates to. For group classes, the neck card correlating to that group and class is to be displayed on the animal that is paraded in the lead position of that group.
15. During judging, handlers should be neatly attired. Appropriate footwear must be worn. It is not permissible to wear any article of clothing that may identify the owner and/or breeder of the animal in the judging ring. The AHCS Breed Uniform consists of a solid yellow or light blue collared shirt, the AHCS vest, blue dress jeans and practical shoes. Ties, scarves, belts and hats are optional. In the circumstance of hot weather, and where the comfort, health and safety of exhibitors could be negatively impacted by the compulsory wearing of the AHCS vest, it is permitted that handlers wear the uniform shirt without the vest, on the proviso that the shirt displays the AHCS logo above the left breast pocket. It is highly desirable that all handlers at

any given event wear or forego the AHCS vest uniformly – i.e. it is preferred that *all* handlers wear vests or, in the case of exercising the option to forego the vest, that *all* handlers forego wearing the vest at that event. This uniform is compulsory and is to be worn by all paraders at Royal and Highland Breed Shows without exception.

16. Handlers of stock must exercise control over animals in their care at all times. A handler whose animal becomes uncontrollable in the ring may be ordered by the Steward to remove the animal from the ring.
17. Bulls over 12 months are to have nose rings fitted.
18. Bulls under 12 months are to have nose clips or nose rings fitted once weaned.
19. Females are to have nose clips fitted once weaned.
20. A calf may be entered either in a Junior class or in a class with its dam, but not both.
21. All fodder requirements, feed boxes and water troughs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
22. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that all stalls are kept clean and straw and manure regularly removed to a designated site.
23. No drug, hormone or tranquilliser shall be administered to any animal exhibit, which may have a material effect on its chances of being awarded a prize.
24. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to follow Stewards' directions and to be ready on time for the classes in which their animals are entered.
25. The Show Committee takes no responsibility for accidents caused to or by an exhibitor's animal while on show premises. Exhibitors must supply a copy of their public liability insurance certificate accompanying their entry form.
26. The Show Committee reserves the right to make alternations to classes to be judged and to transfer incorrectly entered animals into the correct class.
27. All cattle are expected to be good examples of the Highland breed as set out in AHCS Regulations. Dehorned cattle are not permitted to be shown, with the exception of entries in the steer classes.
28. The Show Committee reserves the right to adjudicate on any points or questions not provided in these regulations and to make alterations deemed necessary.
29. All exhibitors/spectators are required to extend courtesy at all times to show officials, fellow exhibitors and members of the public attending any show. In the event of any person attending the show being abusive or exhibiting threatening behaviour towards any person at the show at least two (2) members of the organising committee should jointly issue a warning to the said person. If the abusive and/or disruptive behaviour does not cease the show committee is entitled to request such person leave the show venue.
30. In the event of an exhibitor or other person handling animals in a cruel manner at least two (2) members of the show organising committee should jointly issue a warning that such behaviour is inappropriate. In the event of the request being ignored the show committee should ask the exhibitor to leave the venue.
31. The AHCS National Show, or any other Highland breed show run by or on behalf of the AHCS, will include in its schedule a standard set of classes as approved by AHCS Council and defined in the AHCS Herdbook Regulations (refer Appendix D.iii). The Show Committee must run all classes as defined in the standard class list without variation, other than where permitted in the regulations.
32. At the AHCS National Show, or any other Highland breed show run by or on behalf of the AHCS, a prize, or prizes, of Most Successful Exhibitor(s) will be awarded, based on a tally of points determined by placing of animals in their respective classes, according to a points system approved by AHCS Council and defined in the AHCS Herdbook Regulations (refer Appendix D.iv).

In interpreting the above Regulations, any decision made by the Show Committee shall be final, and no correspondence will be entered into with any exhibitor.

By signing the Show entry form exhibitors acknowledge they have read the above conditions and agree to abide by the enclosed AHCS Show Regulations.

All show entry forms must have a section for signature by exhibitors specifically stating they have read and understood the "Standard AHCS Show Regulations".

APPENDIX D.iii - AHCS NATIONAL SHOW STANDARD CLASS LIST

The AHCS National Show, or any other Highland breed show run by or on behalf of the AHCS, is to include in its schedule the standard set of classes defined in this Appendix. The Show Committee must run all classes as defined in the standard class list without variation and in the order specified, other than as noted. All standard classes are to be listed in the Show program even in the absence of entries for any given class, in which case the class(es) will be marked with "No entries".

If the organising Show Committee wishes to add any other classes that are not listed in the standard class list set by the AHCS, a written proposal to request inclusion of the additional classes is to be submitted to AHCS Council for approval prior to the show class schedule being released.

STANDARD CLASS LIST

FEMALES

JUNIOR FEMALES

- Class 1 – Heifer 8 months and under 12 months
- Class 2 – Heifer 12 months and under 16 months
- Class 3 – Heifer 16 months and under 20 months
- Class 4 – Heifer 20 months and under 24 months

Champion Junior Female
Reserve Champion Junior Female

SENIOR FEMALES

- Class 5 – Cow or Heifer 24 months and under 36 months
- Class 6 – Cow 3 years and under 5 years*
- Class 7 – Cow 5 years and under 10 years*
- Class 8 – Veteran Cow 10 years and over*

Champion Senior Female
Reserve Champion Senior Female

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

*All females over 3.5 years of age must be pregnancy-tested in-calf (PTIC) or have a calf at foot (CAF). Any females over 3.5 years who are not PTIC or have CAF will NOT be eligible for entry.

CALF AT FOOT**

- Class 9 - Heifer Calf (under 8 months)
- Class 10 – Bull Calf (under 8 months)

**Dams of calves in all classes in this section are permitted to enter the ring at the discretion of the exhibitor. All calves MUST be the progeny of the dams exhibited in single entry classes. To be eligible for class entry, calves must either be registered, or registrable, Purebred or Fully Imported Bloodline with the AHCS. Classes may be split at the show committee's discretion.

BULLS

JUNIOR BULLS

Class 11 – Bull 8 months and under 12 months
Class 12 – Bull 12 months and under 16 months
Class 13 – Bull 16 months and under 20 months
Class 14 – Bull 20 months and under 24 months
Champion Junior Bull
Reserve Champion Junior Bull

SENIOR BULLS

Class 15 – Bull 24 months and under 36 months
Class 16 – Bull 3 years and under 5 years
Class 17 – Bull 5 years and under 10 years
Class 18 – Veteran Bull 10 years and over

Champion Senior Bull
Reserve Champion Senior Bull

GRAND CHAMPION BULL

SUPREME EXHIBIT

STEERS

All steers must have both sire and dam registered with the Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc, and may be either horned or dehorned.

Class 19 – Highland Steer 8 months and under 18 months
Class 20 – Highland Steer 18 months and under 36 months

Champion Highland Steer

GROUPS

Class 21 – Breeders Group (group of 3, both sexes to be represented, bred and owned by the exhibitor)
Class 22 – Breeders Pair (pair of animals, both sexes to be represented, bred and owned by the exhibitor)
Class 23 – Pair of Females (bred and owned by the exhibitor)
Class 24 – Pair of Bulls (bred and owned by the exhibitor)
Class 25 – Dam's Progeny Group (group of 3, both sexes to be represented, can include steers)
Class 26 – Sire's Progeny Group (group of 3, both sexes to be represented, can include steers)

HANDLER COMPETITION (FREE ENTRY)

JUNIOR HANDLER***

Class 27 – Junior Handler 8 years and under 12 years
Class 28 – Junior Handler 12 years and under 18 years
Champion Junior Handler

SENIOR HANDLER***

Class 29 – Senior Handler 18 years and under 25 years
Class 30 – Open Handler 25 years and over
Champion Senior Handler
Grand Champion Handler

***Entries to the Handler Competition classes are to be accepted on the day of the show up until the commencement of the Handler classes. At the Show Committee's discretion, classes in each section (Junior Handler, Senior Handler) may be combined on the day.

OPTIONAL CLASSES

These classes are encouraged, but are optional for the Show Committee to include in the class schedule. If the show committee wishes to add any other classes that are not on the class list set by the AHCS, a written proposal needs to be made to AHCS Council prior to the show class schedule being finalised.

JUNIOR JUDGING (FREE ENTRY) ****

Class 31 – Junior Judge 8 years and under 16 years
Class 32 – Junior Judge 16 years and under 25 years

Champion Junior Judge

**** Entries to the Junior Judging classes are to be accepted on the day of the show up until the commencement of the Handler classes. At the Show Committee's discretion, the Junior Judging classes may be combined on the day.

APPENDIX D.iv - AHCS NATIONAL SHOW MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR POINTS SYSTEM

The AHCS National Show, or any other Highland breed show run by or on behalf of the AHCS, is to award Most Successful Exhibitor awards as listed in D.iv.a) based on a tally of points accrued by individual exhibitors across the cattle classes from the AHCS Standard Class List as specified in D.iv.b), according to the points system defined in D.iv.c).

D.iv.a)- MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR AWARDS

The following awards are to be presented at any AHCS National Show, or any other Highland breed show run by or on behalf of the AHCS:

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR MORE THAN 3 HEAD

to be awarded to the exhibitor earning the highest points tally of all exhibitors entering more than three (3) head of cattle in the show.

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR 1-3 HEAD

to be awarded to the exhibitor earning the highest points tally of all exhibitors entering between one (1) to three (3) head of cattle in the show.

MOST SUCCESSFUL FIRST-TIME EXHIBITOR

to be awarded to the exhibitor earning the highest points tally of all exhibitors entering an AHCS show for the first time.

D.iv.b) – ELIGIBLE CLASSES

The classes eligible to earn points towards the Most Successful Exhibitor awards during an AHCS Show are:

Classes 1-24 inclusive from the AHCS Standard Class List (refer Appendix D.iii)

All Champion, Reserve Champion, Grand Champion and Supreme Exhibit placings in the cattle classes.

Classes not eligible to earn points towards the Most Successful Exhibitor awards during an AHCS Show are:

Classes 25-30 inclusive from the AHCS Standard Class List (refer Appendix D.iii). Note that this includes all Sire's and Dam's progeny classes and Handler classes.

All Champion and Grand Champion Handler placings.

Any additional classes not included in the AHCS Standard Class List that an individual Show Committee adds to the schedule on application to, and approval by, AHCS Council.

D.iv.c) - POINTS SYSTEM

Exhibitors entering exhibits in an AHCS show in the individual and group cattle classes are to earn points according to placings earned as below. All points are to be tallied to award each exhibitor a total points score for the show. Most Successful Exhibitor awards are to be awarded to exhibitors earning the highest total points scores within the categories defined above.

1 st place	3 points
2 nd place	2 points
3 rd place	1 point
Junior Champion	3 points
Reserve Junior Champion	2 points
Senior Champion	3 points
Reserve Senior Champion	2 points
Grand Champion	3 points
Supreme Exhibit	3 points

Points are cumulative, so that, for example, an animal earning 1st place in its Junior class (3 points), then taking out Junior Champion (3 points), Grand Champion (3 points) and Supreme Exhibit (3 points) would earn a total of 12 points for their exhibitor.

APPENDIX D.v – AHCS NATIONAL SHOW FUNDING LOAN FORM

To assist in covering the preparation and running costs of each National Show, the AHCS will provide a loan to the Show organising committee, according to the regulations defined in Appendix D.i.3.

This form is to be completed by the AHCS Treasurer prior to each Annual Show to determine the total loan funding that will be supplied to the Show Committee for the purposes of running the National Show that year. On the proviso that the Show Committee has provided all required details as set out in Appendix D.i.3, the AHCS is to pay the loan funding to the Show Committee no later than three (3) months, but no earlier than six (6) months, prior to the date of the show.

YEAR OF SHOW (Calendar Year):

NAME OF GROUP HOSTING THE SHOW:

SHOW LOCATION:

DATE OF SHOW:

NAME OF SHOW COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

(must be a current financial AHCS member)

AHCS MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

POSTAL ADDRESS

STREET ADDRESS

SUBURB/TOWN

STATE

POSTCODE

NAME OF SHOW COMMITTEE TREASURER:

(must be a current financial AHCS member)

AHCS MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

POSTAL ADDRESS

STREET ADDRESS

SUBURB/TOWN

STATE

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BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT OF SHOW FUNDING LOAN -

ACCOUNT NAME:

(Account must be in the name of the RBG, not an individual)

BANK:

BSB:

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

Bank Account Confirmation Letter Received?
(Tick box to confirm Yes)☐

YEAR OF SHOW *(Calendar year):*

LOAN FUNDING DETAILS -				
Loan Component	Unit Allocation	Quantity	List Names <i>(for Partners)</i>	Total Allocation
BASE LOAN	\$3,000	1	----	\$3,000
PARTNERSHIP ALLOCATIONS: <i>(To go towards production of Partner promotional banners and Partner-sponsored sashes and trophies)</i>				
BRONZE PARTNERS	\$300			\$
SILVER PARTNERS	\$400			\$
GOLD PARTNERS	\$800			\$
PLATINUM PARTNERS	\$1,200			\$
TOTAL LOAN AMOUNT <i>(Tally Total Allocations for all line items)</i>				\$

Date Loan Paid: _____

AHCS TREASURER:
(Print Name) _____

SIGNATURE: _____

APPENDIX D.vi - AHCS EXHIBIT SHED CARD TEMPLATES

For any AHCS-registered exhibits entered in a Royal or AHCS-affiliated Show, exhibitors are required to fill out an AHCS Exhibit Shed Card for each animal entered and print out on an A3-size card. Printed Shed Cards are to be displayed for all entered exhibits on the stall for the corresponding animal, in a position where each Shed Card can be clearly seen by Show officials and spectators passing through the sheds. If available, official cattle weights and scan measurements for that show are to be provided on Shed Cards.

The AHCS has two approved Shed Card Templates, each for different purposes, as detailed below.

a) AHCS National Show Shed Card Template

The AHCS National Show Shed Card Template is to be used for all exhibits entered in the AHCS National Show, or any other Highland-breed show run by, or on behalf of, the AHCS. Two versions of the template are permitted, one that caters for recording of animal weights, and one that can be used if no animal measurements are recorded at the show. The Show Committee can elect to use the template that is most appropriate for the show they are hosting.

Sample-size images of the AHCS National Show Shed Card Templates are provided below, however these templates are also provided in a computer-fillable and printable pdf file. The default template (no weight recording) can be downloaded from the AHCS website.


b) Royal Show Shed Card Template

The AHCS Royal Show Shed Card Template is to be used for all AHCS-registered exhibits entered in any Royal Show.


A sample-size image of the AHCS Royal Show Shed Card Template is provided below, however this template is also provided in a computer-fillable and printable pdf file that can be downloaded from the AHCS website.

a) AHCS National Show Shed Card Template


Australian Highland Cattle Society			
DOB:	HERD BOOK #:	WEIGHT:	kg
SIRE:			
DAM:			
EXHIBITOR:			



Australian Highland Cattle Society	
DOB:	HERD BOOK #:
SIRE:	
DAM:	
EXHIBITOR:	



b) AHCS Royal Show Shed Card Template

HIGHLAND		
Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc.		
DOB:	HERD BOOK #:	
WEIGHT:	kg	SCAN: sq.cm
SIRE:		
DAM:		
EXHIBITOR:		

APPENDIX E – CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR



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CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR AHCS MEMBERS

All AHCS members agree to abide by this Code of Conduct and Ethical Behaviour as a condition of their membership.

The code illustrates the values and behaviours expected, and the obligations on all members and is underpinned by the following ethical principles:

- integrity
- impartiality
- responsiveness to the interest of members
- accountability
- honesty

PERSONAL BEHAVIOUR

It is expected that all members will:

- act ethically, with honesty and integrity, in the best interests of AHCS at all times;
- treat colleagues with respect, courtesy, honesty and fairness, and have proper regard for their interests, rights, safety and welfare;
- not harass, bully or discriminate against colleagues, members of the public and/or employees;
- not knowingly make any untruthful statement in submitting applications for registration.



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COMMUNICATION

It is expected that members will:

- not make any unauthorised public statements regarding the business of AHCS.

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

It is expected that all members will:

- take responsibility for contributing to the AHCS in a constructive, courteous and positive way to enhance, brand recognition, good governance and the reputation of the AHCS; and
- take responsibility for reporting improper conduct or misconduct which has been, or may be occurring in the represented States, reporting the details to the relevant people or to the office.

ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR FOR AHCS MEMBERS

It is expected that members will:

- not neglect or mistreat their animal(s) but on the contrary at all times safeguard its/their wellbeing;
- not exploit or degrade any animal or otherwise act to the detriment of the breed or the animal;
- not transfer any animal to a party who they feel will not conscientiously look after its health, safety and wellbeing, or may exploit, degrade or otherwise act to the detriment of the breed or the animal;
- only breed from animals they know to be in good condition and health;
- be vigilant for the production of undesirable conditions in the breed and work towards the improvement of the breed while always safeguarding the unique attributes of the breed as detailed in the Breed Standards;
- represent their animals honestly to prospective buyers and give such advice or assistance to the buyer as may reasonably be requested;
- inform prospective buyers of any inherited conditions they are aware of in their animals;
- inform prospective buyers of any inherited conditions that they are aware could be carried by their animals;
- work to control or eradicate inherited problems or other conditions within the Highland breed.

By undertaking to be a member of AHCS, or in the act of renewing members, members agree to

- abide by this Code of Conduct and Ethical Behaviour
- demonstrate their commitment to achieving the AHCS 'best practice'
- understand their responsibility as a member to the AHCS.

Any members who breach the Code of Conduct and Ethical Behaviour will face disciplinary action under the AHCS Constitution.



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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

In addition to the Code of Conduct and Ethical Behaviour for Members, all Councillors must abide by these additional requirements to ensure the AHCS 'best practice' to the members are met.

PERSONAL BEHAVIOUR

A Councillor will:

- take individual responsibility to contribute actively to all aspects of the Council's role;
- attend a minimum of 75% of Council meetings;
- make decisions fairly, impartially and promptly, considering all available information, legislation, policies and procedures;
- contribute to a harmonious, safe and productive Council environment/culture through professional workplace relationships; and
- not make improper use of their position as Council members to gain advantage for themselves or for any other person.

COMMUNICATION

A Councillor will:

- channel all communication between Council and staff on business matters through the President;
- answer all email correspondence that occurs between Council members in a timely manner;
- not disclose official information or documents acquired through membership of the Council, other than as required by law or where agreed by decision of the Council;
- support, adhere to and not contradict the formal decisions of the Council made in its meetings; and
- respect the confidentiality and privacy of all information as it pertains to individuals.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A Councillor will:

- disclose any personal or business interests which may give rise to actual or perceived conflicts of interest;
- ensure personal or financial interests do not conflict with their ability to perform official duties in an impartial manner;
- not allow personal or financial interests, or the interests of any associated person, to conflict with the interests of AHCS;
- manage and declare any conflict between their personal and public duty; and
- where conflicts of interest do arise, ensure they are managed in the public interest.



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USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES

A Councillor will:

- act in a financially responsible manner, applying due diligence to the scrutiny of financial reports, audit reports and other financial material that comes before the Council; and
- ensure the efficient use of member funded resources.

By accepting appointment to the role of an AHCS Council member, Councillors demonstrate their commitment to achieve the following objectives:

- To adopt and implement 'best practice' procedures in the role of Council;
- All Members are seen to be 'transparent' in their conduct and Councillors to be respectful of their role of Councillor;
- To ensure that the interests of Members are understood, respected and recognised within the confines the AHCS Constitution and Councils legal obligations;
- To assure the appropriate procedures of governance, regulation and accountability are in place for the effective operation of the AHCS Council.

REVIEW DETAILS

This policy was adopted on 27 September 2014, and last updated (formatting) 23 September 2022.

APPENDIX F – CARCASE AWARDS ENTRY FORM



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CARCASE AWARDS ENTRY FORM

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Highland Exhibitors Winning Carcase Award

The Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc. will award an annual prize of \$500.00 to the exhibitor of winning carcasses in any Class of a significant, recognized carcase competition, provided the sire or the dam is a Highland and is nominated as such on the entry form. Competitions that are eligible for this award will generally advertise the availability of this award in their schedule of prizes. In the event of more than one eligible winner in any competition, the prize will be awarded to the carcase with the highest points.

Highland Members Carcase Award

The Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc. will award up to three annual prizes to members of the Society who exhibit the highest scoring Highland carcase of the year. To be eligible for these awards, the carcase must score a minimum of 80 points and have a sire or dam that is a registered Highland and is nominated as such on the entry forms. It is not necessary for the carcase to win its class.

1st - \$300 for the highest points for the year

2nd - \$200 for the second highest points for the year

3rd - \$100 for the third highest points for the year

Information and Regulations

Please attach a copy of the results for the competition/s to this Entry Form.

Results from competitions held between 1st January and 31st December each year are eligible for entry.

Awards are only available for carcasses entered into significant recognised carcase competitions that operate under the Australian Beef Carcase Appraisal Method (ABCAM) and have more than 25 entries.

It is up to the members to notify the Society before 15th of February each year of carcase results in order to be eligible for the awards.

The applicant must also supply to the Society photos of the Animal/s (side and butt) taken not more than 30 days before the competition and where possible a photo of the carcase/s together with a copy of the judging sheet - these items must accompany the completed entry form. The submitted photographs will remain the property of the Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc. and be used in the promotion of Highland Cattle.

Please complete all details on the reverse side of this page.

Privacy Statement

The Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc. (herein after referred to as AHCS) collects personal information in order to administer and promote the breed of Highland Cattle throughout Australia and Internationally. This information may be disclosed to service providers and other organisations that help in the furthering and promotion of the breed, including Agricultural Societies, indemnity or insurance providers and sponsors, including any other breed society recognised by the Royal Agricultural Society. This information will also be disclosed if required or authorised by law.

You have certain rights to access the personal information the AHCS Inc. holds about you. If you would like to find about this or have any queries in respect to the Privacy Policy of the AHCS Inc. or its privacy practices, please contact the Australian Highland Cattle Society.

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CARCASE AWARDS ENTRY FORM

NAME OF COMPETITION	DATE	IDENTIFICATION OF ENTRY AND HERDBOOK NUMBER OF SIRE OR DAM	POINTS	PLACING	PHOTO ID LIVE / CARCASE

NAME OF MEMBER:

(must be a current financial AHCS member)

MEMBERSHIP No:

FOLD NAME:

ABN:

ADDRESS:

SUBURB/TOWN

STATE

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CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

I certify that my entry complies with the AHCS Regulations and I agree to the results and photos of my carcase entry/entries and my details being published.

Signature _____ Date _____

Are you registered for GST purposes? Yes / No

Are you entering as a hobby or recreational pursuit Yes / No

Failure to complete this entry form correctly and supply all required information and photos will occasion the entry's rejection. By indicating you are registered for GST you agree to receive a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) for any prize money won.

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APPENDIX G – RECORD OF SALE FORM



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RECORD OF SALE

This form can be used to provide an official record of animal sale or transfer to a new owner (in whole or in part) that will be recognised by the AHCS. It is intended that this form be completed by the Vendor and handed to the Buyer of the animal(s) on the date of sale.

This form is optional for use however the Vendor of any AHCS-registered animals is required to complete this form for any animals sold if the buyer specifically requests it.

This form is not intended to replace the Application for Transfer on the reverse of any sold animal's printed Registration Pedigree certificates, or the Transfer Form. However, in situations where the Vendor has delayed submitting Animal Transfer documentation to the AHCS by more than 30 days after the date of sale, this form may be submitted by the Buyer to the AHCS, accompanied by Buyer Transfer Request form and other supporting documentation including receipt or evidence of payment and National Vendor Declaration, to constitute an application for animal transfer. Approval of Buyer's request to transfer is solely at Council's discretion.

In the case of a lost Registration certificate, in the first instance the Vendor of the animal(s) concerned should complete a Lost Animal Registration Certificate Form.

VENDOR DETAILS -

OWNER NAME:

(Must be current owner of the animal in AHCS database)

AHCS MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

(write 'non-member' if not an AHCS member)

EMAIL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

ADDRESS:

SUBURB/TOWN:

STATE:

POSTCODE:

NEW OWNER DETAILS -

NAME:

AHCS MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

(write 'non-member' if not an AHCS member)

SYNDICATE? ☐

(tick if multiply-owned and attach details)

EMAIL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

ADDRESS:

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ANIMALS SOLD / TRANSFERRED:

HERDBOOK NUMBER	ANIMAL REGISTRATION NAME	DATE OF TRANSFER	EXPIRY DATE (Leased Animals only)

I/We (Vendor), _____

being the present Registered Owner for all the animal(s) listed above have disposed of these animals to

(Purchaser) _____

being the persons named in the above and place on record that the transfer of ownership of these animals to the new owner(s) is to become effective on the Date(s) of Transfer specified above.

Signature _____ Dated _____

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APPENDIX H – LOST CERTIFICATE FORM



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LOST CERTIFICATE FORM

Owners of AHCS-registered cattle can use this form to provide official advice of the loss of one of more pedigree certificates for cattle recorded under their ownership.

MEMBER DETAILS -

OWNER NAME:

(Must be current owner of the animal in AHCS database)

AHCS MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

(write 'non-member' if not an AHCS member)

EMAIL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

ADDRESS:

SUBURB/TOWN:

STATE:

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DETAILS OF LOST CERTIFICATES -

HERDBOOK NUMBER	ANIMAL REGISTRATION NAME	REASON FOR LOSS (eg misplaced, destroyed by fire/flood, theft etc)

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DECLARATION

I, _____

being the registered owner for the animal(s) listed above, declare that I have lost the original printed copies of the AHCS pedigree registration certificates for these animals by the reasons specified. I further declare that I understand that any AHCS animal registration certificates are the property of the AHCS and if, at any time after submitting this advice, I find the lost certificates, I will subsequently surrender those certificates to the AHCS.

Signature _____ Dated _____

PAYMENT OF FEES must be made before form will be processed.
See [FEES SCHEDULE](#)
SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO:
admin@australianhighlandcattle.org
Or post to AHCS, C/- AGRI ELEMENTS, PO BOX 194, ST AGNES

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APPENDIX I – BULK ANIMAL REGISTRATION TRANSFER FORM



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BULK ANIMAL TRANSFER REGISTRATION

Owners of AHCS-registered cattle can use this form to apply for transfer of multiple animals under their ownership in lieu of filling out the Application for Transfer on the reverse of the printed Registration Pedigree certificates. However, this Animal Transfer Form must still be accompanied by the original copies of the printed Registration Pedigree certificates of all animals being submitted for transfer to the new owner.

OWNER NAME:

(Must be current owner of the animal in AHCS database)

AHCS MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

(write 'non-member' if not an AHCS member)

EMAIL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

ADDRESS:

SUBURB/TOWN:

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ANIMALS SOLD / TRANSFERRED:

HERDBOOK NUMBER	ANIMAL REGISTRATION NAME	DATE OF TRANSFER	EXPIRY DATE (Leased animals only)

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NEW OWNER DETAILS -

NAME:

AHCS MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

(write 'non-member' if not an AHCS member)

SYNDICATE? ☐

(tick if multiply-owned and attach details)

EMAIL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

ADDRESS:

SUBURB/TOWN:

STATE:

POSTCODE:

DECLARATION

I, _____,

being the present registered owner for the animal(s) listed above, have disposed of these animals to the persons named in the above and hereby apply to register the transfer.

Signature _____ Date _____

PAYMENT OF FEES must be made before form will be processed.
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SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO:
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APPENDIX J – AHCS PARTNERSHIP PACKAGES

The AHCS has available a suite of packages to prospective Partners or Sponsors.

The Partnership Packages on offer are listed in Table K.1 below. There are limits to the number of Partnership packages available in each Partnership Level. If the number of Partners seeking a particular Partnership level is higher than the Partner number limit for that particular Partnership package, a first-in approach will be used, and a custom Partnership package may be offered to the other interested parties.

TABLE K.1 – AHCS PARTNERSHIP PACKAGES

Partnership Level	Annual Fee (inc GST)	Number Limit	Package Inclusions (additional to standard inclusions*)
BRONZE	\$1,100	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half-page advertisement in the AHCS Magazine • Banner at the annual AHCS National Show • First-place Show ribbon at the AHCS National Show
SILVER	\$2,200	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-page advertisement in the AHCS magazine • Banner at the annual AHCS National Show • Champion Show ribbon at the AHCS National Show
GOLD	\$5,500	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inside Back Cover full-page advertisement in the AHCS magazine • Two Banners at the annual AHCS National Show • Grand Champion Show ribbon at the AHCS National Show • Grand Champion Trophy presentation at the AHCS National Show
PLATINUM	\$11,000	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your company logo and motto on all mail-outs to the AHCS membership database • Inside Front Cover and Outside Back Cover full-page advertisements in the AHCS magazine • Additional advertising space in the AHCS New and Prospective Members Welcome Pack • Three Banners at the annual AHCS National Show • Supreme Champion Exhibit Show ribbon at the AHCS National Show • Supreme Champion Exhibit Trophy presentation at the AHCS National Show • Access to AHCS Highland cattle as agreed for promotional activities • Possibility to have an AHCS Pedigree Highland animal named after your company

*** All Partnership Packages comprise the following standard inclusions in addition to specific package inclusions:**

- Advertising on the AHCS website;
- Advertising in *Highland Fling* members newsletter;
- Access to membership database for promotional mail-outs that the AHCS will distribute on the Partner's behalf;
- Advertising space in the AHCS New and Prospective Members Welcome Pack;
- Public Announcement recognition at the Annual AHCS National Show; and Associate Membership enrolment in the Society.

APPENDIX K – AHCS STATE REPRESENTATIVE ROLE

All State Representatives must exercise their powers and discharge their duties with reasonable care and diligence, act in good faith in the best interests of the AHCS and for a proper purpose, and to not misuse information obtained in performing their duties.

State Representatives are elected for a two-year term. The Council calls for nominations the first meeting after the AGM. State Representatives are elected by members of their state shortly after each second Annual General Meeting. States that have more than 30 members may have more than one State Representative to ensure a fair distribution of responsibility and to moderate the workload of the role.

Principal Function:

The State Representatives key function is to be a local point of contact for members and prospective members. State Representatives endeavour to develop the AHCS membership and build a local presence in their respective states.

State Representatives are involved in the organizing and running of AHCS events in each State to ensure event management due diligence is completed, and to assist in the promotion of events to state-based members.

State Representatives are active members of their state's Regional Breeders Group (RBG) and are the liaison between the RBG and the Council.

Specific Duties may include:

- Brief Council on activities and events within the state and the RBG,
- Welcome new state members, by phone call in the first instance, and failing that by email,
- Be active in sharing the AHCS mission and goals with others, encouraging involvement,
- Network with others including the network members engage with (for example: schools and other interested groups, show societies, processors, animal service providers),
- Assist with production of the Highland Fling magazine by providing articles to the editor, such as show results, events, feature member or feature network member,
- Assist with the planning and implementation of the National Show,

Required Attributes

The State Representative should:

- have a good working knowledge of the Australian Highland Cattle Society Constitution, rules, regulations and Code of Conduct and Ethical Behaviour.
- A commitment to AHCS's objectives and policies.
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills.