



# ANGUS AUSTRALIA

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## 1. [INTRODUCTION](#)

- 1.1 These Regulations will take effect as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.
- 1.2 The Regulations may be amended from time to time by resolution passed at a meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority of at least three quarters of the Board present and voting.
- 1.3 The most recent version of the Regulations will be loaded on the Angus Australia website ([www.angusaustralia.com.au](http://www.angusaustralia.com.au)).

## 2. [MEMBERSHIP](#)

- 2.1 Angus Australia (the “Society”) shall recognise four categories of membership, as follows:
  - (i) Honorary Life Members
  - (ii) Full Members
  - (iii) Commercial Members
  - (iv) Junior Members – for persons aged up to and including 25 years of age.
- 2.2 Only Full, Honorary Life and Junior Full members are eligible to apply for registration of animals.
- 2.3 Applications for membership must be submitted on a Membership Application Form together with the prescribed annual subscription fee.
- 2.4 Membership applications must include a membership name, which may be an individual, partnership or company. A membership name shall not normally resemble the prefix, or membership name recorded by another member, nor include the name of any other cattle breed other than Angus. At least one authorised

signatory must be nominated for each membership.

- 2.5 A unique Herd Identifier code will be allocated for each membership (normally a three letter code).
- 2.6 A non-refundable Establishment Fee is payable for new members who wish to record animals.

## 3. [ANGUS AUSTRALIA LOGO](#)

- 3.1 The Angus Australia logo is for the use of the Society office and its state committees only. An adaption including the word ‘YOUTH’ is for the use of Angus Youth only. Members may use an adaptation of the logo which includes the word ‘MEMBER’ subject to the following:

The logo must not be changed, altered, distorted, dismantled or used in part and must not be combined with any other image or lettering. Further, the logo must only be used in the preferred two colour (black and red PMS 186) application or in mono (black) and must not be used in any application that may bring the society into disrepute. Inappropriate use by members and use by non-members may be challenged under trade-mark laws.

## 4. [PREFIX, TATTOO AND BRAND](#)

- 4.1 Members must record a prefix, tattoo mark and brand (if such is intended to be used) before applying to register animals.
- 4.2 The prefix should be a minimum of 4 characters and a maximum of 16 characters in length, and shall not normally resemble the prefix, or membership name recorded by another member.
- 4.3 The tattoo mark is a set of characters or symbol that shall not resemble any other tattoo mark recorded with the Society by another member.
- 4.4 If a fire or freeze brand is used it shall not resemble any other brand recorded by another member.

## 5. [HERD INVENTORY](#)

- 5.1 All breeding females 2 years and over within the Inventory Year (1st January to 31st December) are split into either the Autumn Herd Inventory (for females calving between January 1 – June 30) or the Spring Herd Inventory (for females calving between July 1 – December 31).
- 5.2 Females for which the annual Herd Inventory Fees are paid will be designated as “Active”.
- 5.3 A Herd Inventory List will be provided to member (s) for each calving season showing the registration status of all “Active” females.

- 5.4 Calves can be registered for a particular calving season after all Herd Inventory Fees are paid for that season, and the “Active” list of females for that season is finalised by the member.
- 5.5 Females may be moved from Autumn Herd Inventory to Spring Herd Inventory (or vice-versa).
- 5.6 Once a female has been moved from the Autumn Herd Inventory to the Spring Herd Inventory (or vice-versa) then it cannot be moved back to the original Inventory Season unless a Herd Inventory Fee has since been paid.
- 5.7 Late Payment Fees will be applied if Herd Inventory Fees are not paid by the prescribed dates.
- 5.8 Where a female is the subject of a lease agreement, the lessee will be liable for payment of the prescribed Herd Inventory fees during the lease period.
- 5.9 If the payment for invoiced Herd Inventory fees is not received by the Society within 2 months of the prescribed date, the females invoiced for the period will be made “Inactive”.
- 5.10 Inactive females may be reinstated to “Active” status by the payment of a Reinstatement Fee plus the current Herd Inventory Fee. Reinstatement to “Active” status allows registration of the current year’s progeny only.
- 5.11 Where a female is jointly owned, the Herd Inventory Fee for the female will be charged to the member with recorded possession. Where possession is not recorded with the Society, each owner will be charged the full Herd Inventory Fee for the female
- 6. REGISTRATION OF ANIMALS**
- 6.1 The Society shall maintain a number of registers for the recording of Angus and Angus influenced cattle, including:
- (i) Angus Herd Book Register (HBR)
  - (ii) Red Angus Register (RAR)
  - (iii) Angus Performance Register (APR)
  - (iv) Multi-Breed Register (MBR)
  - (v) Angus Commercial Register (ACR)
  - (vi) Progeny Test Register (PTR)
- 6.2 **CALF REGISTRATION**  
The recorded owner or lessee of the dam (or recipient dam) of an animal at the date when the animal was born will be designated the Breeder of that animal.
- 6.3 Applications for registration shall be submitted by the Breeder, or an authorised signatory of the Breeder’s membership, in an approved format that includes such particulars as the Society shall require in respect of each animal.
- 6.4 Applications for registration will only be accepted for progeny of females that were “Active” in the calving season in which the progeny are born.
- 6.5 Applications for registration must be submitted within 12 months from date of birth of an animal otherwise the prescribed Late Calf Registration Fees shall apply.
- 6.6 Applications for registration will only be accepted if the Society is satisfied that the information provided is accurate and fulfils the requirements of these Regulations.
- 6.7 Applications for registration may be refused if the member has any overdue fees or charges payable to the Society.
- 6.8 Progeny of animals with shared ownership can only be registered under one prefix.
- 6.9 Where an animal is jointly owned or leased the owners or lessees must nominate who will be designated as the Breeder of any resultant calf.
- 6.10 It is the responsibility of the Breeder to take the necessary steps to assure the accuracy of the pedigree and of any other information provided in relation to an animal submitted for registration.
- 6.11 If it is found that the particulars provided in the application for registration of any animal are incorrect the registration of that animal and its descendants may be cancelled, and/or corrected as required.
- 6.12 The Breeder will provide a unique Animal Identifier (Ident) for each animal submitted for registration. This will include the Breeder’s Herd Identifier, a breeding year letter, and an animal number. The breeding year letter will denote the year in which the calf was born, and the animal number shall so far as is practicable, normally indicate the order in which the calf was born in relation to other calves born in the same herd in that breeding year.
- 6.13 Each breeding year shall commence on the 1st January and end on the following 31st December. For the first year following that in which the letter “A” is used the letter “B” will be used as the next breeding year letter. Thereafter the letters in their normal sequence throughout the alphabet shall be used to denote the respective succeeding breeding years (with the exception of “I” and “O”). For example, the letter ‘M’ shall be used throughout the year **2016** as signifying the breeding year commencing 1st January 2016.
- 6.14 Twins or calves from other multiple births are eligible for registration providing all other registration requirements are met and the application for registration states the calf is a twin or of other multiple birth.
- 6.15 **ANIMAL NAMES**  
If a name is allotted to an animal tendered for registration it shall include the breeder’s prefix. The name, including the prefix and any numeral forming part of the name, shall not exceed thirty six characters. A name may be refused if it is considered to be misleading, misapplied or contrary to the interests of the members of the Society.

- 6.16 Names of established families, established studs, or celebrated animals, may only be applied to an animal having some ancestral claim to such use.
- 6.17 The name of an animal shall not be changed after registration;
- (i) without the prior approval of the Society or;
  - (ii) when the animal is more than three years old or;
  - (iii) when the animal has more than five progeny registered.
- 6.18 **PEDIGREE-PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE**  
A Pedigree-Performance Certificate will be issued to the Owner of any registered animal for a prescribed fee.
- 6.19 Where an animal has multiple owners the Pedigree-Performance Certificate shall indicate the percentage interest in the animal of each owner.
- 6.20 **GENETIC CONDITIONS**  
The following genetic conditions are recognised by the Society
- Alpha Mannosidosis (MA)
  - Arthrogryposis Multiplex (AM)
  - Contractural Arachnodactyly (CA)
  - Developmental Duplication (DD)
  - Dwarfism (DW)
  - Heterochromia Irides (HI)
  - Neuropathic Hydrocephalus (NH)
  - Oculocutaneous Hypopigmentation (OH)
  - Osteopetrosis (OS)
  - Syndactyl (SY)
- 6.21 The registration certificates of all animals will display codes describing test results for certain recognised genetic conditions. These codes, as well as the calculated probabilities of animals being carriers of these genetic conditions will be available for all animals listed on the Society's website.
- 6.22 Samples must be provided on request for the conduct of any DNA tests on an animal deemed necessary by the Society.
- 6.23 Samples for DNA profile analysis and/or genetic condition testing must be submitted to the Society for the information to be loaded on the Society's database.
- 6.24 **EMBRYO TRANSFER CALVES**  
In addition to the general requirements for registration, the following information must be included with applications for the registration of calves got by embryo transplant (ET calves):
- (i) Identification of the donor dam and the sire,
  - (ii) Identification, breed code and year of birth of recipient dam,
  - (iii) Date of embryo transplant (implant),
  - (iv) For HBR/RAR a copy of the flush report needs to be supplied as proof of donor dam flush date if flushed before 1/1/2003,
  - (v) For APR a copy of the flush report needs to be supplied as proof of donor dam flush date if flushed before 1/1/2004,
  - (vi) Imported embryos will require an approved DNA parentage profile provided for both their overseas sire and dam.
- 6.25 Calves got by embryo transplant will be so designated by the addition of the letters "ET" after its name.
- 6.26 An ET calf recording fee is payable for all calves produced by embryo transfer unless a herd inventory fee for the recipient dam has been paid for the relevant year. If the embryo calf is of a higher registration level than the recipient dam the difference between the registration levels will be payable.
- 6.27 Females that are downgraded to "Recipient" status can be reinstated back to their original registration status at no cost, provided an ET calf has been recorded during the preceding 12 months and the ownership is unchanged.
- 6.28 The eligible registration level of an ET calf will be no higher than the eligible registration levels of either its sire or donor dam.
- 6.29 **CLONED ANIMALS**  
The following points apply to the registration of a cloned animal:
- (i) To be eligible for registration the DNA profiles of the clone and the genetic donor must be identical.
  - (ii) The cloned animal will carry the name of the genetic donor as well as the Herd Identifier, year letter and unique sequence number (in the registration herd) and the suffix of (CLONE).
  - (iii) In order for a breeder who is not the owner of the genetic donor to register a cloned animal, written consent from all owners of the genetic donor must accompany the cloned animal's application for registration.
- 6.30 **HORNS and SCURS**  
No animal shall be eligible for entry in the HBR, RAR, APR if it shows signs of developing or having had a horn or scur.
- 6.31 **COLOUR**  
To be eligible for entry in the HBR, RAR or APR animals must be black or red in colour and shall not have white skin above the underline, or on or in front of the navel scar, or on a leg or foot (unless it is a birthmark).
- 6.32 An application for registration of any animal that is red in colour shall indicate such fact. In such cases the word RED will be added in brackets at the end of the name.
- 6.33 **PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION**  
Every calf submitted for registration in the HBR, RAR, APR or MBR shall, prior to weaning, be either:

- (i) Tattooed in the left ear with the registered tattoo mark of the Breeder; and, in either the left or right ear with a breeding year letter and animal number; or
  - (ii) Have an approved National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS) tag applied to the right ear; or
  - (iii) Have a freeze or fire brand applied that includes the registered brand symbol, relevant year letter and animal number.
- 6.34 Every animal recorded in the HBR, RAR, APR or MBR shall have a second form of permanent identification applied by 18 months of age.
- 6.35 Where a NLIS ear tag is used as one of the forms of permanent identification:
- (i) Its visual NLIS number must be recorded with the Society before the animal turns 12 months of age,
  - (ii) If a NLIS tag is replaced for any reason, the Society must be notified of the new number within 30 days of application.
- 6.36 No two calves from the same herd shall be tattooed or branded with the same year letter and number
- 6.37 DNA parentage verification will normally be required before the Society will provide permission for an animal registered in the HBR, RAR, APR or MBR to be re-tattooed or re-branded. Should it be necessary to re-apply tattoo marks and/or fire brands to an animal they shall be re-applied in the presence of another Full Member, or person appointed by the Society, who shall subsequently provide written confirmation of the procedure.
- 6.38 **PARENTAGE VERIFICATION**  
An application to change the sire of an animal recorded in the HBR, RAR, APR or MBR that is more than 12 months of age must be accompanied by a DNA paternity verification.
- 6.39 An application to change the dam of an animal recorded in the HBR, RAR, APR or MBR that is more than 12 months of age must be accompanied by a full DNA parent verification.
- 6.40 The Society may conduct parentage verification of any animal registered or submitted for registration in the HBR, RAR, APR or MBR. When required, samples must be provided on request for the conduct of parentage verification on an animal deemed necessary by the Society.
- 6.41 It shall be a requirement for the registration of all HBR, RAR, APR or MBR calves that their sire has a DNA profile recorded with the Society. If HBR, RAR, APR and born after 31/12/2002, the sire shall be DNA paternity verified. If MBR and born after 31/12/2014, the sire shall be DNA paternity verified.
- 6.42 All “donor” dams shall have a DNA profile recorded with the Society before their embryo transfer calves can be registered.
- 6.43 Where the parentage verification for an animal fails the Society shall de-register the animal until its correct parentage is determined and verified.
- 6.44 **REGISTRATION OF OVERSEAS ANIMALS**  
An application for registration of an imported or overseas animal must include:
- (i) name of the animal,
  - (ii) unique identification number,
  - (iii) registration number recorded with overseas breed association,
  - (iv) three generation pedigree,
  - (v) date of birth,
  - (vi) evidence that the animal is registered in the country of origin,
  - (vii) test results to show that imported animals or AI sires are free from Alpha-Mannosidosis
  - (viii) A sample (semen or hair) for DNA testing at a Society approved laboratory.
- 6.45 Sires and dams of imported embryos will need a DNA parentage profile issued by the overseas registering authority.
- 6.46 A letter of authorisation from an overseas owner will be required before any overseas animal will be registered.
- 6.47 The initials of the name of the country of origin shall be used with the suffix “IMP” in the name of all imported animals (e.g. IMP NZ). A calf born during transit of its dam will be considered to have been born in Australia.
- 6.48 **REGISTRATION OF BASE ANIMALS**  
“Base” animals may be recorded in the APR, MBR or ACR with the Herd Identifier of the applicant.
- 6.49 The application to record a “Base” APR animal needs to be accompanied by a written statement from the breeder of the animal declaring that it is at least 7/8ths Angus content.
- 6.50 Sire Ident must be provided for “Base” males, but is optional for “Base” females.
- 6.51 Dam Idents shall not be recorded for any “Base” animals except for Base APR females when the sire is unknown.
- 6.52 Only progeny of HBR, RAR, APR or MBR recorded sires will be eligible for recording as “Base” males
- 6.53 **DE-REGISTRATION**  
The Society may de-register an animal if:
- (i) A written request is received from its recorded Owner; or,
  - (ii) It is found that the animals registration is contrary to these Regulations; or,
  - (iii) The animal is sold or otherwise disposed of, and no valid application for Transfer of the ownership is received by the Society, or if the prescribed transfer fee is not paid.

- 6.54 A member who has de-registered an animal may subsequently apply for its re-registration.
- 7. ANGUS HERD BOOK REGISTER (HBR)**
- 7.1 The Angus Herd Book Register (HBR) is provided for the registration of animals that are the progeny of a sire and a dam each of which are also recorded in the HBR or in some other register approved for the purpose by the Society.
- 7.2 When a Member downgrades a HBR registered animal to another register and subsequently sells that animal, the purchaser cannot reinstate the animal into the HBR unless they were the Breeder of that animal or has the Member's permission.
- 7.3 Any animal older than 12 months of age initially registered in another register can be upgraded to the HBR for a prescribed fee provided both the sire and dam are eligible for recording in the HBR and a DNA parent verification is provided.
- 8. RED ANGUS REGISTER (RAR)**
- 8.1 The Red Angus Register (RAR) is provided for the registration of animals that are red in colour, or are known carriers of the red gene.
- 8.2 An animal can be submitted for registration in the RAR if it has at least a three-generation pedigree recorded in an approved register of another breed association, the HBR or the APR.
- 9. ANGUS PERFORMANCE REGISTER (APR)**
- 9.1 The Angus Performance Register (APR) is provided for the registration of straight-bred Angus not eligible for recording in the HBR or RAR. Straight-bred refers to animals of 7/8th Angus content or greater".
- 10. MULTI-BREED REGISTER (MBR)**
- 10.1 The Multi-breed Register (MBR) is provided for the registration of Angus influenced animals not eligible for recording in the HBR, RAR or APR.
- 10.2 A standard eight-character breed code must be provided for all animals submitted for recording in the MBR.
- 10.3 Calves arising from multiple-sire joining groups can be recorded on the MBR provided the dam and all sires in the multiple-sire group are registered in the HBR, RAR, APR, or MBR.
- 10.4 Eligible MBR registered animals with at least 7/8 Angus content can be registered in the APR on application.
- 11. ANGUS COMMERCIAL REGISTER (ACR)**
- 11.1 The Angus Commercial Register (ACR) is provided for the registration of non-seedstock Angus and Angus-influenced animals.
- 11.2 All male progeny registered in the ACR will be recorded as steers and must be castrated by six months of age.
- 11.3 A standard eight-character breed code must be provided for all non-straightbred animals submitted for recording in the ACR.
- 11.4 Once the annual Herd Inventory fee has been paid for a female recorded in the ACR, then its calf born in that inventory year will be recorded in the ACR irrespective of whether the female is subsequently upgraded to another register.
- 11.5 Straightbred Angus ACR heifer calves can be upgraded to the APR on payment of a prescribed fee.
- 12. ANGUS PROGENY TEST REGISTER (PTR)**
- 12.1 The Angus Progeny Test Register (PTR) is provided for the recording of performance data from structured progeny test programs endorsed by the Society.
- 12.2 Payment for all calves to be recorded in the PTR shall accompany the registration application.
- 13. TRANSFERS**
- 13.1 Application for the transfer of the recorded ownership of an animal must be submitted by an authorised signatory of the current Owner in a format approved by the Society (the Transferor).
- 13.2 Upon receipt of a transfer application and applicable fees the Society shall record the transfer and provide a Pedigree-Performance Certificate to the Transferee as the new recorded owner of the animal.
- 13.3 When a bred female is transferred the current service record shall be included on the Transfer Application.
- 13.4 Where an animal is the subject of a lease agreement a transfer application and prescribed fee must be submitted by the lessor in favour of the lessee. At the expiration of the lease the animal shall be transferred back to the lessor's membership without fee.
- 13.5 Transfers made in favour of the Transferor's spouse, children or grand-children shall be recorded without fee.
- 13.6 Females for which Herd Inventory fees have not been paid prior to transfer will be transferred as "Inactive", and will remain "Inactive" until the required Reinstatement and Herd Inventory Fees are paid.
- 13.7 No transfer fee is payable on a calf that is transferred together with its natural dam, provided that the application for transfer is received within 8 months of the date of birth of the calf. Applicable transfer fees are payable for ET calves that are transferred with their recipient dam.
- 13.8 Where animals are advertised for sale as being registered with the Society then the purchaser may apply for transfer of the animal at the advertised registration level. In such cases the animal's identification must be verified by another Full Member, the applicable transfer fees

paid, and the animal must be eligible for registration at the advertised level prior to the transfer proceeding. The vendor will be advised of the Society's intention to effect the transfer and will be given 30 days to advise the Society of any reason why such transfer should not proceed.

13.9 The Transferor must physically check the recorded tattoo marks and brands on an animal before it is transferred. If the tattoo marks or brands cannot be clearly read, or an error has been made, it shall be reported to the Society with a request to re-tattoo the animal and/or correct the error.

13.10 Prior to transfer at least 2 forms of permanent identification must be applied, as specified in Regulation 6.34 and 6.35.

13.11 Unless export certification is conducted a fee will be charged to transfer an animal into the ownership of an overseas purchaser, equivalent to the transfer fee of a female in the same register.

#### **14. DISPERSALS**

14.1 The Society bears no responsibility for claims made by members in relation to "dispersal sales" or 'partial dispersal sales'.

#### **15. ANGUS BREEDPLAN**

15.1 An annual Angus BREEDPLAN enrolment and the prescribed fee applies for the period from 1st January to 31st December.

15.2 Only members enrolled in Angus BREEDPLAN are eligible to submit performance and genomic information for the production of EBVs.

15.3 Data will only be accepted from members for inclusion in Angus BREEDPLAN for animals that are recorded in one of the registers provided by the Society. Individual performance information will not be recorded for any Base APR or MBR male.

15.4 Genomic predictions (MVPs, MBVs etc.) will only be loaded on the Society's database and used in Angus BREEDPLAN if the associated SNP information is also loaded on the Society's database

15.5 Data submitted for inclusion in Angus BREEDPLAN will be analysed together with data from other herds and relevant overseas genetic evaluation information to calculate Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) and other statistics. This data will remain the property of the Society and will be used for research and/or the publication or dissemination of EBVs on individual animals.

15.6 No individual EBVs or Pedigree-Performance Certificates will be provided for animals recorded in the PTR, or male animals recorded in the ACR.

15.7 By enrolling (or re-enrolling) in Angus BREEDPLAN members agree to the following conditions.

Violation of these conditions may result in the cancellation of enrolment.

(i) Contemporary groups will be managed in such a way to ensure that all animals allocated to a particular group have an equal opportunity to express their performance. Animals that are given preferential treatment, or are sick or disadvantaged will be allocated to separate contemporary groups. No animal will be excluded from a contemporary group on the basis of its individual performance.

(ii) All performance data will be measured using appropriate equipment (and not estimated). Breeders will ensure the correct functioning of scales and other equipment used to measure performance.

(iii) EBVs, Index Values and accuracies included in sale catalogues and advertisements will be current and accurate. A consistent set of figures will be used for all animals in a particular sale group (i.e. selected figures will not be omitted for individual animals). All non-zero EBVs will be shown with either a clear positive (+) or negative (-) sign.

(iv) Wherever EBVs and/or Index Values are included in advertisements and sale catalogues acknowledgement of their source will also be included (e.g. January 2016 Angus BREEDPLAN EBVs). The current average EBVs and Index Values for the reference birth year as provided in the Angus Australia website will also be included in sale catalogues.

(v) Parental or ancestor EBVs or Index Values, or calculated mid-parent values, shall not be used in lieu of individual animal figures in advertisements and sale catalogues.

(vi) All overseas genetic evaluation information and/or raw data included with EBVs and/or index Values in advertisements or sale catalogues will be clearly labelled.

(vii) Abattoir carcass data will only be accepted from Society approved progeny test programs where animals have been managed to ensure unbiased representation of different sire lines and necessary protocols for carcass data collection have been met.

#### **16. TRADING TERMS**

16.1 Normal 30 day trading terms apply to all service provided by the Society. Unless specific arrangements are made resulting from exceptional circumstances, services will be withdrawn from members whose accounts extend beyond 90 days arrears.

- 16.2 Pre-payment will be required for any services provided to overseas members or customers.

## **17. COPYRIGHT**

Copyright in all Angus animal pedigree, performance, EBV or other data held by the Society, whether provided by Members or from services provided to the Society by third parties, vests in the Society. The Society uses the Angus animal pedigree and performance data to design, create and generate databases. These databases are generated and published by the Society for the commercial benefit of Members and the Society. The information contained in the databases is used by the Society for animal recording, Estimated Breeding Values, Index Values, sales catalogues, certification and other uses approved by the Society for the benefit of its members only. Non-members may use such information for research and education purposes only. No person nor other legal entity is permitted to use any part or item of information contained in the Society's databases for any commercial purpose, unless permission has been expressly granted by the Society.