HEARTLAND HIGHLAND CATTLE ASSOCIATION REGISTRY

The following rules, drafted to promote the best interest of the Scottish Highland breed, were adopted by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Heartland Highland Cattle Association pursuant to the Heartland Highland Cattle Association bylaws.

The Rules of the Heartland Highland Cattle Association apply to and shall be observed by all members and affiliates of the Heartland Highland Cattle Association and all owners of Scottish Highland cattle who wish to register or have registered Scottish Highland cattle with the Heartland Highland Cattle Association.

1. Definitions

The following definitions or descriptions shall apply when used in the Rules of the Heartland Highland Cattle Association. From this point forward (HHCA) denotes Heartland Highland Cattle Association, male denotes bull or steer, and female denotes cow or heifer. Words, phrases or terms not defined here shall be given their normal meaning in the purebred cattle industry.

HHCA Approved Testing – Refers to any test or tests that may be approved by the Board of Directors of the HHCA from time to time.

Breeder – The Owner of Record of a calf’s dam at the time of service.

Date of Sale – The date on which an animal was offered for sale at public auction or in the case of private transactions, the date on which a bona fide change of ownership took place.

DNA Testing – DNA testing of any or all animals is an option for the owner(s) of the animal(s). Test facility is Neogen out of Nebraska. Test facility may change at any time per the discretion of the HHCA BOD.

Dual Registered male or female – A male or female currently registered in AHCA, Scottish or Canadian Registries can be accepted into the HHCA Herd Book.

First Owner – The Owner of Record or one of not more than (3) co-owners of record of a calf’s dam on the date of birth of the calf except in the case of embryo calves as provided for in Section 6.4 of these Rules.

Member of the Immediate Family – Limited to the husband, wife, significant other, sons, daughters, mothers, and fathers of the Owner(s) of Record of an animal.

Owner – A member of the HHCA or any non-member who wishes to register or has registered Scottish Highland Cattle with the HHCA. An Owner may be an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability corporation, institutions of learning, executors, administrators, trustees or other legal entity.

Owner of Record – The Owner in whose name an animal is registered.

Permanent Identification – Ear tattoo marks in the LEFT EAR of the animal.

Prohibited Structure and/or Unethical Fitting – shall be defined as any of the following:

- The injection, use, or administration of any drug that is prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law.

- The injection or internal or external administration of any product or material – whether gas, solid or liquid – to an animal for the purpose of deception, including concealing, enhancing or transforming the true conformation, configuration, color, breed or age of an animal.

- Tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment or otherwise to change, conceal, enhance or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal.

- Attaching to the hide any foreign object, including hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber for the purpose of deception.

- Any other physical or physiological attempt to alter the musculature or weight of an animal by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health or marketability of the animal or for purposes of deception.

- No excessive clipping or shaving of the hair to change the natural hair coat of the Scottish Highland animal or to change the physical characteristics of the Scottish Highland Breed.

Registrar – The person appointed by the HHCA to act as the registrar of the HHCA. The registrar shall perform all the duties of maintaining accurate records for the HHCA. The registrar shall be responsible for receiving and verifying entries for insertion in the HHCA Herd Book, storing, billing and mailing registration paperwork to Owners, holding Owners to the breed standards and registration policies set forth by the HHCA.

Regular Employee – A person whose principal occupation is full-time, part-time or contracted employment in connection with the agricultural or livestock business of the Owner(s) of Record of an animal.

Heartland Highland Cattle Registry Herd Book – The official record of animals registered by the HHCA shall be kept in such form as the HHCA Board of Directors determines.

2. Privileges of Registration

Any Owner of Scottish Highland Cattle is entitled to register his or her cattle with the HHCA. The Registration of any animal which does not conform to the requirements set forth in the Rules shall become null and void and in such cases the Certificate of Registration shall be surrendered to the HHCA for official cancellation. Whenever the accuracy of data contained in the registration application is challenged, the matter may be referred to the Board of Directors for investigation. The HHCA website will be an open herd book.

3. Registration Form, Content and Methods

Registration and Transfer Application and/or Breeders Certificate Forms are provided by the Registrar of the HHCA upon request of the Owner. Transfer Application and/or Breeders Certificate forms are printed on the back of each issued Certificate of Registration or found on the HHCA website.
3.1 **Form of Application** – A registration application must contain the following information:

3.1.1 Sex of the animal.
3.1.2 Name of the animal.
3.1.3 Permanent identification (tattoo in animal's left ear).
3.1.4 Name and registration number of the Sire, Sire's Sire and Dam.
3.1.5 Name and registration number of the Dam, Dam's Sire and Dam.
3.1.6 Name, address, membership/owner number of the breeder (owner of the dam at time of service).
3.1.7 Date of application.
3.1.8 Whether the animal is a:
   3.1.8.1 Product of natural birth, Artificial Insemination (Certificate Attached), or Embryo Transfer (Application Attached).
   3.1.8.2 A single or twin, sex of twins, DNA Parentage Certificate on file.
3.1.9 Date of Birth
3.1.10 Color Description: red, black, brindle, dun, silver, yellow, white, parti-color, highlights on solid color. Parti-color must have sire, dam and offspring DNA'd.
3.1.11 Name, address, membership/owner number and signature of the First Owner to appear on the Owner of Record.
3.1.12 Signature of Owner of Record/First Owner.
3.1.13 Date animal was acquired.
3.1.14 Application shall be accompanied by proper fee. B registry also requires four (4) clear photos of the animal to be registered. One of front, left side, right side and rear to be taken at time of registration.
3.1.15 Each registration with the HHCA shall be assigned a registration number beginning with the letters B, A, or HB depending on registration level (B, A, or Herd Book).

3.2 **Incomplete Application.**

Whenever an application for registration is incomplete, and the applicant has failed to provide all of the information required by the HHCA Rules within four (4) months of the date the HHCA receives the application, such application shall be considered null and void. An application shall also be considered incomplete if not accompanied by the required fee(s).

3.3 **Miscellaneous**

3.3.1 **Name.** The name of the animal to be registered should not exceed twenty-four (24) characters. All letters and numbers must be in English. Roman numerals can also be used. No Owner may use a name prefix, which has been established and used by another Owner designating the name of his town, ranch, farm, herd, or himself. No HHCA registered name may be exactly duplicated and the HHCA reserves the right to change the name assigned to an animal on an application for registry.

3.3.2 **First Owner.** The First Owner must apply for registration of the animal, and the dam must be officially entered on the records of the HHCA under the exact same name of the First Owner on the date of birth of the animal, except in cases of embryo calves as provided for in Section 6.4 of these Rules.

3.3.3 **Cow Served Prior to Sale.** When a cow has been transferred subsequent to being served but prior to the birth of her calf, the Breeder must submit a breeder's certificate for registration of the calf.

3.3.4 **Pictures.** Four (4) clear, close-up, colored photos are required to accompany each application for B registration. The photos should be taken from a full side view of each side of the animal with the animal's head turned facing the photographer and one from the front and from the rear. Photos are to be taken at time of registration. Good photos printed on quality photographic paper are important, as they will be digitally scanned and included on the Certificate of Registration B, A, and H. All photos may be sent by mail or email in digital format to the Registrar.

4. **Registration Categories.** See Attachment C for flow charts.

4.1 **Foundation Pure ((B) registry):** Is the term for an original unregistered Scottish Highland male or female as verified by the committee from four (4) photos of the animal. Four (4) HHCA members have final say from pictures of the animal to be registered as B and the decision of the members must be unanimous. A Foundation Pure (B) registered animal can NEVER have an offspring that will go directly into the Herd Book.

4.1.1 Two (2) unregistered Scottish Highland animals.
   **Example: Unregistered + Unregistered = B**

4.1.2 One (1) unregistered Scottish Highland animal bred to a (B) registered animal.
   **Example: Unregistered + B = B**

4.1.3 One (1) unregistered Scottish Highland animal bred to an (A) registered animal.
   **Example: Unregistered + A = B**
4.1.4 One (1) Unregistered Scottish Highland animal bred to a (HHCA Herd book, AHCA, Scottish, Canadian) registered animal.

Example: Unregistered + HHCA, AHCA, SCOTTISH OR CANADIAN = B

4.2 (A) Registry: An animal which is the offspring of the following combinations:

4.2.1 Two (2) Foundation Pure (B) registered Scottish Highland animals.

Example: B + B = A

4.2.2 One (1) Foundation Pure (B) registered Scottish Highland animal bred to an (A) registered animal, a Herd Book registered animal, an AHCA, Scottish Registry, Canadian Registry registered animal, or a dual registered animal from the HHCA Herd Book.

Example: B + AHCA = A

4.2.3 One (1) Foundation Pure (B) registered Scottish Highland animal + One (1) A registered Scottish Highland animal.

Example: B+A= A

4.3 HHCA Herd Book: An animal which is the offspring of the following combinations:

4.3.1 Two (2) (A) registered Scottish Highland animals.

Example: A + A = HHCA Herd Book

4.3.2 One (1) (A) registered Scottish Highland animal bred to a registered animal from AHCA, Scottish Registry, Canadian Registry, a dual registered animal from the HHCA Herd Book or Herd book animal.

Example: A + HHCA Herd Book = HHCA Herd Book

4.3.3 Two (2) HHCA Herd Book registered Scottish Highland animals.

Example: HHCA Herd Book + HHCA Herd Book = HHCA Herd Book

4.4 Crossbred Registry: Any animal that is the offspring of a registered purebred Highland and another beef breed. Any and all crossbred can be no more or less than 50%:50%. The other beef breed can be any cross but the Highland must be pure registered Highland.

Example: B, A, or Herd Book Highland + other beef breed = Crossbred

4.5 Steers: Any animal from any of the above categories. If this animal has never been registered it will need to be registered either as a Foundation Pure (B) animal and follow the process for registration of the Foundation Pure (B) category or if both parents are currently registered it can be registered in the category of the parents.

5. Animals Ineligible for Registration.

5.1 Date of Birth Issue. A calf born less than two hundred eighty-three (283) days after birth of its dam's last previous calf shall not be eligible for registration except in the case of embryo calves.

5.2 Progeny of any Animal Determined to have a Genetic Defect. When a male or female is determined to possess a genetic defect, progeny of such affected animals shall be ineligible for registration unless such progeny is tested by a reputable institution and it is determined to be free of the genetic defect or undesirable trait. Known carriers of genetic defects will have their registration papers marked in the HHCA Herd Book and will not be transferable on the records of the HHCA. Reasons for non-transferability will be noted on the registration papers.

6. Animals Eligible for Registration.

6.1 Generally. Animals resulting from pasture breeding are eligible for registration. Animals resulting from Artificial Insemination are also eligible for registration, in accordance with these Rules.

6.2 Steers. Steers are eligible for registration providing all other requirements of the HHCA Rules are met.

6.3 Calves of Multiple Birth. When applying for registration of twins or one member of twins, the appropriate box must be marked on the registration application. In addition, the sex of the other twin must be listed thereon. Unless this is done, no subsequent application of the other twin will be accepted. Even if one (1) twin dies or is not registered, the above information should be supplied for the HHCA records. If both twins are to be registered, a separate application must be submitted for each.

6.4 Calves Produced by Embryo Transplant.

6.4.1 The sire must be a DNA typed HHCA, AHCA, Scottish Registry, or Canadian Registry. The Registrar must be contacted for the amount of the fee for the Laboratory.

6.4.2 The Embryo Transplant donor dam must be DNA typed by HHCA approved laboratory and the Registrar must be contacted for the amount of the fee for the DNA test.

6.4.3 DNA typing of the recipient dam may be required by the HHCA if the DNA typing analysis of the calf is inconsistent. Considering the recipient dam is DNA typed and cannot be excluded as the dam, the determination of the eligibility for registration shall be made by the HHCA after considering the DNA testing data as well as any other available information.

6.4.4 Considering any embryos collected outside the United States, the genetic sire and dam must be in the herd book registry of the AHCA, Scottish Registry, or the Canadian Registry.

6.4.5 The owner of record of the donor dam at the time of the conception must be identified as the breeder.

6.4.6 The owner of record of the donor dam at the time of conception will be identified as the first owner, unless the calf
is the result of a purchased embryo or a pregnant recipient in which case the owner of the embryo or pregnant recipient may be identified as the first owner.

6.4.7 The registration of an embryo transplant offspring shall be made on the HHCA registration form at the regular registration fee plus an additional fee as determined by the HHCA Board of Directors. Each application must be accompanied by the HHCA Certification of Breeding and Embryo Transplant executed by the embryo transplant form.

6.4.8 Calves conceived after the death of a donor cow shall be eligible for registration provided the owner of record of the donor cow notifies the HHCA in writing of the date of death and the number of embryos in storage. Providing the cow has been DNA typed and this rule is followed, there is no time limit on the use of the embryos after death.

6.4.9 The registration certificate issued to offspring of embryo transplants shall be so designated on the certificate as ET.

7. Permanent Identification Mark/Tattoo

7.1 All animals registered to the HHCA will need to be tattooed in the left ear with their farm approved herd identification letter(s) and year letter from the HHCA. The herd letters can be one (1), two (2) or three (3) letters plus the designated letter for the year and a number the owner designates for his animal.

EXAMPLES: BA10 = born on farm B in 2018 (letter A) animal number 10.
ABA10 = born on farm AB in 2018 (letter A) animal number 10.
ABCA10 = born on farm ABC in 2018 (letter A) animal number 10.

HHCA Year Letter Codes are as follows:

A = 2018
B = 2019
C = 2020
D = 2021

7.2 In the event that a permanent identification mark on an animal becomes illegible or unreadable, the same marking shall be placed in a new and separate location in the left ear from the original permanent tattoo. In no event, however, shall the owner attempt to alter, or overprint the original permanent identification tattoo.

The HHCA Registrar must be contacted to correct the registration paperwork. If an animal is found to have been tattooed in the wrong ear, the HHCA Registrar must be notified for a correction to be made on the registration paperwork.

7.3 If an animal has either no tattoo or the incorrect tattoo, then the original owner (owner of the dam at the time she calved) must notify HHCA in writing. At HHCA's discretion, that animal may be subject to DNA testing if the parentage is in question. Once the animal's pedigree is verified, then the animal may be tattooed or re-tattooed and the registration paperwork changed to reflect the correct tattoo. The current owner may be the person to do the new tattoo. The current owner of the registration certificate must contact HHCA Registrar for the corrected certificate.

7.4 No two (2) animals of the same sex, born in the same calendar year and registered under the name of the first owner, shall be given identical permanent identification tattoos in the same calendar year.

7.5 Dual registration certificate from AHCA, Scottish, or Canadian registries will be allowed. The tattoo(s) on the registration certificate will not be changed as the registration certificate is accepted as presented.

7.6 DNA testing of an animal is an additional way to identify an animal. DNA information from the DNA testing facility approved by the HHCA must be sent to the HHCA registrar for entry in the animal's permanent record. The owner of the animal may request an updated registration certificate from the HHCA Registrar.

7.6.1 It is recommended both the sire and dam be DNA tested for verification of their offspring.

8. Registration for the Estate of a Deceased Person

In the event of the death of one who normally would apply for registration of cattle, the HHCA requires that there shall be filed in its office all papers and documents necessary to show that the person requesting registration, transfer, sale, is legally authorized and entitled to request such registration.

9. Duplicate Registration Certificates.

The existence of more than one (1) registration certificate per animal shall not be permitted. However, a duplicate Certificate of Registration may be issued upon request and a separate fee.

9.1 In the event of loss or destruction of the original registration certificate, application for a new registration certificate by the Owner of Record shall be made on an approved form obtained from the HHCA Registrar for a fee.

9.2 In connection with a transfer by affidavit as provided in Section 22 of these Rules.

OR

9.3 As a replacement Certificate of Registration as provided for in Section 20 of these Rules.

10. Correction of Errors in Registration Certificates or Transfers.

10.1 Errors in Registration or Transfers committed by the HHCA office shall be corrected free of charge.

10.2 Inadvertent errors committed by applicants for registration or transfer shall be corrected at fees as established by the HHCA
Board of Directors. It is the responsibility of the Breeder, First Owner, subsequent Owners and current Owner(s) of record participating in the sale of any animal, semen, embryos or progeny of any animal to notify any purchaser thereof regarding a change in parentage, as represented by the Certificate of Registration.

11. **Surrender of Certificate of Registration.**

   Whenever a Certificate of Registration is lost by death, destruction, or other means, or is disposed of for slaughter or as a common grade animal, it shall be the obligation of the holder of the Certificate of Registration to notify the HHCA for cancellation of such certificate.

12. **Registration of Imported Animals.**

   Registration may be applied for only by an Owner entitled to registration privileges who imported the animal.

13. **Export Certificate.**

   Registration of an animal originally recorded in a herd book recognized by the HHCA and imported into the United States shall be accepted, subject to the discretion of the Registrar, only if a Certificate of Registration containing at least three (3) generations issued by the recognized registry organization of the country from which the animal is actually exported has been received by the HHCA and the animal otherwise conforms to the requirements set forth in the Rules of the HHCA.

14. **Registration of Calves Imported in Dam (while pregnant).**

   If a cow was bred prior to importation and a record of service does not appear on the export certificate, the owner of the bull on the date of service must certify to the particulars of service through the recognized registry organization of the country from which the animal was exposed.

15. **Registration of Calves Imported at the Side of Dam.**

   15.1 Registration of a calf imported at side of a cow recorded in the recognized registry organization of the country from which the animal was exported shall be accepted only if the calf is also registered in the same recognized registry organization and an export certificate has been received by the HHCA.

   15.2 A separate registration fee shall be required for each calf imported at side of a cow.

16. **Transfer Rules.**

   Every change of ownership of record of an animal used for registered breeding purposes must be recorded with the HHCA by official transfer.

17. **Content of Application for Transfer.**

   17.1 Color and sex of the animal to be transferred.

   17.2 Name and registration number of the animal to be transferred.

   17.3 Name and address of new owner(s).

   17.4 Signature of seller or transferor.

   17.5 Date new owner took delivery.

   17.6 Breeder's Certificate required if animal being transferred is a female and is bred.

   17.7 Transfer applications will not be processed if any of the required data is omitted. Transfer applications will also be considered incomplete if not accompanied by the required fee.

18. **Content of Breeder's Certificate**

   18.1 Name and registration number of the male.

   18.2 Artificial insemination certification number and date of artificial insemination, if animal being transferred has been artificially inseminated.

   18.3 Period during which animal being transferred was exposed to the male, if naturally serviced.

   18.4 Name and address of breeder(s).

   18.5 Signature of breeder and date signed.

19. **Errors in Recording Transfers.**

   The HHCA shall not be bound by errors in its recording of transfers.

20. **Transfers of Registration.**

   20.1 It is the duty of the transferor to apply for transfer and to pay the transfer fee unless it is otherwise specifically agreed between transferor and transferee, in which case the transferor must execute an application for transfer in favor of the transferee.

   20.2 A seller and his sales agent (if any) who fail to furnish a buyer of a registered animal with a transferred Certificate of Registration, within forty-five (45) days of date of sale or receipt of full payment, will be contacted by the HHCA for a written statement on fifteen (15) day’s notice as to the basis for the failure. If the seller and said sales agent do not timely respond to the HHCA request, their rights and privileges in the HHCA will automatically be temporarily suspended. The temporary suspension(s) will expire upon the HHCA receipt of transferred Certificate of Registration or the written statement. During the temporary suspension(s), the HHCA will not process any registration or transfer applications executed by seller or said agent until the HHCA receipt of the transferred Certification or the written statement.

   20.3 It shall be the duty of the transferor before offering a registered animal for sale or applying for transfer to verify that the animal carries legible permanent identification tattoo corresponding to the permanent identification tattoo entered on the
20. Transfer entries of jointly owned animals shall not exceed three (3) owners of record.

21. **Adjustment Transfers.**

The following types of transfers not classified as transfers in the ordinary usage of the term may be made at fees established by the HHCA Board of Directors.

21.1 Transfers for the purpose of correcting certificate records in accordance with Section 10 of these Rules.

21.2 Transfers from estates to heirs under terms of wills or court orders.

21.3 Transfers to individuals of partnerships.

21.4 Transfers to stockholders upon the dissolution of corporations or to members or stakeholders of other legal entities upon the dissolution of such entities.

22. **Transfers by Affidavit.**

In case of neglect or refusal of an Owner to apply for transfer of registration, transfer may be recorded, if approved by the Registrar, on the basis of the transferee's affidavit setting forth the facts and sworn to or affirmed before a Notary Public. Each such affidavit must be accompanied by proof of sale and payment in full of the purchase price of the animal or by evidence of an agreement to sell, purchase or transfer including the terms and conditions of service, if any, in the case of females.

23. **Transfer of Exported Animals.**

Application for transfer of an animal exported to another country shall be made with a regular Transfer Application.

24. **Transfer from the Estate of a Deceased Person.**

In the event of the death of a transferor, all papers and documents necessary to show that the person requesting transfer is legally authorized and entitled to request such transfer, All such papers must be filed with the HHCA.

25. **Responsibility of Legal Title.**

A transfer of registration entered on an application or Certificate of Registration, or on the records of the HHCA, shall not be construed as the conveyance of legal title by the sale, or terms of sale of registered animals, or the passage of legal title thereto.

26. **Artificial Insemination**

26.1 Collection, processing and storage of semen must be conducted in accordance with the current American Veterinarian Medical Association and the National Association of Animal Breeder health code.

26.2 All males that are the source of semen used for the purpose of Artificial Insemination and Embryo Transfer work must submit a Notice of Semen Collection and Storage form with the Registrar. Any male whose semen has been previously collected should have it listed with the Registrar, including the name and address of the storage facility, registration number of the male, historical information concerning the collection of the semen should also be included.

26.3 A record of the Collection of Semen of all males that are the source of semen for the purpose of Embryo Transfer work must be filed with the HHCA before calves that are sired artificially by such males shall be eligible for registration.

26.4 When the parentage of any registered Scottish Highland animal is questioned by the HHCA, parentage verification of such animal, and of any other animals deemed necessary for the purpose of said verification, will be conducted by the HHCA at its expense. In all other instances, the person requesting the parentage verification will pay all related fees. Processing and analysis shall be by laboratories approved by the HHCA.

26.5 The HHCA reserves the right, at its expense, to conduct a random parentage verification program from time to time. Owners of animals selected for verification shall be notified and shall permit and cooperate in such testing of animals in their possession or under their control. Refusal by such person to cooperate with parentage verification under this program may result in cancellation of Registration Certificate(s) and the imposition of other penalties provided by these Rules.

27. **Embryo Transfer with DNA Marker Typing**

27.1 Collection, processing and storage of embryo transfer must be conducted in accordance with the current American Veterinarian Medical Association and the National Association of Animal Breeder health code.

27.2 All animals (male and female) used in the creation of the embryos must be DNA typed with a HHCA approved laboratory.

27.3 All females being flushed for embryos shall have a record of the DNA marker that must be filed with the HHCA before calves that are products of Embryo Transfer will be eligible for registration.

28. **Labeling of Semen.**

28.1 It shall be the responsibility of the Owner of Record of each individual/co-Owner of Record of a male used for AI or Embryo Transfer to require each person or organization collecting, processing, and freezing semen to identify the semen and permanently label it before freezing. Identity must include the registered name and registration number of the male and the date of collection for the resulting calves to be eligible for registration.

28.2 When semen is not properly identified by name and registration number of the male and/or date of collection, the seller(s) of the semen shall immediately inform the buyer(s) of the semen of the error.

29. **Duty to Comply.**

It is the duty of every Owner, affiliate, their employees, agents and others acting on their behalf to comply with all policies or guidelines related to any program of the HHCA.

30. **Maintenance and Verification of Accurate Breeding, Herd and Program Records.**
It is the responsibility of every Owner to have and maintain accurately kept records by which, if necessary, the HHCA can verify any information or data submitted to it in connection with any activity or program of the HHCA, including but not limited to the breeding, showing, registration, purchase or sale of Scottish Highland Cattle or any program sponsored by the HHCA.

31. **Maintenance of Accurate Records.**

   Every Owner shall maintain accurate verifiable records, including any records established or required separately under these rules or any program of the HHCA.

32. **Submission of Accurate Information to the HHCA.**

   All Owners who apply for registration or transfer of animals in the HHCA Herd Book and all Owners participating in the Scottish Highland Program shall submit only accurate information, based upon properly maintained and verifiable records.

33. **Questionable Submissions of Information to the HHCA, Cooperative Resolution.**

   Whenever the accuracy of any information (including date) submitted to the HHCA in connection with the registration or transfer process of any Scottish Highland Program is deemed questionable by the HHCA Registrar, the HHCA Registrar may attempt to resolve the matter informally in accordance with this rule or it may be referred to the Board of Directors of HHCA. Subject to the prior approval of the Board of Directors, the HHCA Registrar may request that the submitting Owner resolve such concerns by cooperating with the HHCA Registrar and upon written request, agreeing to any reasonable request of the HHCA, which may include one or more of the following:

   33.1 The Owner's consent to allow an on-site examination of all relevant animals.

   33.2 The Owner's consent to an on-site examination of all breeding and herd records.

34. **Unwillingness to Cooperate with the HHCA to Clarify or Resolve Questionable Submissions.**

   If an Owner is unwilling or refuses to cooperate with the HHCA Registrar in response to a written request to do so. The Registrar shall notify the HHCA Board of Directors of such fact in writing and they may in their own discretion take action.

35. **Elimination of Questionable Submissions from the Database.**

   Notwithstanding any provision of the Rules, the HHCA Board of Directors may in its discretion, direct the HHCA staff to eliminate from a database any questionable submissions that it determines impact the integrity of any Scottish Highland program. Such elimination may take place only after the HHCA has provided written notice to the submitting Owner of its intent to do so. Such notice shall contain an explanation for the action taken and afford the impacted Owner a subsequent opportunity to be heard.

36. **Color of Scottish Highland Cattle.**

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37. **Sale Guarantees.**

   The HHCA is not liable for any warranties made by the seller of cattle.

38. **HHCA Fees.**

   38.1 See Attachment B for all fees.

   38.2 Non-payment of fees is sufficient cause for:

   38.2.1 Withholding the processing of registrations or transfers, performance date or other types of work being performed by the HHCA.

   38.2.2 Temporarily suspending an Owner's rights and privileges in the HHCA until such time as the fees are paid.

39. **Compliance with These Rules.**

   It is the duty of every Owner, their employees, agents and others acting on their behalf to comply with these Rules.

40. **Submissions of Information to the HHCA.**

   Whenever under these Rules there is a duty or requirement for an Owner to submit or provide information to the HHCA, such submission shall be truthful, accurate and verifiable.

41. **Failure of Members to Comply.**

   41.1 The failure of any, Active, Joint, or Junior Member of the HHCA to comply with its Rules shall be grounds for discipline, including suspension of some or all privileges and rights of membership or expulsion subject to the HHCA Board of Directors and HHCA Bylaws.

   41.2 Any suspension shall set forth a specific time period for such suspension, following which the HHCA Board of Directors may entertain a request for reinstatement to the full rights and privileges of membership.

42. **Failure of Non-Members to Comply.**

   The failure of any non-members to comply with the Rules of the HHCA shall be grounds for prohibiting such individuals from registering animals with the HHCA, participation in any event or program sanctioned, funded or authorized by the HHCA or taking any other action which, in its sole discretion, the HHCA Board of Directors may take.

43. **Litigation Forum and Expenses Agreement of All Owners.**

   43.1 All Owners shall not commence any civil action, whether in law or in equity, against the HHCA in any courts other than those Federal or State courts located in the State of Missouri.
Following judicial review of any final decision, action or Rule of the HHCA, contested by said Owner, whereby the Owner fails to have the HHCA Registry's decision, action or rule reversed or overturned, said Owner shall reimburse the HHCA Registry for the reasonable attorney’s fees, court costs, and other expenses incurred by the HHCA Registry in defense of the lawsuit.

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**HHCA Registry Fee Schedule**

**HHCA Membership**
- $25.00 annually

**Heifer/Cow Registration**
- Cows up to 24 months: $25.00 (Member)
- Cows 25 months and over: $30.00 (Member)
- Cows up to 24 months: $30.00 (Non-Member)
- Cows 25 months and over: $35.00 (Non-Member)

**Bull Registration**
- Bulls up to 24 months: $45.00 (Member)
- Bulls 25 months and over: $50.00 (Member)
- Bull up to 24 months: $50.00 (Non-Member)
- Bulls 25 months and over: $55.00 (Non-Member)

**Dual Registration**
- $10.00 (Member)
- Animal registered with another: $15.00 (Non-Member)
  - Registry e.g. AHCA, Scottish, Canadian

**Steer Registration**
- FREE (Member)
- $10.00 (Non-Member)

**Crossbred Registration**
- $25.00 (Member)
- $30.00 (Non-Member)

**Duplicate Registration**
- $10.00 (Member)
  - (Lost papers, picture update)
- $15.00 (Non-Member)

**Transfer Fee**
- $10.00 (Member)
- $15.00 (Non-Member)
Attachment C

B Registration possibilities

- B registered Animal

A Registration possibilities

- A Registered Animal
Herd Book
Registration Possibilities

- Herd Book Registered Animal