

By-Laws and Regulations

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY IN HERD BOOK, BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

1. Registration

Application for registration of cattle in the Ayrshire Herd Book of New Zealand shall be made by the Owner on the printed form approved by the Association. Acknowledgment by the Secretary of an application for registration upon payment of the correct fees shall be considered only as provisional registration, all such applications being subject to the approval of the Board. The Board shall have the right to cancel any registration if they are satisfied the information given on the entry form is incorrect, whether willfully or otherwise.

The New Zealand Ayrshire Association reserves the right to verify any parentage of any registered Ayrshire animal by DNA testing.

2. Age Limit

All progeny of sires and dams registered in the New Zealand Herd Book may be registered at up to 1 year of age at the lower fees stated below, or over 1 year of age at the higher fees stated below.

Registration Fees (all prices are EXCLUSIVE of GST)

Members

Heifer up to 1 yr (first 100)	\$5.50
Heifer up to 1 yr (over 100)	\$3.50
Heifer over 1 year	\$9.50
Naming on database required	\$1.00 (additional)

Males

Bulls up to 1 year	\$ 50.00
Bulls over one year	\$100.00

Non-Members

Registration Fees are Double

Registration Applications for the following Herd Book close on 31 August each year.

3. a) Ayrshire Registry

For the registering of unregistered Ayrshires.

Females, to be acceptable for registration in the Ayrshire Registry (Grading up Scheme) must comply with the Revised Registration Conditions (2006). See details on following pages.

b) Pedigree Status

In any official publication of the NZ Ayrshire Association (Inc) pedigree is defined as all animals officially identified and registered in any section of the NZ Ayrshire Association (Inc) Herd Book.

4. A B Registrations

Certificates of Insemination may be required if the information is not on database.

5. a) Importations

Imported cattle of any age may be registered within three months of arrival in New Zealand, provided that the application is accompanied by authenticated pedigree and documentary evidence of identity satisfactory to the Board. Registration Fee as above applies.

b) Imported Semen

Where a member or an AB Organisation imports semen as from the 1 June 1982 such importers are required to provide the Association a three generation pedigree of the bull from which semen is being imported. Such bulls are required to be recorded in the Herd Book. A registration fee of \$15.00 plus GST shall apply. The above must be completed before progeny of such bull can be registered.

6. Identification

For the purposes of animal identification Ayrshire New Zealand accepts the official animal identification of the current Animal Health Board rules as the primary tag. An official secondary tag, containing the animal's lifetime birth identification is also required. The attention of breeders is drawn to the fact that the Production Records will be withheld if the identification is not correct and satisfactory upon inspection. In the event of any animal wrongly tagged, application must be made to and granted by the Office to re-tag such being noted on office records.

7. Names

a) Herd Names

Every Breeder who registers stock must register a Special Herd Name. Such Herd Name is to be subject to the approval of the Board and to constitute a part of the name of any animal registered by such breeder. The Board shall have power to reject any name it may think fit. A Herd Name may only be used a second time with the written consent of the previous owner. Other members of a family such as a wife, son or daughter may use the same prefix for registering cattle owned by them with the approval of the original member who registered such prefix.

b) Animal Names

With the exception of birth identification, the use of numerals is not permitted. The number of words in naming an animal shall be limited to three including prefix. No name of an animal shall be accepted for entry if containing more letters and spaces than twenty four. One space is to be allowed for between each name and initials if the latter are used. Names of animals cannot be used again as they are held on file in the Data Base Computer. Sire initials or a sire name abbreviation can be used in naming animals. These to appear within the name but not at the end of a name as confusion could arise with ET animals or classification awards later.

c) Embryo Transplants

ET is to be added to the name as a suffix and shall be part of the 24 space allowance (see ET Regulations).

8. Transfers - No Fee

Ayrshire New Zealand accepts the location of an animal as recorded on the National Dairy Herd Improvement Database to the participant code at that location as the owner. Any vendor wishing to withhold the transfer of any registered animal will be required to notify the office in writing within 14 working days of sale and pay a de-registration fee of \$8.50 for each animal.

Lease animals - The owner has the right to withhold the transfer of leased animals if he so desires at no cost. If the office is not notified within the appropriate time the animals will be transferred to the leasee.

9. Production Credibility Monitoring Policy

Check testing may be carried out in any member's herd at any time.

If the Board finds that production records provided by a member are incorrect, either wilfully or otherwise, the Board may declare that the records are ineligible for New Zealand Ayrshire Assn (Inc) production awards and publicity purposes, the Production Register and all production sections in the Herd Book including, but not limited to, the High Production Worth list. The Board at its discretion may also apply Rules 1, 13(a) and/or (b), 13(d) of the Association's Rules.

10. Payment of Fees

a) Registrations will not be accepted under any circumstances from members whose subscriptions are in arrears and in all cases will not be processed until payment is received by the office.

b) All cheques to be made payable to "NZ Ayrshire Association".

c) Membership Subscription Fees, payable in advance and applicable from 1 April each year:

SUBSCRIPTIONS	(All prices are exclusive of GST)	
Senior Members	\$ 150.00	
Associate Members	\$ 85.00	
Junior & Retired Members	\$ 55.00	
Ordinary Member	\$ 150.00	annually plus a fee of \$2500.00 for a 5 year term, reviewable on expiry, for the registration of all female animals born into the herd subsequent to the date of membership. Ordinary Members may also use the Turn Your Herd On option to register older female animals at the one year price.
OTHER FEES		
Production Register (each)	\$ 16.08	
Herd Book (each)	\$ 16.08	
3 Generation Pedigrees	\$ 6.52	
Herd Signs (Please enquire)		

11. Pasturing of Females

Where a Bull pastured with Heifers or Cows is replaced with another bull, that a period of 21 days must elapse before further bulls be pastured with them. In such cases where it is found that the 21 day period has not been adhered to then the resulting progeny would need to be DNA tested for verification before registration of such animals could take place.

12. Export Regulations
Purchasers and/or vendors of export animals and/or embryos may request from the Board, inspection of the said animals or associated animals by Board approved Inspectors/Judges.
13. Annual General Meeting
 - a) Remits from Clubs to the Annual General Meeting must be in the Secretary's hands by the 31 March each year. When presenting remits to the AGM, Clubs should nominate the speakers to present such remit. If a speaker is unable to attend the AGM then the Association needs to be notified 7 days before of the replacement speaker.
 - b) In the conduct of the Annual General Meeting of the Association standing orders are are:-
 - Speakers speak once only without permission
 - 4 mins for Reports and Financial Statements
 - 3 mins for Mover of Motion
 - 2 mins for Seconder
 - 2 mins for Right of Reply
14. Production Awards and Showing
 - a) That for the Certificate of Merit awarded for the highest herd average in each ward, a herd of 50 or more registered pedigrees only.
 - b) That the monetary prize of \$100.00 will be paid to the herd exceeding the present highest average on record or any subsequent record average.
 - c) Only female animals that are registered in the main Herd Book, or in the supplementary Herd Book as S2A or S3A are eligible for Association Production Awards and showing at A& P shows.
 - d) For individual cow awards, at the discretion of the Board, any cow in excess of 500 LW points above her own BW be excluded in that season.
 - e) Notwithstanding By-Law 14(c), to be eligible to win Association Awards for the North and South Island Championship or the Royal Show, animals are to be full pedigree, S3A or S2A and must be registered, or if under one (1) year of age eligible for registration under the same criteria, with the NZ Ayrshire Association.
15. Embryo Transplant Regulations
 - a) All embryo transplants are to be recorded on the National Dairy Herd Improvement Database before pedigree registration can be completed.
 - b) DNA verification of the offspring is required before registration where more than 1 bull is used in the ET programme (fertilisation).
 - c) Naming refer to By-law 8 (c)
16. Sales
If any female has been ET or IVF flushed prior to sale, this must be noted in the catalogue and advised then that lot is offered for sale.
17. DNA Testing
That the membership list of Ayrshire NZ will be passed on to GeneMark on an annual basis for the express purpose of making information available to Ayrshire NZ on the DNA testing of any animal owned by a member of Ayrshire NZ. This information may be used by Ayrshire NZ to check and correct the registration status of any registered animal as necessary, or for the purposes of deciding the registration status of unregistered animals.
18. DNA Parentage of Bulls
All bulls born from 1 June 2017 must be DNA parentage verified prior to registration taking place.
19. Show Code of Ethics
That Ayrshire NZ adopts the RAS Dairy Cattle Show Code of Ethics as printed in the RAS Showing Rules and Regulations.

| Ayrshire Registry

(For the registering of Unregistered Ayrshires and Ayrshire Cross).
Ayrshire as defined in the New Zealand Ayrshire Assn (Inc) rules under rule 3a.

AYRSHIRE SUPPLEMENTARY 3 (to carry suffix S3A)

For female progeny of S2A (ARB) dams, by registered Ayrshire sire. Also for any Ayrshire female of 15/1 Ayrshire content - these females to be verified and identified on Data Base and be the progeny of a registered Ayrshire sire. Preceding dam and grand-dam also to be verified and identified.

Progeny: Females by a registered Ayrshire sire will enter the pedigree Herd Book. Males must have 3 generations verified, by a registered Ayrshire sire. These will enter the pedigree Herd Book.

AYRSHIRE SUPPLEMENTARY 2 (to carry suffix S2A)

For female progeny, once attaining 14/2 Ayrshire content, from S1A (ARC) dams by registered Ayrshire sire. Also for any Ayrshire female of less than 15/1 Ayrshire content and at least 14/2. These females to be verified and identified on Data Base and be the progeny of a pedigree Ayrshire sire. Preceding dam also to be verified and identified.

Progeny: Females by a registered Ayrshire sire will enter S3A (ARA).

AYRSHIRE SUPPLEMENTARY 1 (to carry suffix S1A)

For any recognised Dairy Breed female of at least 1/16 or more Ayrshire content that are not eligible for registration within any of the other categories of the Ayrshire Registry (may be entered at birth).

Progeny: Females once attaining 14/2 Ayrshire content and by a registered Ayrshire sire will enter S2A (ARB).

CONDITIONS

Registrations will be accepted from Ayrshire Association financial members only (Full, Associate or Junior) Applications for registration to be as per normal pedigree registrations. Fees as per normal pedigree age category fees.

Transfers of S (AR) cattle will be as for pedigree transfers.

Bull Progeny Bulls from S3A (ARA) dams with 3 generations verified will be eligible for registration at full pedigree status.

Male progeny may be registered from an S2A dam. Males must have 2 generations verified by a registered Ayrshire sire. These bulls will be registered and enter S3A. The resulting female offspring will be eligible for registration at the same status as their dam. Male offspring will only be eligible for registration from a full pedigree or S3A dam.

Supplementary One Award. Only S1A (ARC) females are eligible for these production awards which are based on total milksolids within respective age groups.

Classification. All S (AR) females are eligible for TOP Classification.

Fast Tracking. Incorporated within the Ayrshire Registry is a "fast track" system enabling Ayrshire females with Data Base identified and verified dams, grand-dams, etc to be entered into it's eligible category, up to S3A (ARA) status.

NB Animals currently registered in an S category may, upon application and payment of fees to record the dam, grand-dam, etc., be elevated to a higher category.

BREED CONTENT GUIDE

Pedigree	Greater than A15
S3A (ARA)	A15/ 1 Other
S2A (ARB)	A14/ 2 Other
S1A (ARC)	Minimum of A1/15 Other

ALL ANIMALS INITIALLY ENTERED INTO THE AYRSHIRE REGISTRY WILL BE ENTERED THROUGH THE 'FAST TRACK' SYSTEM WHERE APPLICABLE

Constitution and By-Laws of T.O.P. Classification

1. Type Classification: A system of classification of females already registered in the Herd Book, based upon type and individuality, to be known as Type Classification of Females, may be adopted by the Association in respect of the herd of any person making application therefore and entering into an agreement in form and upon terms and conditions prescribed to that end by the Association. Any breach of an agreement entered into under the provision of paragraph 1 of this regulation may be deemed to be a violation of a rule or regulation of this Constitution.
2. Authorisation: Realising that progress towards the improvement of the Ayrshire Breed should be obtained through animals superior in conformation as well as production and the elimination of those unsatisfactory in this respect, the N.Z. Ayrshire Association has adopted the following plan of Type Classification of Ayrshire cattle.
3. Administration: The rules and regulations for Type Classification of Ayrshire cattle shall be administered under the direction of the Board in association with the N.Z. Dairy Breeds Federation/N.Z. Dairy Board 'Traits other than Production' Committee (hereafter referred to as T.O.P.) The Secretary shall be in charge of all records and forms, receive applications and with the Association Classification Committee arrange for herd inspections and publish or distribute results as required.
4. Supervision and Classifiers:
 - a) Classifiers or inspectors shall be selected by the Board from the annually approved list of T.O.P. Inspectors.
 - b) No classifier shall grade or classify any cattle in which he/she has pecuniary interests whatsoever. He/she shall receive no money or other remuneration from the owner of the cattle, nor shall he/she make any purchases during classification. The Association shall pay each classifier for their services.
 - c) That where a classifier has bred an animal in a herd where he/she is classifying, a classifier shall stand down in the awarding of a rating to such animal.
 - d) The information recorded and any specific reports must be confidential and go only to the Association Board.
5. Eligibility: In order to be eligible for classification, cows must be registered in the Herd Book of the N.Z. Ayrshire Association or be eligible for registration and must be in milk or, in the opinion of the classifiers, must be sufficiently close to calving to classify.

In case an animal is sick on the date of classification, the classifiers shall satisfy themselves as to her condition, and at their discretion shall not classify her, but shall report her as sick.
6. Application: Applications by owners shall be made on regular forms furnished by the N.Z. Ayrshire Association and shall include name and address of owner, location of herd, and number of animals to be classified. Closing date each year to be set by the Board.
7. Costs: The entry fees for Type Classification shall be those laid down at the time and as noted on the Application Form for that forthcoming inspection. A herd fee and per cow or heifer fee will apply.

All in milk heifers must be submitted for Assessment
All cattle milked in one herd to be treated as one herd
Winter calvers: For Breeders who have paid the herd fee and desire winter milkers to be classified the per cow fee at the time will apply at the discretion of the Board.
8. Re-classification:
 - a) Any eligible animal that has previously been classified, may be re-classified at the option of the owner when a herd is submitted for re-classification.
 - b) No cow shall be re-classified within a period of nine months of previous classification unless she has recalved and milking in a new lactation.
 - c) In re-classifying an animal, the classifier may either allow the original rating given to remain, or bestow a higher classification on the animal. However, the classifier may not lower the original classification rating given to the animal. The animal will be completely re-pointed.

9. Class Standards: Cows shall be Typed Classified as follows:
Excellent - Cows 5 years and over from their date of birth shall be eligible to be rated as 'Excellent'.
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The two-year-old class standards shall be:
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B
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10. Publication of Records: The Type Classification of each animal inspected and classified shall be permanently recorded in the office of the N.Z. Ayrshire Association.
11. Classification shall be voluntary from 1st June, 1962.
12. The number of classifiers to carry out a classification shall be one or more.
13. T.O.P. Linear System: The T.O.P. Linear assessment system has been adopted by the Association. The Linear Inspection describes the animal in each of the number of categories applicable at the time. In addition, the system allows for at least four Farmer Report categories. At the end of the inspection season, a report is published for each herd inspected giving average scores for each breakdown as well as a New Zealand breed score for each category as a comparison.