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# AMERICAN BOER GOAT ASSOCIATION

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## RULES FOR REGISTRATION

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### A. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The duty of the American Boer Goat Association ( a breed registry) is to record documents and maintain pedigrees and/or bloodlines of the Boer Goat. The Association sets forth the following rules and conditions for the registration of Boer Goats. Breeders should note the focus of the registry is not on quality, desirability, or degree of value present or future based on any single characteristic or otherwise. It is equally important for breeders to understand that the American Boer Goat Breed Standards are meant to be the directives which drive the Boer Goat Industry in regards to quality, desirability and value.

In summary, the goat registry will register goats based on documentable pedigrees and maintain these with no relation to quality, desirability and value other than the worth of tracking and maintaining that information. The breeders should utilize the breed standards to guide the direction of their programs at their own discretion, realizing the most desirable and therefore the most valuable Boer Goats will be those who exhibit the highest degree of conformity to all standards combined in one animal.

- The ABGA shall certify and maintain three (3) herd books to registering Boer Goats and their progeny
  - Ennobled Book
  - Fullblood Boer Goat
  - American Boer Goat
- Every Registration Certificate is based on the representations contained in the Application for Registration and/or Certificate of Transfer. If an animal has been registered or transferred through error, misrepresentation or fraud, such Registration Certificate is VOID, together with any registration or transfer of progeny. The American Boer Goat Association assumes no liability for damages arising from such entry or transfer.
- The registration category of each animal shall be clearly marked on the Application for Registration and the animal must be true to that category.
- In the event of a conflict, ABGA records shall control. Appeals may be addressed to the Board of Directors.
- It is strongly recommended that unsound or unworthy animals not be presented for registration.
- The Owner of the Dam (ABGA recorded owner) at time of service will be recognized as the BREEDER of progeny produced by such service. The owner of the Dam, at the time of birth, is responsible for application for registrations of the progeny. A completed and signed Service Memo by the Sire's owner, must be used if sire and dam are not owned by the same person. Reference Section I, Authorizations
- All Memos (Service, AI, Embryo Transfer) must be completed and signed and submitted with original Application for Registration. Reference Section I, Authorizations
- When breeding does, care should be taken to assure does are only exposed to one buck per heat period. Should a doe be exposed to more than one buck during a heat period, the parentage shall be verified by blood typing or DNA technology prior to applying for a Certificate of Registration. Results of DNA testing should accompany application for registration.

### B. REGISTRATION OF IMPORTED ANIMALS, SEMEN OR EMBRYOS

- The term Imported shall apply to live animals, semen from animals, and/or embryos bred and produced outside the United States of America.
- Such animals must be declared at time of entry as to their breeding to qualify for registry in the ABGA. The ABGA Application for Registration must be accompanied by an official certificate of pedigree or verification of breed purity from the official registry association or exporting organization of the country of origin.
- Notation of country of origin shall appear on the ABGA Registration Certificate.

### C. IDENTIFICATION AND NAMING

- It is required that a breeder/member have an ABGA herd prefix. This is a set of letters and/or numbers (not to exceed five) that identify that breeder.
- Breeders/members may also apply to ABGA for assignment of a herd name for that breeders exclusive use for a fee of \$20.00. A herd name may or may not be the same as the herd prefix. An application may be obtained from the ABGA office. You must be a member of the association to reserve a herd name.
- Once reserved, the herd name and/or herd prefix are permanently maintained by the Association regardless of the members status. Herd prefix and/or herd name may be transferred to another breeder only upon written request of the owner, heirs, or assigns. The usual fee is charged (see fee schedule).
- All goats presented for registration must be permanently identified by tattooing before application for registration is made. A breeder must not use the same permanent markings on more than one animal during a 20 year period. The breeders Herd prefix should be placed in the Right Ear and the Year letter and breeder assigned number in the Left Ear. (For example the first 3 kids born in 1998 to breeder with herd prefix of XYZ should be tattooed as follows: Right ear XYZ Left ear K1; Right ear XYZ Left ear K2; Right ear XYZ Left ear K3.) Year letters are assigned as follows:

1993-E	1994-F	1995-G	1996-H	1997-J	1998-K	1999-L
2000-M	2001-N	2002-P	2003-R	2004-S	2005-T	2006-V
2007-W	2008-X	2009-V	2010-Z	2011-A	2012-B	2013-C
2014-D						

The digits I, O, Q and U are not used.

- The animal to be registered may be identified on the registration certificate by a name and/or number. If the breeder of the animal has a registered herd name, this herd name will precede the name. If the breeder of the animal does not have a registered herd name, the name will be preceded by the breeder herd prefix. It is recognized that the breeder herd prefix may not be the same as the prefix tattooed in the goats ear. All names must be unique.
- Once an animal has been officially registered and named with ABGA, the name can be changed to add the breeders herd name or herd prefix to the first of the name for the cost of a corrected certificate, see schedule. Other name changes will still begin with the breeders herd name or herd prefix and the fee will be \$10.00.