

**Rules of the Association****Registrations****Rule 1. Privilege of Registration**

Applications for registration and/or recordation in the Santa Gertrudis Herd Book will only be accepted from Charter, Active, and Junior members of SGBI.

**Rule 2. Eligibility****Pure Bred:**

To be eligible for entry in the purebred registry, an animal must:

1. Be the offspring of one registered purebred Santa Gertrudis parent with the other parent being either a registered purebred Santa Gertrudis or a recorded Level II (75%) Santa Gertrudis. This applies to single sire/single dam matings and multiple sire and/or multiple dam matings.
2. Meet the minimum requirements for registration in the Santa Gertrudis Standard of Excellence.
3. Be permanently identified by fire brand, freeze brand or tattoo with its individual ID number.

**Star Five:**

The Grading Up Program known as **Star Five** provides SGBI members with the ability to progress from a non-Santa Gertrudis base herd to purebred Santa Gertrudis status. The program consists of three levels relating to the percentage of Santa Gertrudis. Animals less than purebred will be recorded in the Herd Book and receive Star Five Recordation Certificate indicating they're Percentage Santa Gertrudis. Recorded animals must be permanently identified by fire band, freeze brand or tattoo with an individual ID number. Multiple sire and/or multiple dam matings are allowed in the Grading Up Program.

**Level I.** A minimum of 50% and less than 75% Santa Gertrudis resulting from the mating of a purebred Santa Gertrudis parent and a non-Santa Gertrudis parent or the mating of percentage Santa Gertrudis parents. Level I animals will be recorded as 50% Santa Gertrudis, may be male or female, and will receive a Star Five percentage recordation certificate.

**Level II.** A minimum of 75% and less than 87.5% Santa Gertrudis resulting from the mating of a purebred Santa Gertrudis parent and a Level I recorded Santa Gertrudis parent. Level II animals will be recorded as 75% Santa Gertrudis, may be male or female, and will Receive a Star Five percentage recordation certificate.

**Level III.** A minimum of 87.5% Santa Gertrudis resulting from the mating of a purebred Santa Gertrudis parent and a Level II recorded Santa Gertrudis parent. Level III animals will be registered as purebred Santa Gertrudis, may be male or female, and will receive a purebred registration certificate. Eligible cattle must be from one registered Santa Gertrudis parent. These offspring are a first cross and are eligible for a Star Five recorded paper. They can also begin the program for grading up to purebred status. These cattle do not need to be inspected by a representative of the association.

**Santa Gertrudis Influenced:** Animals less than 50% and more than 25% may be issued a STAR 5 recordation certificate indicating they are Santa Gertrudis influenced.

**Rule 3. Application for Entry**

Application for entry must be made on an Initial Registration Application. This form is furnished by SGBI online or in paper form.

**Rule 4. Age of Sire**

There is no minimum or maximum age.

**Rule 5. Age of Dam**

There is no minimum or maximum age; however, applications indicating the dam was less than 9 months of age at the time of conception will be questioned for accuracy.

**Rule 6. 310 Day Rule**

A calf born less than 310 days after the birth of its dam's previous calf will be questioned.

**Rule 7. DNA**

Whenever the eligibility for registration of an animal is in doubt because of uncertain or unknown parentage, the owner plans to sell semen from a bull, or flush an donor cow, the DNA must be on file with SGBI.

**Rule 8. Multiple Births**

Twin calves or other multiple births are eligible for registration. The word twin or triplet must be written on the application following the animal's name. Example: Big Red 100 (Twin)

**Rule 9. Fire Brand, Freeze Brand, Tattoo**

Before application is made for registration, each animal must be permanently identified with the number that is to be its lifetime individual number. The same number cannot be used more than once for an animal of the same sex in the same herd during a ten year period.

**Rule 10. Naming**

Naming an animal is recommended but shall be the prerogative of the owner. The name must not be more than 20 spaces. Avoid duplicate names. Masculine names should be used for males and feminine name for females.

**Rule 11. Joint Ownership**

No application for registration of an animal, which shows such animal to be owned by more than four owners, shall be accepted for entry in the SGBI records.

**Rule 12. Duplicate Certificates**

If the original certificates are lost or destroyed, the owner may secure a duplicate from SGBI by properly identifying each animal. A fee will be charged for a duplicate certificate sufficient to cover the cost to SGBI.

### **Rule 13. Artificial Insemination Service**

Calves that are produced through artificial insemination may be registered.

### **Rule 14. Eligibility Of Calves Produced By Embryo Transplant**

Registration of offspring resulting from Embryo Transplant shall be made on an Initial Registration Application. Calves shall be designated by an ET following the animal's name. Example: Big Red 100 ET. DNA of the sire and donor dam must be filed with SGBI.

### **Rule 15. Surrender of Registration Certificate**

When a registered Santa Gertrudis dies, is disposed of for slaughter or as a common grade animal, or is determined to possess disqualifying characteristics set forth in the Standard of Excellence, it shall be the obligation of the holder of the certificate to return the certificate to the association for cancellation.

### **Rule 16. Misrepresentation or Fraud**

If the animal's registration has been obtained through misrepresentation or fraud, or if the date of birth, individual number, sire, dam or any other fact regarding the animal has been misrepresented, the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee of the Board may take such action and impose such sanctions as it deems appropriate, as provided in the Constitution.

## **Transfers**

### **Rule 1. Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of the seller of registered Santa Gertrudis to execute properly the official transfer of ownership to the buyer. Every change of ownership of an animal used for registered breeding purposes must be recorded by official transfer on the SGBI record. It is the duty of the seller to pay the transfer fee unless it is otherwise agreed that the buyer will pay the fee.

### **Rule 2. Application for Transfer**

Application shall be made on an approved form and signed by the seller or an authorized agent. The application should be legibly completed and must specify name and address of buyer; his herd number, if appropriate; date of delivery; and for bred females, service information as required.

### **Rule 3. Bred Cows or Cows with Calf at Side**

When a cow is transferred that is bred or has a calf at side, the calf or offspring must be registered and separately transferred by the breeder of said calf. The breeder of an animal is the owner of the dam at the time she was mated or bred to produce that calf. Breeding information must be completed at time of transfer.

**Rule 4. Responsibility of Legal Title**

SGBI shall in no way be involved in or assume liability for the purchase, sale, or terms of sale of registered Santa Gertrudis, or the passage of legal title thereto.

**Rule 5. Misrepresentation or Fraud**

If an animal's registration has been transferred through fraud or misrepresentation, the Board of Directors may take such action and impose such sanctions as it deems appropriate, as provided in the Constitution.

**Artificial Insemination**

SGBI has open artificial insemination. The DNA of sires used must be on file with SGBI. A per calf AI service fee is charged when registering calves sired by bulls not owned by the breeder.

**Out-Of-Herd Natural Service**

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 from the owner of the sire verifying that the bull serviced the dam. These certification forms are furnished by SGBI.

**Maintaining Record of Semen Collections and Transfer of Semen**

It shall be the responsibility of the owner(s) of record of a bull to maintain or to require representatives to maintain an 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 representatives of SGBI upon request for a period of seven years.

**Embryo Transplant****Rule 1.**

The donor female and the bull or bulls to which she will be mated must be DNA fingerprinted. All offspring are required to be DNA fingerprinted.

**Rule 2.**

Multiple ownership of embryo transplant donor females is permitted.

**Registration of Cell-Cloned Animals****Rule 1.**

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

**Rule 2.**

The cell-donor animal and the cell-cloned animal must be DNA-marker-typed.

**Rule 3.**

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

**Rule 4.**

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 or purchased embryo, fresh or frozen, in which case the purchaser may be identified as the first owner.

**Rule 5.**

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.

**Rule 6.**

Registration of cell-cloned transplants shall be made 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.

**Rule 7.**

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. That is a separate matter reserved for discussion or negotiation between the buyer and seller.

**Ultrasound****Rule 1.**

SGBI will accept the results of chute-side scanning provided the information is collected and submitted by a CUP Technician approved for this method of carcass ultrasound.

**Rule 2.**

The acceptable scan age for Santa Gertrudis cattle is 310 – 450 days of age.