RULE I

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. QUALIFICATIONS

(a) ACTIVE VOTING MEMBER: An Active Voting Member shall be an individual partnership, corporation, limited liability company trust, estate, or other legal entity of reputable character who has paid such membership fees as may be established by the board of Directors and has registered a minimum of three (3) new head of cattle in the previous year that are 100% owned by the member and pay their activity fee in the previous year to be a voting member. Active voting members shall be entitled to all of the privileges granted to members of the Association, including the right to vote on all matters brought before the Members of the membership and to register and transfer cattle at Active Member rates.

(b) INACTIVE MEMBER - An inactive member shall be a member who has paid all lifetime dues but has not paid the annual activity fees. Inactive members may be denied any Association services and may be denied the right to participate in Association sponsored events but shall not be denied the right to transfer cattle. The Board of Directors shall be able to establish higher transfer fees for inactive members.

(c) ASSOCIATE MEMBER: An Associate Membership shall be granted to any person or entity of reputable character interested in the promotion of the best interests of the American Brahman breed of cattle but said Associate Membership shall be without voting rights and without privileges to register cattle at membership rates. An Associate Membership may not be transferred.

(d) SHOW MEMBER – A Show Membership will be granted to any person of reputable character interested in the competitive showing (the show ring) of American Brahman cattle in Association Approved Shows but said membership shall be without voting rights or privileges to register cattle. The Board of Directors shall confer a Show Membership to those who handle cattle in the show ring at all Association Approved Shows. These members will abide by all Show Rules to include acting responsibly and courteously to all other Show Members, judges, show personnel, and spectators. The Board of Directors shall confer this privilege and deny or revoke it if necessary, under the Association Rules of Violative Conduct or the Show Ring Code of

Conduct. If a person's Show Membership is revoked or suspended for a period of time, all ABBA Approved Shows will be notified, and that person will be denied entrance into the Show Ring of an Association Approved Show. Any person who violates this rule and enters the show ring to handle cattle will forfeit any awards, premiums, or Register of Renown points earned or awarded to the animal(s) involved and will be permanently banned from the show ring of an ABBA Approved Show. Any Approved Show that allows any person so denied or suspended for a period of time may not be named as an Approved ABBA Show in the future.

(e) DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE – A partnership, corporation, limited liability company, trust, estate or other legal entity upon becoming an Active Member, shall promptly notify the Association in writing, the name of the person authorized to represent their respective organization, and such designated person shall have all the rights, privileges and considerations of an individual member. An individual Active Member may also appoint a Designated Representative by following the same procedure.

APPROVAL: Designated Representatives must be approved by the Board of Directors if the Designated Representative is not an Active Member of the Association.

Section 2. APPLICATIONS, FORMS AND METHOD OF MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL

Applications for membership shall be completed in writing and signed using forms designed for such purpose that are furnished by the Association or downloaded from the association website. Applicants for active membership shall be admitted as an Active Member by a majority vote of the Directors present at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors or by the Executive Committee, whichever meets first, if the applicant is considered to be of reputable character and interested in the wellbeing of the Association and meets all membership criteria established by the association. If an application for membership should be rejected by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, the applicant may resubmit application to the Board of Directors or Annual Meeting of the Association, when such application shall be approved or rejected by a majority of the members present. Full membership privileges will not be granted until the applicant has been approved by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors or at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Section 3. REQUIRED INFORMATION

Application for membership must be typed or filled out in ink and must include:

(a) Name in which membership is to be issued.

(b) Agreement to be governed by all Association Rules and Constitution/Bylaws.

(c) Signature of applicant.

(d) Mailing address, e-mail address (if available) and telephone number of applicants.

(e) Drawing of ownership brand and location.

(f) Location of animal Private Herd Number.

(g) Color of cattle.

Section 4. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

In cases where (i) an individual membership is not in the name of an individual, (ii) where an individual member designates another person to sign for the membership and (iii) for partnerships, corporations, limited liability company, trusts, estates, or other legal entity one or more authorized signature(s) or facsimile for such membership must be on file with the Association, on a form provided for this purpose. In such cases, the authorized signature(s) or facsimile on file will be the only signature(s) recognized by the Association for said membership.

Section 5. MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

A unique individual Membership Number shall be assigned to each membership issued by the Association which shall be the number that appears on the Certificate of Membership. It shall be the responsibility of every member to supply this number when required on applications and to use this number in all contact and transactions with the Association.

Section 6. CESSATION OF PRIVILEGES/TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

(a) RESIGNATION. An Active Member may resign his Active Membership by informing the Recording Secretary of the Association in writing of his intention to cease all interest and privileges of membership in the Association.

(b) TRANSFER. An Active Membership may be transferred to an Active Member when that Active Membership is sold with the cattle, ranch name, and member number and the selling membership informs the Recording Secretary that the Active Membership name and number shall be transferred to the Active Member purchaser. There will be no fees for transfer of animals under the circumstances described above.

(c) DISSOLUTION OF BUSINESS ENTITY. If a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, trust, estate, or other legal entity shall dissolve for any reason including death, any participant in same shall be entitled to Active Membership if he obtains Active Member status upon payment of the Active Membership fee. The membership may be transferred to any participant as provided by the Rules of Transfer in the Rules of the Association (see Rule IV, Section 5 & 7).

(d) NONPAYMENT OF FEES. Non-payment of any Association fees will be grounds for cessation of privileges.

(e) VIOLATIVE CONDUCT. Privileges of membership may be temporarily or permanently revoked for Violative Conduct.

Section 7. RULES GOVERNING COMPLAINTS OF VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

I. DEFINITION OF VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

Violative Conduct means any (i) misrepresentation, falsification or other misconduct in connection with the breeding, exhibition, registration, purchase, sale or other transfer of American Brahman cattle, (ii) misrepresentation or falsification in connection with BHIR performance records, the Register of Renown or the records of animals in the Herd Books maintained by the Association or (iii) any act or conduct which may endanger the good order, welfare, reputation or credibility of the Association or the American Brahman breed. Association Rules for Violative Conduct are not intended to arbitrate disputes between members.

NOTE: The Executive Committee shall be the deliberative body to receive and investigate complaints of Violative Conduct due to the potentially sensitive nature of a complaint. The following outlines the procedures involved in (ii) filing a complaint, (iii) initial investigation of the complaint, (iii,b) hearing of complaint and defense thereof, (iv) temporary suspension of privileges, (v) failure to appear or respond to complaint; (vi) suspend or expel, (vii) appeal.

II. COMPLAINT OF VIOLATIVE CONDUCT

A. INITIATED BY INDIVIDUAL: Any member or other person may make written complaint by registered certified mail to the Executive Vice President of the Association that a member has engaged in Violative Conduct. The complaint shall contain a written statement of the facts alleged to constitute the Violative Conduct. The Executive Vice President shall promptly forward the complaint to the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

B. INITIATED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee may initiate a complaint, when it has cause to believe that any member has engaged in Violative Conduct, and in the event of such a complaint, the Executive Committee shall handle the complaint in accordance with the procedures prescribed herein.

C. INITIATED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors may initiate a complaint of Violative Conduct. Such complaint shall be referred to the Executive Committee and handled in accordance with the procedures prescribed herein.

III. INVESTIGATION; RIGHT TO HEARING

A. INITIAL INVESTIGATION: (i) Upon receipt of a complaint from the Executive Vice President, the Board of Directors, or on its own initiative, the Executive Committee shall promptly determine whether the allegations of the complaint would, if proven, constitute Violative Conduct. (ii) If the Executive Committee so finds, it shall make, or cause to be made, an initial investigation concerning the matters on the basis of the complaint and of any other relevant matters in order to ascertain whether there is evidence to support the complaint. (iii) The Executive Committee shall deliver to the member by registered or certified mail addressed to the last known address of the member appearing on the records of the Association, a copy of the complaint, which notice shall

contain a statement of the nature of the complaint against such member. (iv) The Executive Committee may require the member to appear before it upon ten (10) days prior written notice to make a statement with respect to the subject matter of the complaint, or, may require the member to submit a written statement with respect to such complaint. (v) The Executive Committee may designate any member(s) or employee(s) of the Association, or an agent or attorney, to conduct or assist in the investigation.

B. HEARING: Should the Executive Committee determine that there is probable evidence to sustain the complaint it shall report that fact to the President of the Association. (i) The President shall, by registered or certified mail, promptly notify the member of such decision. The notice shall specify the time and place for hearing the complaint against the member which shall be not less than twenty (20) nor more than sixty (60) days following the date of the notice, unless such time shall, for good cause, be extended by the Executive Committee following reasonable notice thereof to the member.

At the time and place specified in the notice of the hearing, the Executive Committee shall consider (i) the specific allegations made against the member as set forth in the notice of complaint, (ii) the results of the initial investigation made by the Executive Committee, (iii) any written statement or statements made by the member, (iv) or any further evidence presented either by the person or persons making the charge or by the member, and (v) any other relevant matter of proof offered in accordance with appropriate procedures for the conduct of such hearing established by the Board of Directors in the Rules of the Association. The procedures shall be such as to afford the accused member the opportunity, with the assistance of counsel should they so elect, to present any relevant defense or other information bearing upon the complaint against him.

IV. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGES

The Executive Committee, at any time during the pendency of consideration of a complaint until the time of final disposition may temporarily suspend membership privileges of the member and require that his signature not be recognized for registration and/or transfer of cattle in the American Brahman Herd Register or in the other Herd Books maintained by the Association. The member shall be promptly notified of any such temporary suspension which shall remain in effect until released or made permanent by the Executive Committee.

V. FAILURE TO APPEAR OR RESPOND

Should the member fail or refuse to make any required appearance or statement as to the complaint filed against him, will be considered in default by his inaction and subject to suspension of all membership privileges and may require that his signature not be recognized for registration and/or transfer of cattle in the American Brahman Herd Register or in the other Herd Books maintained by the Association or any other penalty determined by the Executive Committee. The member shall be promptly notified of any such suspension or penalty. This action by the Executive Committee is not subject to appeal because the member failed to defend himself.

VI. SUSPEND OR EXPEL: Following such hearing, if a majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall conclude that there is substantial evidence to support the complaint made against the member, the Executive Committee may in its discretion suspend or expel the offender from the privileges of membership in the Association and provide that his signature shall not be recognized for registration and/or transfer of cattle in the American Brahman Herd Register or in the other Herd Books maintained by the Association, or impose such other appropriate penalties as it deems advisable in the circumstances.

VII. APPEAL: If the Executive Committee finds the member guilty of the complaint made and imposes a penalty as above provided, the member shall have the right to appeal such findings and action at the next Meeting of the Board of Directors. In the event the member desires to appeal the findings to the Board of Directors he shall so notify the Executive Vice President within thirty (30) days following the date of notice to such member of the action taken by the Executive Committee. The Board of Directors shall then assume jurisdiction of the matter and shall then consider the complaint made and review the record of the proceedings before the Executive Committee in accordance with proper procedures established by the Rules of the Association. Should the complaint be sustained, the action of the Board of Directors shall be considered final. If a majority of the Board of Directors fails to sustain the complaint it shall forthwith be withdrawn, and the member shall be restored to all rights and privileges existing prior to the filing of the complaint.

RULE II

BOARD OF DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1. A person shall not be eligible to serve a succeeding two year term as a Director of the Association unless he has attended at least fifty (50) percent of the regularly called meetings of the Board during his previous two year term and unless he continues to meet the qualifications set forth in Article V, Section 4, of the Constitution.

Section 2. All Past Presidents of the Association shall also be life members of the Board of Directors provided they maintain Active Member Status.

RULE III

REGISTRATION

Section 1. ELIGIBILITY

(a) DESCENDANTS OF REGISTERED ANIMALS – To be eligible for entry in the American Brahman Herd Register, an animal must be the offspring of a Brahman bull and a Brahman cow, both of which have been previously registered in this Association.

(b) REGISTRATION OF BOS INDICUS CATTLE – The Herd Book of the American Brahman Breeders Association includes the registration of worthy Bos Indicus cattle (both male and female) found in any country in the world and their resulting progeny.

(c) ADDITIONAL HERD BOOKS – In addition to the American Brahman Registry where most ABBA cattle are registered, ABBA also provides Herd Books for: a) American Indu Brazil, b) American Nelore, c) American Gyr and d) American Guzerat.

1. All cattle, semen and embryos imported into the United States or transferred from other associations shall be recorded in the Herd Book of their respective breed per Rule III, Section 1 (d).

2. All cattle in the American Brahman Herd Book are allowed to be crossed with cattle in the other Herd Books or between cattle of the other Herd Books maintained by the Association under the following guidelines. (i) The Herd Book of the dam will determine the Herd Book of Registry of the first cross progeny. (ii) An animal resulting from the

same Herd Book after a second cross may at the election of the Member breeder be allowed to stay in the Herd Book of its dam or be registered in the Herd Book of the predominant breeding in its makeup. Any questions or dispute concerning placement in a Herd Book will be addressed by the Executive Committee and their decision as to placement in a particular Herd Book will be final.

(d) RECIPROCITY OF REGISTRATION WITH OTHER BOS INDICUS REGISTRIES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

1. The registering breeder must be a member of the American Brahman Breeders Association.

2. The certificate of registration from a recognized breed registry showing five generations of Bos Indicus breeding must be sent to ABBA with a request in writing requesting that ABBA grant reciprocity of registration to the animal in the Herd Book as registered in the country of origin. The proper fee must accompany the written request and registration.

(e) IMPORTED ANIMALS REQUESTING REGISTRATION

1. Registration may be applied for only by a member in good standing of the American Brahman Breeders Association.

2. A signed application shall be filed with the Recording Secretary of ABBA by the owner(s) of the animal(s) sought to be registered and accompanied by a fee of $100 per female and a fee of $200 per bull. In any event said fee(s) are non-refundable.

3. This application shall describe each animal sought to be registered and shall give the following information, sufficient in form, substance and veracity, to enable the Recording Secretary to verify the origin of said animal(s), their ancestry and date and place of importation together with the registration certificate of a recognized breed registry. The history of breeding and documentation submitted to the ABBA Recording Secretary on an imported animal shall include, but is not limited to the following:

   a. An application for registration properly completed and accompanied by the proper fee(s).

b. Original or photocopy of the registration certificate of the animal issued by the registry organization in which the animal is currently registered.

c. An extended pedigree as complete to five generations as possible, issued and certified by the registry organization in which the animal is currently registered.

d. Original or photocopy of the export permit issued by the government of the country from which the animal was exported (if applicable).

e. A valid import permit issued by the country of destination if applicable and if required.

f. Proof of payment of duty (if applicable).

g. Four 8 x 10 color photographs of the animal(s) clearly showing the animal's identification number and ownership brand, clearly depicting the animal's front, rear, left and right side views.

h. DNA Parent Verification in accordance with the International Society for Animal Genetics standards effective 01/01/17 and a record of their DNA Fingerprint must be filed with the Association before animals are eligible for registration.

4. After proper application for registration has been made, the Recording Secretary shall certify that the pedigree and history of the animal(s) demonstrate that the animal(s) are purebred Bos Indicus and have been duly and legally imported into the country of final destination and are otherwise in compliance with Rule III, Section 1, (e) of these Rules the Recording Secretary will issue certificate(s) of registration in the Herd Books of the American Brahman Breeders Association on those bulls and females.

a. The date of registration of any Bos Indicus animal(s) shall be in every case the date of application for registration. (Date application and proper fees are received in Association office.)

b. Pedigree information on imported registered animals shall be taken from the animal's history of breeding that is approved by the Recording Secretary and

shall be added to the animal's ABBA pedigree on the following basis:

Extended pedigrees issued by the American Brahman Breeders Association will certify all parts of the pedigree that are heretofore registered cattle and will indicate all animals that are not ABBA registered (originating in the history of the breeding) as supplemental pedigree information with a parentheses ( ). The following definition of the ( ) supplemental pedigree information shall apply to and be included on all such pedigrees issued by the Association.

"Supplemental pedigree information approved by the ABBA Recording Secretary, originating from sources other than the Herd Book of the American Brahman Breeders Association."

c. All offspring whether natural or by artificial insemination sought to be registered out of parents registered under this procedure must be conceived after the date of application for registration of their registered parent(s) (date, application and proper fees are received in the Association office). All semen must have been properly labeled giving the bull's identification number and ABBA registration number.

(f) CELL-CLONED TRANSPLANTS

The following requirements shall apply to the registration of calves resulting from cell-cloned transplants.

The registering breeder must be a member of the American Brahman Breeders Association.

Only replication cell-cloned animals shall be eligible for registration. Genetically modified animals shall not be eligible for registrations.

The cell-donor animal must be DNA Marker typed.

Effective 1/1/17 the Cell-cloned animal submitted for registration must be DNA verified to the cell-donor.

The breeder of the cell-donor animal must be identified as the breeder of the cell-cloned offspring.

The owner of record of the cell-donor, on the date of biopsy removal, will be identified as the first owner, unless the calf is a result of a pregnant recipient, purchased embryo, fresh or frozen, in which case the purchaser may be identified as the first owner.

Calves conceived after death of cell-donor animals, shall be eligible for registration under the same conditions and provisions governing the eligibility of calves prior to the death of said animal.

Registration of cell-cloned transplants shall be made on a special form, provided by the Association, at the regular fee, plus an additional fee as determined by the Board of Directors.

Registration certificates issued for cell-cloned transplants shall be so designated. The registration number of the animal, which is being cell cloned, shall also be stated on the certificate of registration.

Nothing set forth herein should be construed as an indication that the Association takes any position as to the ownership rights, if any, of retained cell material.

Section 2. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

Animals resulting from Artificial Insemination shall be eligible for registration in the Association Herd Register in compliance with the following regulations:

(a) DEFINITIONS. In so far as these rules are concerned:

(1) Ownership of record shall mean the sole membership (individual, partnership or corporation) in whose name the animal is registered.

(2) Date of sale means 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.

(b) OWNERSHIP. The breeder (owner of record of the dam at the time of service) of a calf which is the produce of artificial insemination must also be the owner of record of the sire at the time of service or one of the co-owners of record of the sire in order for the calf to be eligible for registration, excepting that:

(1) Calves which are the result of artificial insemination as provided for under the “Out of Herd” A. I. Rules shall be eligible for registration.

(2) Calves which are the result of artificial insemination as provided for under the Rules relating to the sale of females with A. I. breeding privileges shall be eligible for registration.

(3) When the semen is in storage from a bull that is sold, the seller may register calves conceived from such semen and may sell semen and Artificial Insemination Service Certificates subsequent to the date of transfer, provided the buyer of the bull agrees and provided the seller obtains the appropriate Artificial Insemination Service Certificates.

(c) BLOOD TYPING or DNA TESTING. All bulls which are the source of semen used for the purpose of “Out of Herd” artificial insemination must have a bloodtype or if living have a DNA Fingerprint after June 1, 2005 and a record of their blood type and/or DNA fingerprint must be filed with the Association before calves which are sired artificially by such bulls shall be eligible for registration or before “Out of Herd” Artificial Insemination Service Certificates may be purchased from the Association.

(d) OUT OF HERD A. I. The following requirements shall apply to registration of calves conceived artificially, when the owner of record of the female is not the owner of record, or one of the co-owners of record, of the sire at the time of conception.

(1) The breeder (owner of record of female) must purchase an A. I. Service Certificate for each calf to be recorded from an owner of record of the sire and such certificate must accompany application for registration of the resulting offspring.

(2) A. I. Service Certificates must be purchased from the Association at a cost established by the Board of Directors and may be released only by the owner or co-owner of record of the sire. Application for A. I. Service Certificates must be on an official form supplied by the Association or downloaded from the association website and signed by the owner of record of the bull. Only one owner of record of a jointly owned bull is required to sign the certificate.

(3) Each A. I. Service Certificate must be properly executed by the owner of record of the sire who purchased the certificate and supplied the semen, and the date of

conception certified to by the owner of the female. The A. I. Service Certificate must accompany the application for registration of the offspring.

(4) A.I. Service Certificates may be released by the owner of record of a bull to a member designated by the owner of record of said bull for the registration of future calves. A.I. Service Certificates released to designated members must be used by that member only and will be non-transferable. Effective February 14, 2015 A.I. Service Certificates must be purchased at the time of release and can be used as they are needed by the designated member.

(5) It must be stated on the application for registration that the calf was produced by artificial insemination.

(6) The issuance of an A. I. Service Certificate by the Association shall in no way be construed as guaranteeing conception, or if a calf results from such service, that it shall be eligible for registration. There shall be no refunding of fees paid to the Association for A. I. Service Certificates.

(7) Upon the sale of a bull or an interest therein, unused A. I. Service Certificates held by the seller may be assigned to the buyer.

(8) In applying for A. I. Service Certificates, the owner of the sire shall certify on the application that to the best of his knowledge such bull has not transmitted any recognized lethal or sub-lethal genetic defect(s). Any such genetic defect(s) must also be reported to the Association on an official form supplied by the Association. Verified reports of lethal or sub-lethal genetic defect(s) shall be made available upon request.

(9) Effective 01/01/19 animals resulting from artificial insemination must be DNA Verified to the sire only prior to registration and a record of their DNA fingerprint must be filed with the Association regardless of when the animal was calved. EXCEPT for the following animals who must be parent verified effective 01/01/17:

a. Animals that are shown in ABBA Approved Open Shows only.
b. Animals sold in ABBA Sponsored Sales and participating in ABBA Research Programs.

(e) PROGENY TESTS OF BULLS FOR GENETIC DEFECTS. A bull owner may apply to the Association for an Association supervised

progeny test for genetic defects. A successful progeny test involves mating the bull to thirty-five (35) of his own daughters with the resulting offspring being free from harmful and defective genetic traits. The Association may require positive identification of these animals, including but not limited to blood typing or DNA type and tattoos or fire branded numbers. Such application may be made on an official form furnished by the Association prior to the birth of offspring resulting from sire-daughter matings.

(f) LABELING OF SEMEN. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of record or each individual co-owner of record of a bull used artificially to require each person or organization collecting, processing and freezing semen to identify the semen and permanently label each ampule, pipette, straw or pellet container before freezing, reflecting the private herd number and registration number of the bull and the date of collection. When semen is not properly identified by private herd number and registration number of the bull and date of collection, such frozen semen may not be used to produce calves for registration in the Association Herd Book.

(g) MAINTAINING RECORD OF SEMEN COLLECTIONS AND TRANSFER OF SEMEN. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of record or each individual co-owner of record of a bull to maintain, or to require representatives to maintain an accurate record of each semen collection and a complete and accurate record of each semen sale or transfer of semen to another person or firm, either from frozen storage of a semen processing business or from frozen storage of an owner of record of the bull. Such records shall be held for inspection by the representatives of the Association upon request for a period of seven (7) years.

(h) DEATH OF BULLS USED ARTIFICIALLY. Calves conceived after the death of a bull shall be eligible for registration under the same conditions and provisions governing the eligibility of calves conceived by artificial insemination prior to the death of said bull with the following additional requirements:

(1) No time limit is imposed on the used semen after death, providing that the requirements in Rule III have been met.

(2) Semen and A. I. Service Certificates may be sold from a bull that died prior to the effective date of these Rules only if the bull was blood typed or DNA fingerprinted prior to death and that information is on file at the Association.

(i) ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION OF FEMALES OFFERED FOR SALE. Females represented as served or safe in calf at the time of sale and which prove not to be in calf; and females open at time

of sale, may be artificially inseminated subsequent to sale without use of A. I. Service Certificates for registration, provided the seller is the owner of record or one of the co-owners of record of the sire at the time of conception; and further provided that the application for transfer of each such female sold and application to register the resulting offspring contains certification that service by artificial insemination was a condition of the terms of sale. The offspring resulting from only the first such artificial conception subsequent to date of sale, which is eligible for registration, may be recorded.

In the event a female is sold with a breeding privilege as provided for under this Rule and the seller subsequently sells the bull, all breeding privileges outstanding prior to the date of sale of the bull shall be honored and the registration of calves conceived as a result of such breeding privileges shall be permitted providing the buyer of the bull is willing to assume obligation of honoring such outstanding breeding privileges, and further providing the bull meets all other requirements for artificial insemination as set forth in these Rules.

Section 3. EMBRYO TRANSFER

Animals resulting from Embryo Transfer shall be eligible for registration in the Association Herd Book in compliance with the following regulations:

(a) The blood type or DNA fingerprint (after June 1, 2005) of the sire, donor dam and recipient dam (if she is a registered Brahman) of progeny resulting from embryo transfer must be on record with the Association prior to the registration of such progeny. (With the exception of Brahman animals that died prior to October 8, 1979 and used in herd.)

(b) Effective 01/01/17 animals being submitted for registration resulting from Embryo Transfer must be DNA Parent Verified prior to registration and a record of their DNA fingerprint must be filed with the Association regardless of their age. Any donor dam deceased prior to June 1, 2005 without a fingerprint on file is excluded.

(c) Complete and accurate records of all transactions pertinent to the identification of progeny of embryo transfer shall be maintained by the laboratory conducting the embryo transfer procedure and all other individual organizations involved in a critical part of the procedure. Such records shall be retained and made available for inspection upon request by a representative of the Association for period of seven (7) years from date of breeding of donor dam.

(d) The embryo transfer certificate shall include certification by the owner of the donor dam at the time of service that such donor

dam was submitted for the above embryo transfer operation and registration privileges for resulting progeny shall be automatically transferred to a subsequent owner of the identified host.

(e) It shall be the responsibility of the owner of record or each individual co-owner of record of a cow used in an embryo transfer program to require each person or organization collecting, processing and freezing embryos to identify the embryo and permanently label each ampule before freezing, reflecting the private herd number of the sire and dam and the date of collection. When embryos are not properly identified by private herd number and registration number of cow and date of collection, such embryos may not be used to produce calves for registration in the Association Herd Book.

Section 4. VERIFIED LETHAL GENETIC DEFECT (VLGD)

(a) The only verified lethal genetic defect (VLGD) recognized by the ABBA and verifiable by an approved test is generalized glycogenosis E-7 and E-13 mutations or Pompe's Disease (PD). ABBA may routinely request a test for the E-7 mutation and by special request may test for the E-13 mutation. Due to the rarity of the E-13 mutation, a random sampling will be made to determine the incidence level within the population.

(b) Any testing laboratory approved by the ABBA Board of Directors will report all official results of VLGD testing to the Association which will then inform the person requesting the test and/or owners of the laboratory findings. Laboratory results will be considered "official" from approved laboratories if a copy is sent to ABBA on that laboratories' official test report form. "Official" results will be considered as "verification."

(c) If an individual is the owner of semen or embryos, he is considered to be the owner of the genetics of that animal and is entitled to test the genetics for VLGD. An A.I. and/or embryo certificate must be submitted to ABBA to verify ownership of semen at the time the test is requested. A copy will be put on file and the original returned to the owner.

(d) The signature of a "recorded owner" must be on the official test document when a specific live animal is to be tested.

1. If an animal is multiple owned, the signature of only one owner is required on the test form.

2. The test results will be reported to all recorded owners of said animals by the Association.

3. All results of both “carriers” and “free” animals will remain on file at the ABBA Office.

Section 5. DISQUALIFICATIONS

(a) Animals that are brindled, gruella, (smutty or reddish brown) or albino (white colored hair coat with light pigmentation of skin) in color are not eligible for registration. Animals having hooves, switch and nose color other than black are not eligible for registration when all three (3) occur at once.

(b) Animals that clearly show any dwarf or midget characteristics are not eligible for registration.

(c) Bulls with only one testicle, unless the other was surgically removed, are not eligible for registration.

(d) Animals that show lameness, apparently permanent and interfering with normal function, are not eligible for registration. (If not heritable and acquired after registration, the certificate of registration will not be revoked.)

(e) Freemartin (a heifer born twin to a bull) is not eligible for registration unless proven to be a breeder. No penalty for delayed registration.

Section 6. APPLICATION FORMS

Blank application for registration and/or application for transfer forms will be furnished by the Association on request or can be downloaded from the association website. Applications for registration and/or transfer are valid only on this form or via the online registry process.

Section 7. REQUIRED INFORMATION

The following information will be required for the registration of animals:

(a) Sex, name and date of birth of animal.

(b) Animal Private Herd Number.

(c) Ownership brand.

(d) Color description (predominant hair color).

(e) Private Herd Number and ABBA number of sire.

(f) Private Herd Number and ABBA number of dam.

(g) Service: Natural, Embryo Transfer or Artificial Insemination

(h) Horn Status: Polled, Scurred, Horned

(i) Signature, membership number and address of the breeder (owner of the dam at the time the dam was served) unless same is already given on transfer of the pregnant dam.

(j) Signature, membership number and address of the first owner (owner of the dam at the time of calving).

(k) If the applicant is not the first owner, then the application for transfer will be required from the first owner and any succeeding owners to the present applicant.

All signatures on Application for Registration must be in exact membership names for members of the Association.

In cases where an authorized signature(s) for an individual membership is on file with the Association and in the case of a partnership, corporation, firm, trust or estate, the exact membership name must appear first, (typed, printed, written or stamped), followed by the authorized signature for such membership—rubber stamp permitted.

Section 8. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

Whenever an application is incomplete, and the applicant has failed to provide all the information as required in the Rules of the Association, such application shall be returned to applicant for completion. An application shall be considered incomplete if not accompanied by the required fee.

Section 9. SIRE CERTIFICATION

If the person who applies for registration of a calf is not the owner of its sire at the time that the dam was bred to produce said calf, he must secure certification on the application for registration from the owner of the sire that the bull served the dam (unless the service has been properly reported on the transfer of the pregnant dam or unless calf is being registered by use of an A. I. Service Certificate.) Name, animal identification number and ABBA number of the bull and signature, membership number and address of the owner of the sire must be given.

Section 10. AGREEMENT FOR LEASE OR LOAN OF ANIMAL

If the animal is on lease or loan to the person making application for registration and if properly executed "Certificate of Lease or Loan" of subject animal has been filed by the owner with the Association, then the signature of the Lessee may be used in lieu of that of the owner of the animal on the application. ~~(~~Lease forms are available upon request from the Association or may be downloaded from the association website.~~)~~

Section 11. BREEDER OF AN ANIMAL

The breeder of an animal is the owner of the dam at the time she was bred to produce the calf for which the application is made.

Section 12. FIRST OWNER

The first owner of a calf is the owner of the dam at the time the calf is born. Animals must be registered by their first owner.

Section 13. BRANDING REQUIRED

(a) BRAND BEFORE APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION – All animals entered in the Herd Register of the American Brahman Breeders Association shall have an ownership brand and an animal identification number branded in a visible spot on the animal. These brands must be on subject animal prior to the time that application for registration is submitted to the Association. Should a member make application for registration of an animal and give the ownership brand and animal identification number as above described and said animal is not so branded, the Recording Secretary is instructed to submit the registration certificate of said animal to the Board of Directors for appropriate action. If the Board of Directors so determines, neither the subject animal nor its offspring shall ever be eligible for registration in the Association.

(b) No two animals of the same sex registered or recorded by the same breeder shall be given identical identification numbers.

(c) Only standard numbers, or standard letters and numbers and special characters (limited to / and or -) shall be acceptable for animal identification.

(d) IDENTIFYING "suckling" calf – Any member of the American Brahman Breeders Association who sells a calf commonly know as a "suckling" calf, or a calf before it is weaned, must properly identify such calf prior to the time it is sold and delivered. The seller shall furnish purchaser at the time of the sale an application for registration and an application for

transfer of the calf so sold, duly filled out and signed, in order that purchaser can complete registration of said animal.

(e) SPECIAL RULE FOR CANADA – Breeders in Canada are permitted to identify their cattle by tattooing, with the provision that said tattooed cattle shall be fire branded if they ever enter the United States.

Section 14. 30 DAY RULE BETWEEN BREEDING DATES

Cows bred or pasture exposed to one bull must not be turned into a pasture with another bull in less than thirty (30) days. In cases where this Rule is not strictly followed, calves may be declared ineligible for registration if dates of birth involve a question as to the sire of such calves.

Section 15. TWINS

When applying for registration of twins or one member of twins, the word “twin” must be written on the application following the animal’s name, and the sex of the other twin must be given. Unless this is done, no subsequent application for registration of the other twin will be accepted. Even if one twin dies, or it is not to be registered, the above information should be supplied for the Association records. If both twins are to be registered, an application for each calf must be submitted. See Rule III, Section 5, (e) of the Rules for the rule governing registration of a heifer born twin to a bull (Freemartin).

Section 16. NAMES OF ANIMALS

(a) The name of an animal being registered shall be limited to thirty (30) spaces, including letters, numerals, blank spaces and special characters (limited to / and/or -).

(b) Masculine names should be given to bulls, feminine names to females.

(c) Symbols other than the standard letters, number or special characters / and/or - are not acceptable as part of the name.

(d) Within sex, identical names shall not be given to more than one animal by a breeder.

(e) No breeder of Brahman cattle should use a name prefix which has been established and used by another breeder designating the name of his town, farm, herd or himself.

(f) The name of registered males and females may be changed prior to the registration of progeny only after signed statement from the first and present owner(s) authorizing such a change is submitted to the

Recording Secretary, along with the specified fee for this change. Any animal with registered progeny is not eligible for name change.

Section 17. RECORDS KEPT BY BREEDERS

Members intending to register animals shall maintain accurate breeding and herd records. Each breeder shall keep an individual private herd book in which shall be tabulated the individual animal identification numbers of each animal and such other information concerning ancestry and breeding of same that will make clear and positive at all time the parentage of an animal offered for registration in the Association Herd Register. Individual animal Private Herd Number must be branded upon the animal. (Supporting numbers tattooed in the ears are very desirable.)

Section 18. CORRECTION OF CERTIFICATES

When new certificates are received from the Association they should be immediately checked to determine if correct. If an error is discovered or a change on a certificate found necessary, it should be returned to the Association for correction. No alteration of any kind shall be made on a certificate except in the Association office (because it would not then conform to the copy kept on file by the Association). Errors made by the Association will be corrected free of charge; but if made by or attributable to the breeder or owner, the applicable correction charge will be made.

Section 19. DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES

A duplicate Certificate of Registration shall be issued only upon notarized statement to the Recording Secretary from the recorded owner of the animal that such certificate has been lost or destroyed and upon payment of the applicable fee. Special forms for securing a duplicate certificate(s) are required and are supplied by the Association upon request or can be downloaded from the association website. Duplicate certificates always supersede the original. Thus, if an original certificate is found after a duplicate has been issued, the original must be sent to the Association for cancellation.

Section 20. SURRENDER OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

When a registered animal is lost by death, destruction, or other means it shall be the obligation of the holder of the Certificate of Registration to return the certificate to the Association for cancellation, endorsed to indicate the date and method of disposition. Original certificates will be returned for your files upon request.

Section 21. RUNNING MORE THAN ONE BULL WITH REGISTERED COWS

The American Brahman Breeders Association allows for the running of two or more DNA prequalified Brahman bulls of breeding age with registered Brahman cows at the same time, whose offspring the breeder intends to register provided that the offspring are DNA Parent Verified to their sire through the Official ABBA Lab and the results are sent directly to the ABBA Office from the lab for confirmation. No calf which is sired by pasture breeding in violation of this Rule is eligible for registration. Whenever it shall be established by evidence satisfactory to the Board of Directors that a member or non-member has knowingly and willfully violated this rule, he may be disciplined, suspended and/or denied any and all privileges of the Association.

Section 22. PEDIGREES

(a) EXTENDED PEDIGREES PREPARED BY THE ASSOCIATION – Five generation pedigrees will be prepared by the Association upon request and payment of the required fee. Additional charge is made for photocopy. Only pedigrees prepared or verified by the Association may be certified by the Association.

(b) ADDING INFORMATION TO PEDIGREES OF REGISTERED ANIMALS – Where specific information can be developed on the ancestry of an animal recorded or registered in the Association and such information is reduced to affidavit form and presented to the Board of Directors, then upon approval by two-thirds of the Board present, this information may become a part of the certified pedigree of such animal, as follows: Extended pedigrees issued by the American Brahman Breeders Association will certify all parts of the pedigree that are heretofore ABBA registered cattle and will indicate all animals that are not ABBA registered as “supplemental pedigree information” with a parenthesis (). The following definition of () “supplemental pedigree information” shall apply to and be stated on all such pedigrees issued by the Association: “Supplemental pedigree information approved by the ABBA Board of Directors, origination from sources other than the Herd Book of the American Brahman Breeders Association”. If “supplemental pedigree information” disclosed is a sire or dam of the subject animal which was recorded or registered in the Association, such information may be added to the Certificate of Registration, even though the original animal certificate has already been issued.

RULE IV

BLOOD TYPING/DNA

Section 1. PURPOSE

Blood typing or DNA fingerprinting according to Association procedures shall be recognized as a means of parentage determination, clarification or verification for registration of animals in the Herd Register (except in cases where limitations in the blood typing or DNA procedures do not permit same) and shall be utilized as a permanent identification procedure where required by the Association.

(a). Definition – Parent Verification is the confirmation of both the sire and the dam of the calf being registered/registered.

Section 2. FORMS AND MAINTENANCE OF INFORMATION

All blood typing/DNA fingerprinting shall be done at breeder expense and reported on forms supplied by the Association. The appropriate fee shall be submitted with such application and before the sample(s) are typed for non-members. The blood type/DNA on animals for which application has been submitted to the Association becomes the confidential information of the American Brahman Breeders Association and will be released only on request to the breeders and/or first owner and/or subsequent owners of the animal or to the chief administrative officer of a recognized Bos Indicus registry association.

Section 3. DNA PARENTAGE VERIFICATION OF AI AND ET BORN CALVES

Effective 01/01/2017 every 500th registration number issued will be flagged for the next embryo transfer produced offspring to be independently parent verified.

Effective 01/01/19 every 500th registration number issued will be flagged for the next embryo transfer or artificial insemination produced animal to be independently parent verified.

If a calf is selected for verification under this program, a third party will be designated to collect the sample and submit it to the approved ABBA laboratory. The registration of the calf will be held until the independent parentage verification is complete. The ABBA will assume the costs of the independent parentage verification. Failure to cooperate with an ABBA request within (30) days of notification, will result in sanctions as deemed appropriate as provided in Article II Section 4 (f) in the ABBA Constitution, including the suspension of the owner’s membership and suspension of the animal’s registration certificate.

Section 4. VERIFICATION OF RECORDS

(a) The Board of Directors of the Association may require that a test be made by such agencies as it may designate, of any animal or animals whose blood type or DNA fingerprint may be relevant to the accuracy of any record or registry maintained by the Association.

(b) It shall be the duty of any person concerned with the ownership or possession of any animal or animals designated by the Board of Directors to afford representatives of the Association reasonable opportunity to secure a sample from such animals and to examine all records relevant to the Association's investigation.

(c) The Association shall pay the costs of any investigation, including laboratory fees, undertaken under the provisions of paragraphs (a) and/or (b) of Rule X, Section 3, of the Rules.

(d) Penalties for Refusal – If a member of the Association or an owner of record shall refuse reasonable opportunity to representatives of the Association, or its designated agents, to secure a sample as set forth in this Rule X, Section 3, of the Rules, the Board of Directors may, at their discretion, take action under any appropriate provision of the Constitution/ Bylaws and these Rules of the Association, including Article V & VI of the Constitution.

Section 5 DNA PARENT VERIFICATION OF ANIMALS IN ABBA PROGRAMS

(a) ALL ANIMALS born January 1, 2017 and after that are shown in ABBA Approved Open Shows only, sold in ABBA Sponsored Sales and participate in ABBA Research Programs MUST be DNA Parent Verified.

RULE V

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS

Section 1. PURPOSE

Every change in ownership must be promptly recorded with the American Brahman Breeders Association, in order that the progeny of the animal may be registered and subsequent changes in ownership recorded.

(a) It shall be the duty of the seller to apply for transfer and pay the applicable transfer fee unless it is otherwise specifically agreed between seller and purchaser that the purchaser shall pay such fee, in which case the seller must execute an application for transfer in favor of the purchaser.

(b) It shall be the duty of the seller before offering a registered animal for sale, or applying for transfer, to verify that the animal carries legible identification marks, corresponding to the identification marks entered on its certificate.

Section 2. APPLICATION FORMS

Blank Application for Transfer forms will be furnished by the Association on request, the breeder may use the blank transfer form on the back of the computerized Registration Certificates designed for this purpose or download the form from the association website. Transfer of ownership can be recorded only upon receipt of Application for Transfer and Registration Certificate by the Association.

Section 3. REQUIRED INFORMATION

The following information will be required for the transfer of ownership of animals:

(a) Sex, Private Herd Number, name and ABBA number of animal sold.

(b) Name and complete mailing address of purchaser; also membership number if a member of the Association. Care should be taken to transfer the animal into the exact membership name of the new owner if a member of the Association. Otherwise, animal will be considered purchased by a non-member.

(c) Date of delivery. (The sale date is not as important as the date on which the animal actually leaves the seller's ranch and is delivered to the new owner.)

(d) For transfer of a female, indicate whether bred or open. If bred, give name, animal Private Herd Number and ABBA number of bull and breeding date. If pasture bred, state period or periods of exposure. Owner of the service bull, if not the seller of female, must sign the application for transfer, give membership number and address.

(e) Signature, address and membership number of the seller – rubber stamp permitted.

(f) Name and complete mailing address of person or firm to whom registration certificate is to be sent after transfer is properly recorded by the Association.

Section 4. INCOMPLETE APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER

Whenever an application for transfer is incomplete, and the applicant has failed to provide all of the information required in the Rules, such application shall be returned to the applicant for completion. An application shall be considered incomplete if not accompanied by the required fee.

Section 5. TRANSFER BY PARTNERS OR PARTNERSHIPS

In case members of a partnership desire to change ownership of an animal from one partner to another, they may do so by paying the special transfer fee. Where partnerships are formed, animals may be transferred from the original owner to the new firm at the special transfer fee if the original owner is a member of the new partnership. In the case of transfer of animals owned by a partnership, transfers will be made upon submission to the Association of applications for transfer duly executed by all members of the partnership. The Association reserves the right to require additional supporting evidence with reference to such transfers.

Section 6. TRANSFER OF COW WITH CALF AT SIDE

If the transfer is of a cow with a calf at side, the calf must be registered by the owner of the dam when the calf is born, and a separate transfer submitted for the calf. If, however, the calf is too young to be branded and consequently cannot be immediately registered, then it must be properly identified and the calf at side information must be submitted at the time the dam is transferred (also see Rule III, Section 13, (d)). The application for transfer of the dam should be submitted to the Association immediately by the seller with the calf at side information.

Section 7. ADJUSTMENT TRANSFERS

The following types of transfers, not classified as transfers in the ordinary usage of the term, may be made at the Special Transfer Fee designated by the Board of Directors:

(a) Transfers resulting from formation or dissolution of partnership or inheritance.

(b) Transfers from estates to heirs under terms of wills or court orders.

(c) Transfers for the purpose of correcting certificate records to exact membership names as required by the Rules.

(d) Transfers resulting from change in name only.

(e) Transfers resulting from marriage or divorce.

Section 8. TRANSFER APPLICATIONS OF ANIMALS CONSIGNED TO PUBLIC SALES

Sale managers and their representatives may fill in buyer's name on the application for transfer of animals consigned to public sales.

Section 9. RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEGAL TITLE

A transfer of Registration entered on an application or a Certificate of Registration or on the records of the Association shall not be construed as a conveyance or warranty of legal title by the Association. The Association shall in no way be involved in or assume liability for purchase, sale, or terms of sale of registered animals, or the passage of legal title.

Section 10. DISAGREEMENT OR DISPUTE BETWEEN SELLER AND BUYER

The Association will not assume the responsibility of settling disputes between seller and buyer concerning financial statement, ownership, health, fertility or any other matters which do not directly involve misrepresentation, deception or fraud in the registration of animals in the Herd Register, or of any infraction of Articles of Incorporation, Constitution/Bylaws or Rules of the Association.

Section 11. PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO TRANSFER ANIMAL

Any member of the Association who sells a Brahman animal(s) and represents them to be registered or eligible for registration in the Herd Register of the American Brahman Breeders Association, and who shall refuse to furnish a bona fide registration certificate and proper transfer to the purchaser within ninety (90) days after said sale and within thirty (30) days after having been requested to do so by the President of the Association in written request sent by registered mail, shall automatically be suspended from membership in the Association.

Section 12. NON-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE PROCEDURE

In the event that cattle are foreclosed upon in a non-judicial foreclosure procedure pursuant to the Texas Property Code and any other laws pursuant to which cattle are transferred in a non-judicial foreclosure procedure, it shall be the duty of the lien holder to provide the American Brahman Breeders Association with:

1. An affidavit of the lien holder which includes:
   (a) the date of the auction;
   (b) whether the auction was public or private;
   (c) the method of publicizing the sale;
   (d) the amount of the lien;
   (e) the amount of the sale price;
   (f) proof of the sale; and
   (g) a statement that the lien holder sent the owner of the cattle and all other known lien holder at least ten days written notice of the sale to the last known address of the owner or lien holder by registered mail, return receipt requested, as well as proof of receipt of the notice by the owner and the lien holder.

2. A statement from the auction manager which includes:
   (a) the date, place and time of the auction;
   (b) the amount at which the cattle were sold;
   (c) the name, address and telephone number of the purchaser of the cattle.

When the ABBA receives the aforementioned information, the cattle are eligible for transfer. This section is in addition to any requirements imposed by the laws of the State of Texas or any other state's laws pursuant to which cattle are sold. The American Brahman Breeders Association shall in no way be construed as being involved or assuming liability for the purchase, sale, or terms of sale of registered animals, or the passage of legal title thereto. A transfer made pursuant to this provision shall not be construed as a conveyance or warranty of legal title by the Association.

RULE VI

FEES CHARGE FOR ASSOCIATION WORK

Section 1. PAYMENT IN ADVANCE REQUIRED

All transactions with the Association, including application for registration, transfer of ownership, membership, pedigree or duplicate, miscellaneous fees and services, breeder supplies and promotional items, shall be on a prepaid basis. Check, money order or credit card information must accompany all applications and orders. Certificates shall not be issued, nor goods or services provided until the appropriate fees are paid in full. Certificates of registration, transfer, membership or extended pedigrees issued by the Association shall constitute receipt for fee, but such certificate or pedigree shall not be binding upon the Association in case of error.

Section 2. DATE APPLICABLE FOR FEE DETERMINATION

Fees charged for issuance or registration certificates and transfer of ownership shall be determined by the date of postmark. If delivered by other than U. S. or other postal service, the fee shall be determined by the date received by the Association.

The fees to be charged by the Association for membership, registration, transfer of cattle, for extended pedigrees and other services and miscellaneous fees shall be fixed by the Board of Directors from time to time and a copy attached to these rules.

RULE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1. STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Association shall have the following Standing Committees, appointed annually by the President except as otherwise provided for in the Constitution/Bylaws and these Rules of the Association; and, in addition, such other Standing Committees as the President may appoint from time to time. The President shall not replace more than 50% of the committee members per year. Each Committee shall consist of a Chairman and as many members as shall be considered necessary by the President. Each Committee, through the Chairman, shall report when appropriate, either verbally or in writing, to each meeting of the Board of Directors and annually to the General Membership Meeting as necessary.

(a) Executive Committee – See Article VI, of the Constitution.

(b) Finance Committee – This committee shall have supervision of the books of accounts of the Association and shall make an annual report of such audit to the General Membership Meeting. The Chairman of the Finance Committee shall be the elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, who shall serve during his tenure of office. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for preparation and submission of the annual budget to the Board of Directors in cooperation with the Association staff. The duties and responsibilities of the Finance Committee shall include all of the above and all other financial matters of the association.

(c) Membership and Member Services Committee – This committee shall be responsible for investigation and recommendation to the Board of Directors for action to be taken on all applications for membership in all classes of membership. The Chairman of the Membership and Member Services Committee shall work in close cooperation with the Recording

Secretary, who will receive and verify all applications for membership. This committee will also be responsible for overseeing membership services including the development of educational programs and/or activities to improve member services and participation in Association affairs.

(d) Communications Committee – This committee shall supervise the activities of the Communications Department, including the publication and dissemination of information, advertising programs and general promotion regarding the Brahman breed and the Brahman breed in commercial crossbreeding. The committee shall annually approve the budget for the Communications Department, submitted by the Director of Communications.

(e) Show Committee – This committee shall be responsible for establishing classes, premiums, special rules and other details of livestock shows where registered Brahman and Brahman hybrid cattle are shown competitively. The committee shall annually review the list of approved shows and add to, delete from or amend such list from time to time. This Committee shall also be responsible for establishment, review and amendment of the official ABBA list of “Approved Brahman Judges” to judge at approved Brahman shows.

(f) Research and Breed Improvement Committee – This committee shall seek to institute research programs through universities, colleges, governmental agencies and other research and development organizations benefiting use of registered Brahman cattle and be a liaison between the Association and such research organizations. This committee shall receive all proposals for research projects requesting use of Association funds from the Research Fund and, where appropriate, shall recommend specific participation in such projects to the Board of Directors.

(g) International Committee – This committee shall be responsible for developing and expanding international markets and export activities for the Brahman breed and the Association.

(h) Youth Activities Committee – This committee shall be responsible for all youth programs of the Association and will establish shows, contests and educational programs as approved by the Board.

(i) Marketing Committee – This committee shall oversee all marketing efforts of the association. The committee shall also oversee and promote the F-1 & F-1 Plus Certification Programs.

RULE VIII

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF POSITIONS

The Executive Vice President, by and with the consent of the Board of Directors, shall establish or eliminate such administrative staff positions as are required for the efficient operation of affairs of the Association and shall establish and amend the duties and responsibilities of each such staff position, which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) RECORDING SECRETARY: The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the American Brahman Herd Register and other Herd Books maintained by the Association. The Recording Secretary shall receive and verify entries for insertion in the Herd Register and Herd Books subject to the Rules of the Association; shall sign and issue all certificates of registration and keep a record of all such certificates issued; shall keep files and documents constituting the authority for pedigrees and hold them subject to any member of the Association; shall keep a record of all certificates of membership, shall supervise such personnel as may be required for performance of the duties imposed hereunder; and shall perform all other duties properly ordered by the Executive Vice President or Board of Directors or which usually pertain to the position of Recording Secretary.

(b) OFFICE MANAGER: The Office Manager shall keep such accounts and financial records as may be requested by the Secretary-Treasurer and/or Executive Vice President; shall prepare budgets and financial documents as required for the efficient operation of the Association; shall sign checks issued by the Association; shall administer payroll, purchasing, personnel records and perform all other functions that pertain to the general business administration of the Association; shall supervise such personnel as may be required for performance of the duties imposed hereunder; and shall perform all other duties properly ordered by the Executive Vice President or the Board of Directors or which usually pertain to the position of Office Manager.

(c) DIRECTOR OF ASSOCIATION SERVICES: The Director of Association Services shall be responsible for administration of the Association's performance program, Brahman Herd Improvement Records and shall represent the Association at the direction of the Executive Vice President; shall have primary Association responsibility in the area of new members, research, association programs and activities; shall supervise such personnel as may be required for performance of the duties imposed hereunder; and shall perform all other duties properly ordered by the Executive Vice President or the Board of Directors or which usually pertain to the position of Director of Association Services.

(d) DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES: The Director of Communications & Youth Activities shall be responsible for the conduct of all promotional programs engaged in by the Association and shall represent the Association at the direction of the Executive Vice President; he will have responsibility for administration of youth programs sponsored by the Association, and shall supervise such personnel as may be required for performance of duties imposed hereunder; and shall perform all other duties properly ordered by the Executive Vice President or the Board of Directors or which usually pertain to the position of Director of Communications & Youth Activities.

RULE IX

ABBA REGISTER OF RENOWN

Section 1. ELIGIBILITY

In order to give recognition to the sires and dams of worthy show animals, the American Brahman Breeders Association shall maintain a system of records known as the Brahman Register of Renown. An animal exhibited in shows approved by ABBA shall accumulate no points for himself but for his sire and/or dam. In order to accumulate Register of Renown points for either the sire or dam, all winning animals must be recorded in the records of the American Brahman Breeders Association prior to the time of showing. Points may also be gained when a get-of-sire or produce-of-dam are exhibited by one or more owners.

To be enrolled in the Brahman Register of Renown, a bull must gain a minimum of 200 points earned by five (5) or more of his get, with at least one (1) point for each of the get in individual competition. A female must gain a minimum of 75 points earned by two (2) or more of her produce, with at least one (1) point for each of two (2) produce in individual competition. Effective January 1, 2015.

Points shall be awarded on the following basis:

(a) Individual Classes

Number of animals In class	Placings 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
2 – 4	1	0	0	0	0
5 – 7	2	1	0	0	0
8 – 10	3	2	1	0	0
11 – 13	4	3	2	1	0
14-16	5	4	3	2	1
17-19	6	5	4	3	2
20-22	7	6	5	4	3

23-25	8 7 6 5 4
26+	9 8 7 6 5

(b) Champions

The senior, reserve senior, junior, reserve junior, intermediate, reserve intermediate, calf and reserve calf champion of each sex division shall receive at least as many points as any individual in their sex division. The grand and reserve grand champion of each sex division shall receive at least as many points as any individual in their sex division. If necessary, points will be added to the points a champion won in its individual class to give it this subtotal.

In addition, the champion of each sex division shall receive points above and beyond those already described on the following basis:

Champions	Res. Divisions	Div. Champ.	Reserve Champ.	Grand Champ.
Up-75 head	1	2	3	4
76-100	2	3	4	5
101-125	3	4	5	6
126-150	4	5	6	7
151-175	5	6	7	8
176-200	6	7	8	9
200 plus	7	8	9	10

(c) Get-of-Sire Class

A sire shall be given points for winners in this class on the following basis:

First place shall receive one point for each entry shown in the class; second place one point less; third placed one point less than second place; and so on until the last place entry receives one point.

(d) Produce-of-Dam Class (Both Natural and Embryo)

A dam shall be given points for winners in this class on the following basis:

First place shall receive one point for each entry shown in the class; second place one point less; third place one point less than second; and so on until the last place entry receives one point.

Section 2. FRADULENT CLAIMS

The Board of Directors of the American Brahman Breeders Association shall have the power to permanently revoke the registration certificates of any animal that the owner thereof fraudulently advertises, or claims is entitled to be enrolled in the American Brahman Breeders Association Register of Renown prior to enrollment being officially awarded by the Association.

Section 3. REGISTER OF RENOWN CERTIFICATE

When a sire or dam has accumulated sufficient points to be enrolled in the Register of Renown, the American Brahman Breeders Association shall prepare and present to the then recorded owner of the animal an appropriate certificate setting forth this honor. These recognitions are made during the first Annual Membership Meeting following the end of the previous calendar year's show season.

RULE X

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Board of Directors of the American Brahman Breeders Association shall adopt and periodically review and amend as required, a Standard of Excellence for the breed, setting forth in detail the standards for subjective selection of animals within the breed. A copy of such Standard of Excellence shall be attached to these Rules of the Association. The breed Standard of Excellence shall be distributed among members of the Association and other interested persons.

RULE XI

SALE GUARANTEES

The Association shall not be liable for any warranties made by the seller of cattle.

RULE XII

Section 1. SPECIFIC RULES

The Board of Directors shall establish the criteria and approve all Association Approved Shows. Official Show Rules established by the Association are applicable at any Association Approved Show. A full and complete copy of the most current ABBA Official Show Rules, as may have been amended from time to time, is available upon request from the Association or can be viewed on the Association's official website.

Section 2. OFFICIAL SHOW CLASSES

The American Brahman Breeders Association shall establish Official Fall Show Classes and Official Spring Show Classes to be utilized at all Association Approved Shows. A full and complete copy of the most current ABBA Official Fall Show Classes and ABBA Official Spring Show Classes, as may have been amended from time to time, are available upon request from the Association or can be viewed on the Association's official website.

Section 3. LIST OF OFFICIAL BRAHMAN JUDGES

The Association may establish, from time to time, a list of official approved Brahman judges to be utilized as a tool to assist Association Approved Shows in selection of judges. Judges for Association Approved Shows may be either selected from this list or selected in accordance with the ABBA Official Show Rules. A full and complete copy of the most current ABBA Official Approved Judges List, as may have been amended from time to time, is available upon request from the Association or can be viewed on the Association's official website.

Section 4. ABBA SHOW RING CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS

The Association may establish, from time to time, a Judge's Code of Conduct and/or an Exhibitor's Code of Conduct each applicable to Association Approved Shows. Any Judge for an Association Approved Show shall be deemed to be subject to the Judge's Code of Conduct by their acceptance and agreement to judge an Association Approved Show. Any Exhibitor (also including any Breeder, Owner, Showman or Fitter) as defined under the ABBA Official Show Rules participating in an Association Approved Show shall be deemed to be subject to the Exhibitor's Code of Conduct by their entry and/or exhibition in an Association Approved Show. A full and complete copy of the most current Judge's Code of Conduct and/or Exhibitor's Code of Conduct, either of which as may have been amended from time to time, are available upon request from the Association or can be viewed on the Association's official website.

E. SHOW COMMITTEE

(1) The ABBA President will appoint a Show Committee and Show Committee Chairperson. The Show Committee will:

(a) Establish rules subject to Board of Director Approval to govern the Exhibition of animals to establish show classes, premiums, special rules and other details of livestock shows.

(b) Will appoint all judges and/or remove judges from the list of ABBA Approved Judges.

(c) May review any and all judging performances after ABBA sponsored or approved events.

(d) The Show committee, upon receipt of information which adversely affects a person's ability to be a Judge, may temporarily or permanently suspend a Judge's privileges pending the results of their findings.

F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1) The ABBA Executive Committee, upon receipt of information which adversely affects a person's ability to be a Judge, shall have the authority to discipline, penalize, and/or remove a Judge's name from the approved Judges list.

(2) The ABBA Executive Committee, upon receipt of information regarding an exhibitor's, owner's, breeder's or member's infraction of the ABBA Show Ring Code of Conduct and Ethics, shall have the authority to discipline, penalize or suspend certain rights of ABBA membership.

G. REPORTING INFRACTIONS/GRIEVANCES

(1) A Judge must present in writing any grievances within thirty (30) days of the incident that they may have against an exhibitor, owner or breeder to the ABBA Executive Vice President.

(2) Any ABBA show official, officer, director or member witnessing a grievance against a Judge, or infraction of the ABBA Show Ring Code of Conduct and Ethics by an exhibitor, owner or breeder should report the grievance or infraction in writing to the ABBA Executive Vice President within thirty (30) days. Infractions and grievances may include but not be limited to any:

(a) Attempt by an individual to have the Judge favor or disfavor a particular entry or exhibitor.

(b) Offer of information to the Judge that may be regarded as designed to influence the Judge.

(c) Offer of an inducement and/or bribe to a Judge to advantage or disadvantage a particular entry or exhibitor.

(d) Disrespectful behavior or interference on the part of an exhibitor, owner or breeder towards a Judge, show ring management, ABBA officials or other exhibitors during the time a show is in progress. This includes any conduct detrimental to the breed or show.

(e) Misrepresentation of the age, status or classification of the animal for the class in which the animal is shown.

(f) Exhibition of any animal whose natural appearance has been surgically or otherwise artificially altered.

(3) Any infractions and grievances to be reported regarding a Judge's conduct or judging performance by an exhibitor, owner, breeder or ABBA member must be filed in writing to the ABBA Executive Vice President within 30 days of the individual gaining knowledge of the incident.

(4) Any infractions and grievances to be reported by an ABBA member regarding an exhibitor, owner or breeder must be filed in writing to the ABBA Executive Vice President within 30 days of the individual gaining knowledge of the incident.

H. PROCESS OF A FILED COMPLAINT

Upon receipt of a filed complaint, the Executive Vice President shall promptly forward the complaint to the Chairman of the Executive Committee to determine whether the allegations of the complaint would, if proven, constitute an infraction of the ABBA Show Ring Code of Conduct and Ethics. The procedures that will be followed in regard to the Investigation, Right of Hearing, Suspension and Appeal will follow the procedures outlined under Violative Conduct (Rule I; Section 7, III-VII).

Disciplinary actions by the ABBA Executive Committee may include but not be limited to:

(a) Suspension or removal of a Judge from the ABBA Approved Judge's list.

(b) Forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums or proceeds.

(c) Forfeiture of Register of Renown points.

(d) Written letter of reprimand to the responsible party.

(e) Disqualification of animal in violation from exhibition. *

(f) Disqualification of an exhibitor, owner, breeder and/or ABBA member from ABBA sanctioned shows. *

(g) Disqualification of an exhibitor, owner, breeder and/or ABBA member from ABBA membership.

(h) Publication of the offense.

*Disqualification may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years.

RULE XIII

CERTIFICATION OF F1 FEMALES & BULLS

Section 1. NAME

The American Brahman Breeders Association will maintain a system of records for true F1 Brahman Females & Bulls to be known as “Certification of F1 Brahman Females” & “Certification of F-1 Brahman Bulls”.

Section 2. PURPOSE

(a) Ensure that the F1 Brahman Hybrid Animal is indeed a true F1.

(b) To promote the genetic superiority of the F1 Brahman Hybrid.

(c) To better communicate with those commercial breeders that utilize Brahman blood in their programs.

(d) Further promote the use of Brahman bulls and Brahman females in commercial crossbreeding programs.

(e) Promote foreign sales with the certification of F1 Brahman – dairy females & bulls.

Section 3. BREEDER ENROLLMENT

Any individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, trust, estate or other legal entity of reputable character owning purebred and/or registered cattle shall be eligible to enroll in the "Certification of F1 Brahman Female" & "Certification of F-1 Bull" program. A printed list of only the enrolled breeders will be distributed in the promotion of the F1 Brahman females & bulls and to answer inquires.

(a) ABBA members in good standing must enroll in order to participate in this program.

(b) ABBA membership is not required, but the American Brahman Breeders Association invites all interested persons and/or companies enrolled in this program to join the American Brahman Breeders Association. This will enable them to receive membership mailings and keep informed about the progress of the breed.

(c) Applications for breeder enrollment will be furnished by ABBA on request or can be downloaded from the association website.

(d) Enrollment fees shall be established by the American Brahman Breeders Association Board of Directors. See Section 8.

Section 4. CATTLE ELIGIBLE

Any purebred beef or dairy breed may be crossed with the American Brahman in order to produce progeny that are eligible for certification as a Golden Certified or Certified F1 female or bull.

(a) <u>ELIGIBLE SIRES</u>

All sires must be purebred registered bulls in their own breed. (Registered breeds having percentage of Brahman blood as a base will not qualify.)

(1) PUREBRED REGISTERED BRAHMAN BULLS may be used on registered or purebred females of other breeds. Note: Multiple sire matings with Brahman bulls will be allowed.

(2) PUREBRED REGISTERED OTHER BREED BULLS may be used on registered or purebred Brahman females. Note: Multiple sire matings will be allowed.

(b) <u>ELIGIBLE DAMS</u>

All dams must be purebred or registered females in their own breed. (Registered breeds having percentage of Brahman blood as a base will not qualify.)

(1) PUREBRED REGISTERED BRAHMAN FEMALES may be mated with purebred registered other breed bulls. (Breed registry verification may be required.)

(2) PUREBRED REGISTERED OTHER BREED FEMALES may be mated with purebred registered Brahman bulls. (Breed registry verification may be required.)

(3) PUREBRED, NON-REGISTERED FEMALES may be mated with purebred registered other breed bulls, provided cows have been qualified for this certification program. See Section 5.

(4) PUREBRED, NON-REGISTERED OTHER BREED FEMALES may be mated with purebred registered Brahman bulls provided cows have been qualified for this certification program. See Section 5.

(c) Progeny of registered purebred parentage will receive special recognition.

Section 5. QUALIFICATIONS OF PUREBRED NON-REGISTERED DAMS

Purebred non-registered cows must be qualified as dams for this program according to the following rules established by the ABBA Board of Directors:

(a) Dams must be identified.

(b) Enrolled breeders of a purebred non-registered cow herd must send a request to ABBA for their inspection.

(c) After a visual inspection for purebred verification, the inspection report will be filed with the ABBA office listing those dams that qualify for the F1 Brahman Certification Program.

(d) Inspection fees will be charged to the owner. See Section 8.

(e) Herd qualification is non-transferable.

Section 6. METHOD OF CERTIFICATION

Applications for certification will be furnished by the ABBA office on request or can be downloaded from the association website.

(a) REQUIRED INFORMATION

(1) Name and address of enrolled breeder and signature.

(2) F1 female or bull identification number.

(3) Ownership brand or other identification method.

(4) Birth record (month or season) and year.

(5) Color markings.

(6) Sire – breed, name, identification number and registry number

(7) Dam – breed, if registered – name, identification number and registry number; if non-registered – I. D. number only.

Or with the alternative process where only an eartag is issued:

(1) Name, membership number and address of enrolled breeder and signature.

(2) Sire & Dam breed information.

(3) Number of certifications requested.

(b) Individual certifications (certificate or eartag) will be issued by the ABBA upon receipt of the application for certification and payment of fee. See Section 8. (No inspection of the F1 Brahman progeny is required.)

(c) The ABBA will maintain a system of filing which will include owners, number of certifications and breeds of parents.

Section 7. FRAUDULENT ENTRIES

(a) FRAUDULENT ENTRIES

The Recording Secretary of ABBA shall defer action on applications for certification of any F1 Brahman females or bulls, when in the judgment of the Secretary there are irregularities, either real or apparent in said applications; said deferred applications shall be submitted to the ABBA Executive Committee for approval or disapproval.

Should any F1 Brahman female or bull certified through misrepresentation or fraud, the Board of Directors of ABBA on discovery of the same shall declare the certification void. When an F1 Brahman female or bull shall have been certified through misrepresentation or fraud, the Board of Directors of ABBA may direct the Recording Secretary to refuse for record any subsequent entry dependent upon the signature of any person implicated in such fraudulent entry.

(b) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Every certificate of certification is based on statements in the application thereof, and the American Brahman Breeders Association assumes no responsibility for damages which may be caused by any certification issued on erroneous or fraudulent information, or damages entailed by striking from the certification program any F1 Brahman females or bulls described in Section (a) above.

(c) EXPULSION

If any enrolled breeder of this certification of F1 Brahman female or bull program shall be accused of any misrepresentation, deception or fraud in relation to the certification of females or bulls in the certification program or any infraction of the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution/Bylaws of the American Brahman Breeders Association, or any act of conduct, which may endanger the good order, welfare or credit of the ABBA, the Executive Committee of ABBA shall examine the matter and if the charge is sustained by sufficient proof after an opportunity shall have been given him to appear before the ABBA Executive Committee in his defense, the offending enrolled breeder shall be expelled, providing majority of the ABBA Executive Committee vote in favor thereof, said vote if so desired by the accused, to be subject to the approval of the members represented in person at the ABBA Board of Directors meeting.

Section 8. FEES FOR SERVICE

Fees for work completed under this F1 Brahman female & bull certification program shall be established by the Board of Directors of the ABBA.

(a) BREEDER ENROLLMENT FEE - $50.00 lifetime.

(b) INDIVIDUAL F1 BRAHMAN FEMALE CERTIFICATION - $7.50.

(c) INDIVIDUAL F1 BRAHMAN BULL CERTIFICATION - $15.00.

(d) QUALIFICATION OF PUREBRED NON-REGISTERED DAMS - $ 6.00

(e) TRAVEL EXPENSES OF INSPECTOR – The fee charged to the applicants who wish the inspection may be at the rate of up to $100.00 per day plus any expenses each inspector may incur in carrying out his duties. Such charges shall be billed to the party requesting the inspection(s) upon submission of expenses by the inspector to the ABBA.

RULE XIV

ABBA F-1 PLUS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The F1 Program is a program that recognizes the mating of purebred American Brahmans with purebred Bos Taurus. Purebreds are defined as cattle bred from members of a recognized breed, strain, or kind without a mixture of other breeds over many generations

Section 1. NAME

The American Brahman Breeders Association will maintain a system of records for offspring of Golden Certified/Certified F-1 Females.

Section 2. PURPOSE

(a) Provide marketing opportunities for utilizers of the Golden Certified/Certified F-1 Female

(b) To recognize and promote the offspring of the Golden Certified/Certified F-1 female (1/4, 3/4 and Varying Brahman Percentages).

(c) Identify the amount of Brahman blood found in varying percentages in beef cattle of the U. S. and other countries.

(d) To better communicate with those commercial breeders that utilize Brahman blood in their programs.

(e) Promote the use of the Golden Certified/Certified F-1 Female.

Section 3. BREEDER ENROLLMENT

Any individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, trust, estate or other legal entity of reputable character owning ABBA Golden Certified or Certified F-1 Females shall be eligible to enroll in this program. A printed list of only the enrolled breeders will be distributed in the promotion of the F1 Plus Female and to answer inquires.

(a) Members must enroll in the F-1 Certification Program

(b) Applications for breeder enrollment will be furnished by ABBA on request or can be downloaded from the ABBA website.

(c) Enrollment fees shall be established by the American Brahman Breeders Association Board of Directors. See Section 7.

Section 4. CATTLE ELIGIBLE

Any offspring from an ABBA Golden Certified or Certified Female is eligible.

(a) ELIGIBLE SIRES

All sires must be registered bulls from a recognized breed association.

(b) ELIGIBLE DAMS

ALL Dams must have been Golden Certified or Certified through the ABBA F-1 Certification Program.

Section 5. METHOD OF CERTIFICATION

Applications for certification will be furnished by the ABBA office on request or can be downloaded from the ABBA website.

The following information is required:

(1) Name, membership number and address of enrolled breeder and signature.

(2) Number of eartags requested.

(3) Eartags will be issued by the ABBA upon receipt of the application for certification and payment of fee. See Section 7

(4) The ABBA will maintain a system of filing which will include owners and number of eartags requested.

Section 6. FRAUDULENT ENTRIES

(a) FRAUDULENT ENTRIES

The Recording Secretary of ABBA shall defer action on applications for certification of any F1 Plus females, when in the judgment of the Secretary there are irregularities, either real or apparent in said applications; said deferred applications shall be submitted to the ABBA Executive Committee for approval or disapproval.

Should any F1 Plus females certified through misrepresentation or fraud, the Executive Committee of ABBA on discovery of the same shall declare the certification void. When an F1 Plus female shall have been certified through misrepresentation or fraud, the Executive Committee of ABBA may direct the Recording Secretary to refuse for record any subsequent entry dependent upon the signature of any person implicated in such fraudulent entry.

(b) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Every certification is based on statements in the application thereof, and the American Brahman Breeders Association assumes no responsibility or liability for damages which may be caused by any certification issued on erroneous or fraudulent information, or damages entailed by striking from the certification program any F1 Plus female described in Section (a) above.

(c) EXPULSION

If any enrolled breeder of this certification of F1 Plus Female program shall be accused of any misrepresentation, deception or fraud in relation to the certification of females in the certification program or any infraction of the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution/Bylaws of the American Brahman Breeders Association, or any act of conduct, which may endanger the good order, welfare or credit of the ABBA, the Executive Committee of ABBA shall examine the matter and if the charge is sustained by sufficient proof an opportunity shall be given to him to appear before the ABBA Executive Committee in his defense, the offending enrolled breeder shall be expelled, providing majority of the ABBA Executive Committee vote in favor.

Section 7. FEES FOR SERVICE

Fees for work completed under this F1 Plus Certification Program shall be established by the Board of Directors of the ABBA.

(f) BREEDER ENROLLMENT FEE - $50.00 lifetime.

(g) INDIVIDUAL F1 BRAHMAN FEMALE PROGENY EARTAG - $3.50.

RULE XV

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session is that portion of a meeting in which minutes are not taken, outsiders are not present, and the contents of the discussion are treated as confidential.

Executive Session may be called during the conduct of any ABBA meeting, be it Annual Membership Meetings, Board of Directors Meetings, Standing or Special Committee Meetings or Subcommittee Meetings, only under the following conditions:

(a) Board of Directors, Standing or Special Committees or Subcommittee Meetings:

If the individual presiding or acting as President or Chairperson determines that one or more persons that are not members of that board/committee, are acting in such a manner as to disrupt the reasonable conduct of the meeting, the presiding individual may declare Executive session. However, the President or Chairperson must inform the person or persons causing the disturbance, that Executive Session will be called if they continue to disrupt the meeting. Should the disturbance continue, then the President or Chairperson may call Executive Session.

(b) Membership Meetings:

If the individual presiding or acting as President or Chairperson determines that one or more persons that are not members of ABBA, are acting in such manner as to disrupt the reasonable conduct of the meeting the presiding individual may declare Executive session. However, the President or Chairperson must inform the person or persons causing the disturbance, that Executive Session will be called if they continue to disrupt the meeting. Should the disturbance continue, then the President or Chairperson may call Executive Session.

(c) Any ABBA Meeting that deals with privileged or sensitive information:

Any Chairperson may extend Executive Session privilege if the information to be discussed is considered to be damaging to anyone's reputation or character and thus needs to be discussed only by those members who are charged with the responsibility of dealing with the problem.

(d) Show Committee Meeting:

For the selection of ABBA judges and replacement judges for ABBA Approved Shows.

RULE XVI

WRITING/AMENDING THE RULES

(a) WRITING OR AMENDING THE RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION. These Rules of the Association may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors in attendance at any regular meeting or a special meeting of the Board of Directors if the Rule change or Rule addition is part of the announced reason for the special meeting and has been placed on the agenda.

(b) RULES AND RESOLUTIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE: The President may appoint a committee to review changes to, or additions to, or additional Rules as offered by other committees. This review is intended to take place before a committee offers changes to a Rule or a new Rule to the Board of Directors for approval. The proposed Rule or changes to a Rule will be examined (i) to determine that no conflict exists with the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution/ByLaws, or any existing Rule, and (ii) that the language is clear, concise, unambiguous, and descriptive of what the intended purpose of the offering committee. It will not be the intent of the Review Committee to change or alter the intent of the offering committee. This Committee will also function to review any resolutions offered by any committee for approval by the Board of Directors.

RULE XVII

RULES FOR ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

These rules apply only to attendance at Executive Committee meetings by Committee members. They do not apply to attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors, which shall be in person or Membership Meeting of Active Members, which shall require attendance in person or by proxy.

(a) Electronic Attendance. Upon receipt of a notice from the President, the Executive Vice President will arrange for a telephone conference call, video internet connection such as Skype or other electronic means by which such Executive Committee Member may attend the meeting electronically and will notify all Committee Members of the availability of such means and provide the information for establishing the connection. Executive Committee Members should log on the specified electronic connection promptly at the appointed time for the meeting, should announce their attendance and insure that the Executive Vice President has recognized their participation and

should remain connected throughout the meeting. In the event the electronic connection is terminated for any reason, the member should promptly log back on. If unable to log back on, the member should contact the Executive Vice President by telephone, email or text message to notify him of the difficulty, and if possible, to obtain other means of participation.

(b) Quorum. For purposes of determining whether or not a quorum exists for the conduct of business by the Executive Committee the Executive Vice President may count all members participating by electronic means at the commencement of the meeting as present at the meeting. The subsequent loss of a connection which cannot be re-established shall not affect the determination of a quorum.

RULE XVIII

CONSTRUCTION AND HEADINGS

These Rules of the Association shall be deemed drafted equally by all parties. Its language shall be construed according to its fair meaning. Any presumption or principle that the language is to be construed against any party shall not apply.

The headings in these Rules are only for convenience and are not intended to affect construction or interpretation. Any references to paragraphs, subparagraphs, sections, or subsections are to those parts of the Rules, unless the context clearly indicates to the contrary.

Unless the context clearly indicates to the contrary, (a) the plural includes the singular and the singular includes the plural; (b) or is used both conjunctively and disjunctively; (c) any, all, each, or every means any and all, and each and every; (d) includes and including are each without limitation; (e) herein, hereof, hereunder, and other similar compounds of the word here refer to the entire Rules and not to any particular paragraph, subparagraph, section or subsection; (f) all pronouns and any variations thereof shall be deemed to refer to the masculine, feminine, neuter, singular or plural as the identity of the entities or persons referred to may require.

AMERICAN BRAHMAN BREEDERS ASSSOCIATION FEE SCHEDULE

*****Effective 01/01/18 Online Registration fees as follows:***

Age of Animals	Unit Price	No BHIR	Non-Active	10 hd. or less
Under 10 months	$17.50	$20.00	$50.00	$40.00
10-12 months	$25.00	$27.50	$75.00	$47.50

12-24 months	$50.00	$52.50	$100.00	$70.00
Over 24 months	$100.00	$102.50	$150.00	$120.00

*****Effective 01/01/18 Paper Registration fees as follows:***

Age of Animals	Unit Price	No BHIR	Non-Active	10 hd. or less
Under 10 months	$20.00	$22.50	$52.50	$42.50
10-12 months	$27.50	$30.00	$77.50	$50.00
12-24 months	$52.50	$55.00	$102.50	$72.50
Over 24 months	$102.50	$105.00	$152.50	$122.50
Imported Female	$100.00		N/A	
Imported Bull	$200.00		N/A	
Reciprocity	$25.00		N/A	
Certify F-1 Females	$7.50		N/A	

Online or Paper Transfer fees:

Transaction	Active Member Unit	Non-Active Member Unit
Within 30 days of sale	$17.50	$45.00
After 30 days of sale	$20.00	$65.00
*Other	$5.00	$5.00

*Application resulting from formation or dissolution of Partnership or Inheritance. Name Change, etc.
*Multiple Owned Registrations and Transfers will be charged according to the number of Individual certificates issued.

ADDITIONAL TRANSACTIONS

Transaction	Unit Fee
5 Generation Pedigree	$10.00
Duplicate Certificate	$5.00
Correction of Certificate	$5.00
DNA Parentage Verification	$25.00
Animal Name Change (No offspring)	$20.00
AI/Embryo Certificate	$5.00
BHIR Fees – WW & YW	$2.50
Added Brand Fee	$10.00
Rush Fees	$15.00/item

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Transaction	Unit Fee
Active Membership	$250.00
F-1 Program Member	$50.00
Annual Fees Based on Breeding Age Females	
1-50 Breeding Age Females	$125.00
51-100 Breeding Age Females	$225.00
101-200 Breeding Age Females	$325.00
201-300 Breeding Age Females	$425.00
301-400 Breeding Age Females	$525.00
401 and more Breeding Age Females	$625.00

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR AMERICAN BRAHMAN CATTLE

Description

	Bull	Cow
I. GENERAL APPEARANCE		
A. Size and Weight – Well developed according to age. Bulls 1600-2200 lbs. at maturity in good flesh. Cows 1000-1400 lbs. Body frame should have ample depth, width and length regardless of condition……	**10**	**10**
B. Form –Massive, long, broad, moderate depth, balanced, straight back with a slightly rounding rump. Any appreciable dropping off from hips to region of crops or hump is undesirable. Bottom line straight except for sheath in bull and navel in cow……	**8**	**8**
C. Quality - Hide soft and pliable, of medium thickness, hair of medium texture, soft. Bone ample in substance, clean cut strong. Muscling long, well defined……..	**4**	**4**
	22	**22**
II. BODY FORM OR CONFORMATION		
A. Shoulders and Chest – Moderately oblique, smooth, broad on top and covered by hump. Brisket not prominent. Chest wide and deep, good width on floor……..	**8**	**8**
B. Body		
1.Back and Ribs – Ribs well sprung from backbone, arched, with ample length to give moderate depth to body. Symmetrically joined to loin and crops. Excessive depression behind shoulders objectionable. Short middle and excessive depth of rib not desirable. Back and loin uniformly wide and gently sloping to the sides when viewed from rear. Well covered with thick natural muscling. A sharp angle of back between and extending above hooks objectionable……	**9**	**9**
2. Loin – Broad, thick, level and firm, blending smoothly into back and rump. …….....	**8**	**8**
C. Hindquarters		
1. Rump – Long, wide at pins and slightly rounding toward tail head. Smoothly joined to loin (Steep slope serious discrimination). Tailhead smooth……	**8**	**8**
2. Hooks – Slightly below level of back, medium in width, well laid in……		**1**
3. Round – Broad, thick, full, and deep, extending well down to hock……..	**8**	**8**
D. Feet and Legs – Moderate length, straight and squarely placed. Bone with ample substance, strong and clean, tapering into well-formed, dense joints. Hind legs perpendicular when viewed from rear but slightly inclined forward below hocks; muscular above hocks. Strong moderately sloping pasterns. Toes uniform, ample in size and straight heel deep. Walk straight, strong and active……	**7**	**7**
E. Muscling –Animal should show indications of superior muscling: front legs set wide, shoulder thick, forearm and stifle well muscled. Rounding over top. Rounds thick and full with widest point halfway between rump and hock when viewed from rear. Animal should stand square, walk with hind legs set well apart while traveling true. Good length from hook to hock and from pin to stifle. Bone relatively heavy……..	**7**	**7**
	55	**56**
III. BREED AND SEX CHARACTERISTICS		
A. Color - Grey or red of varying shades predominate. Brindle, gruella and true white (albino) are disqualifications. Muzzle, hoofs and switch black. Horns dark.		
B. Head – Sex should be expressed by the head. Bulls masculine and females feminine. Face moderate in length, muzzle full, nostrils wide and open, lips dark. Eyes mild and full with good width between them. Horns set wide at base, thick and medium in length. Horns of cows should be thinner than those of bulls…	**4**	**4**
C.Neck and Throat – Neck moderately short, muscular in bull; neat in cow, blending smoothly into shoulders. Throat clean on sides, but with moderate development of dewlap……	**2**	**2**
D. Hump – Bulls should possess hump of ample size, located directly on top of shoulders, moderate in thickness, somewhat resembling a bean in shape and extending backwards. Females should show hump of moderate development, more oval in shape and located on top of shoulders.	**2**	**2**
E. Sheath and Navel – Sheath should be a medium size and closely attached, not pendulous. Excessive development of sheath or navel objectionable……..	**3**	**2**
F. Tail - Set above pins and neatly attached to body on a level with top line or slightly below. Moderately long		
G. Sex Character - Bulls should possess pronounced masculinity. Females should show characteristics of refinement and femininity.		
1. Udder - Ample in capacity, extending well forward in line with belly and well up behind; not fleshly. Teats moderate in size and squarely placed under each quarter……..		**4**
2. Scrotum – The scrotum should contain two testicles, well developed, of equal size. Abnormal testicles serious discrimination……..	**4**	
H. Environment Adaptation Traits – hide densely covered with hair of medium texture, oily to the touch and capable of movement along sides. Well developed dewlap with soft, pliable skin arranged in folds extending from lower jaw to chest floor. Moderate development of loose skin under belly……..	**2**	**2**
	17	**16**
IV. Temperament		
Alert but docile……	**6**	**6**
Total……..	**100**	**100**