

NEW ZEALAND MINIATURE HEREFORD BREEDERS GROUP

RULES

(updated November 2024)

PART A - NAME, OBJECTS AND MEMBERSHIP

1. Name and Incorporation

The name of the Group is the “New Zealand Miniature Hereford Breeders Group” (hereinafter referred to as “the Group”).

The Group shall be incorporated under “Club Membership” of the New Zealand Hereford Association Rules.

2. Object

The object of the Breeding Group is:

To maintain the purity, improve the breed and promote Miniature Hereford Cattle.

3. Membership

(a) Membership of the Group shall be restricted to financial members of the New Zealand Hereford Association (hereinafter referred to as “the Association”).

(b) Each membership shall represent one stud or farm and therefore may be represented by different individual members of each stud or farm from time to time.

(c) Each membership shall be entitled to one vote on a “one vote per farm” basis.

4. Admission to Membership

(a) Any financial member of the Association may be admitted to the membership of the Group upon the payment of one year’s subscription in advance.

5. Memberships Rules – General

The general rules of membership shall conform to those of the Association and shall be binding on all members of the Group with respect to:

(a) Removal of members

(b) Subscription in arrears

(c) Resignation

(d) Registrations

All members of the Group will also be bound by the Group Regulations attached to these rules.

6. Annual Subscriptions

(a) The annual subscription payable by members shall be set by the Group from time to time, provided that any such determination shall only take effect from the first day of July next following the date of such determination.

(b) Subscriptions shall be due on the first day of July in each year.

7. Levies

A Special General Meeting may from time to time strike a levy on all members of the Group of an amount which shall not exceed one year's subscription per member per annum.

8. Register of Members

(a) The Secretary shall keep a register of members in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of the name of each member and such other particulars as the Executive may from time to time require and the register shall be available for inspection by members at the address of the Secretary.

(b) A copy of the register of members is to be lodged with the Association annually.

PART B - MANAGEMENT

9 Executive Composition

The Executive shall consist of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and up to four (4) ordinary members.

10. Executive - Powers

The Executive shall have the management and control of the affairs of the Group and shall be empowered to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Executive to be essential for the proper management and control of the affairs of the Group.

11. Executive - Meetings

(a) The Executive shall meet at such times as it may determine provided that the Chairman or the Secretary may at any time call a meeting of the Executive and shall call such a meeting if requested to do so by not less than one third of the members of the Executive.

(b) A quorum at any meeting of the Executive shall be four (4) members of that Executive present in person or by proxy.

(c) Where the Chairman and one other member of the Executive are of the opinion that a matter be submitted to the Executive for decision by ballot of the members of that Executive, such matter may be forwarded by post, facsimile or email to each of the members of that Executive in such form as is determined by the Chairman. The members of the Executive shall record their vote on the matter so submitted by post,

facsimile or email addressed to the Secretary and the decision of the majority shall be binding as if such decision were obtained by vote at a regularly constituted meeting of the Executive

(d) Where the Chairman is of the opinion that a matter be submitted to the Executive for decision by a meeting of members of such Executive conducted by such telephone or electronic means as may be from time to time available, the Secretary shall as soon as practicable arrange such a meeting. The members of the Executive shall participate in such a meeting and the decision of the majority shall be binding as if such decisions were obtained at a regularly constituted meeting of that Executive.

12. Election of Executive Members

The election of the members of the Executive shall take place at the AGM of the Group each year in the usual manner or by postal Ballot prior to AGM.

13. Removal from Office

A member of the Executive shall cease to hold such office if:

- (a) he/she ceases to be a financial member of the Group
- (b) he/she resigns from office
- (c) he/she is removed from such office by resolution of a Special General Meeting of members of the Group provided that such person shall be given not less than fourteen days notice in writing of the intention to move such a resolution and shall be entitled to attend such meeting and to be heard.

14. General Meetings

(a) The Annual General Meeting of the Group shall be held during the month of April, May or June in each year.

(b) A Special General Meeting of the Group shall be called:

- (i) upon request made to the Chairman by not less than 50% of the financial members of the Group, provided that such request is in writing and specifies the reason(s) for such meeting; or
- (ii) by resolution of the Executive.

(c) A Special General Meeting shall deal only with the business for which it has been called.

(d) No item of business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these Rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.

(e) 25% of the total number of financial members personally present or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of any general meeting.

15. Voting

- (a) Votes at any meeting of the Executive may be given personally or by proxy.
- (b) Each financial member shall in relation to any general meeting of the Group be entitled to appoint a proxy by written notice given to the Chairperson prior to the commencement of the meeting.
- (c) At any such meeting, the Chairperson of the meeting shall have both a deliberate and a casting vote.
- (e) Voting at any such meeting shall be by show of hands unless the meeting otherwise decides.

16. Notice

- (a) At least 14 days notice of any general meeting shall be given in writing to all members of the Group.
- (b) The date, time and place of the meeting is to be given along with the nature of the business to be transacted.

PART C – FINANCES

17. Funds

- (a) The funds of the Group shall be derived from annual subscriptions, donations, grants, levies and such other sources as the Executive from time to time determines.
- (b) Monies of the Group shall be disbursed only upon a resolution of the Executive or a general meeting of members of the Group. However the expenditure of the funds for purposes reasonably incidental to the general administration of the Group may be made without the prior authority of the Executive or general meeting of the Group.
- (c) All cheques and other instruments for the withdrawal of any funds of the Group from any bank or other account shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other nominated signatory

PART D - GENERAL

18. Affiliations

The Executive may affiliate the Group with such other organisations as may be appropriate to the welfare of the Group.

19. Winding-up

The Group shall not be wound up except in accordance with the provisions of the relevant provisions of the Association. The assets of the Group shall also be disposed of in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Association.

20. Promotion Groups

(a) Financial members of the Group may, with the permission of the Executive, form a Promotion Group.

(b) A Promotion Group shall be primarily responsible for the promotion of the breed and the furtherance of the objects of the Group in the area in which the Promotion Group operates.

(c) The conduct and administration of the affairs of a Promotion Group shall be governed by such bylaws as may from time to time be approved by the Executive.

21. Use of the Group Logo

No member of the Group shall use the logo or any other emblem of the Group in a manner which has not previously been approved by the Executive.

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REGULATIONS

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Preamble

The New Zealand Miniature Hereford Breeders Group recognises the New Zealand Hereford Association as the appropriate body for the purpose of registration of Hereford Cattle in New Zealand.

Additional registration requirements for Miniature Hereford Cattle are set out later in these Regulations.

SECTION 1 – Definitions

“Active Female” - a female whose Inventory fee has been paid.

“AI” - Artificial Insemination.

“Animal Identification Number” - the sequential number (comprising up to three digits) used in conjunction with the calf tattoo to identify each animal within its herd of origin.

“Approved Miniature” – an animal that meets all the criteria of a Miniature Hereford as defined later in these regulations.

“Blood Typing” - denotes the results of blood typing issued by a recognised laboratory.

“Breeder of an Animal” - the person who owns the dam of the animal at the time of conception.

“Conception” - the moment the embryo is created.

“Depasture” - the process of naturally mating a sire with females.

“DNA Typing” - denotes the results of DNA Typing issued by a recognised Laboratory.

“Donor Dam” - a dam which has produced an embryo.

“ET” - Embryo Transfer.

“Frame Score” - height of cattle, determined by reference to an approved chart.

“Inactive Female” - a female whose Inventory fee has not been paid, or which has been removed from “Active Female” status by its registered owner.

“Imported” in relation to an animal shall denote that the animal has been imported into New Zealand. Initials such as: IMP. CAN, IMP. USA, IMP. UK etc. shall denote the country of origin on the registration certificate of the animal.

“Inventory” - the total number of active registered or commercial females owned by a Member.

“Member” - a person who, having paid the relevant Membership fees is a current financial member of the NZMHBG.

“Natural Service” - the natural joining of a sire to a dam.

“NZHA” – New Zealand Hereford Association.

“NZMHBG” – New Zealand Miniature Hereford Breeders Group.

“Owner” - in relation to an animal, denotes the person/s recorded as the owner/s of an animal in the NZHA records.

“Parentage Determination” - identifying a particular animal’s blood type with its sire and dam.

“Possession” - refers to an owner who has physical possession of an animal.

“Prefix” - the name of a stud as registered with the NZHA.

“PTIC” - pregnancy tested in calf.

“Registration Certificate” - The Certificate issued by the NZHA and endorsed *HM (Horned Miniature) or *PM (Polled Miniature) after verification by the NZMHBG Registrar that the animal meets all the requirements of “Approved Miniature” as set out in these Regulations.

“Registered” - denotes that an animal has been registered in the NZHA Herd Book.

“Registering owner” - is the person who owns the calf at the time of calving. The calf shall carry the prefix of the registering owner.

“Reinstatement” - returning an inactive female to “active female” status in the NZHA records.

“Semen Interest” - refers to an interest enabling the breeding of progeny from a sire artificially within a herd.

“Tattoo” - is a unique identification of each animal. A tattoo (in both ears of the animal) is not compulsory but if carried out shall conform to the Standards and Technique of Tattooing set out in the NZHA Herd Book.

“Transfer” - the document by which a change of ownership of an animal is notified to the NZHA.

“Year Letter” - the letter allocated by the NZHA each year to be used in conjunction with the calf ear tags and/or tattoo to indicate the year in which a calf was born.

SECTION 2 - Schedule of Fees

1. NZHA Membership fees are set out in the Herd Book.
2. NZMHBG Membership fees are \$100.00 per stud per annum.
3. Registration fees are in accordance with the NZHA schedule of fees as set out in the Herd Book.

SECTION 3 – Registrations

Registration of Miniature Hereford Cattle in New Zealand will be carried out by the NZHA in accordance with the NZHA and the NZMHBG Regulations.

The NZHA Registrar will seek verification from the NZMHBG Registrar of the approved status of all Miniature Hereford Cattle before any Certificate of Registration endorsed *HM or *PM is issued. Should the approved status not be met a Registration Certificate endorsed *HM or *PM will not be issued and the subsequent registration or otherwise of the animal (without the *HM or *PM endorsement) will be at the discretion of the NZHA.

The NZMHBG Registrar may refuse the approved status of an animal where the pedigree of the animal concerned discloses the existence of a blood line which has been ruled by the NZMHBG Executive in the interests of the breed to be unacceptable for approval.

Approved Miniature – Definition.

(a) By a registered Pure Bred Miniature Hereford sire and out of a registered Pure Bred Miniature Hereford dam

(b) Of a frame score two [or less] at 2 years of age

An ‘Official Frame Score’ is required for every registered animal. When the animal reaches two years of age, the owner takes a measurement using the measurement method laid down by the Group. A fellow registered member and the person taking the photo proof of the hip measurement plus a photo of the head and ear tag witness and verify the measurement.

- Should an animal registered before reaching two years of age exceed frame score two at two years of age, the owner must immediately inform both the NZHA registrar and the NZMHBG registrar. The Registrars will issue a new Certificate of Registration noting the two-year frame score measurement.
- It is accepted that any animal may exceed frame score two after two years of age and still be considered Miniature.
- Animals, semen and sire/dams of embryos being imported must have a frame score reference. If being imported from a country that does not have an “Official Frame Score Certificate” then this can be done under NZMHBG regulations on an official NZMHBG frame score form. The owner takes a measurement, with either a fellow registered member or veterinarian, to witness and verify the measurement in the country of origin. The NZMHBG will calculate Frame Score from the measurement.

SECTION 5 – General

The Group will follow the guidance of the NZHA Regulations on the following matters:

- (a) Inspections of Herds/Cattle
- (b) Breeding

- (b) Transfers
- (c) Importation/Exportation
- (d) Sales