

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 a 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. An animal's name may not be changed in any way without written permission from the person originally registering the animal with Santa Gertrudis Breeders International

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.

- a. All bulls used in an artificial insemination program must be active and DNA profiled. A record of their DNA profile must be on file with the Association before AI certificates may be purchased.
- b. AI certificates are to be obtained from the Association by Active Members of the Association who are the recorded owner/co-owner of the bull(s) at a fee set by the Board of Directors. Ownership of an active deceased bull(s) may be transferred.
- c. The recorded owner/co-owner of the bull(s) is obligated to supply the number of AI certificates contracted for at the time the semen was purchased at a fee determined by the owner/co-owner.
- d. An AI certificate is not required to register offspring when both cow and bull are in the same recorded ownership (in-herd bull owner/co-owner use). Rule 1 applies.
- e. Calves sired artificially by a bull born prior to 2010 and no longer listed as active and/or the owner/co-owner is no longer an Active Member of the association shall be eligible for registration, per the following requirements/specifications.

Non-owner AI certificates will be issued to Active, Junior, and Commercial Members utilizing semen on in-active bulls born prior to 2010 when owner (last recorded) is listed as a Non-member of SGBI.

- i. Non-owner AI certificates will be issued at a fee set by the Board of Directors. Fees for non-owner AI certificates will be greater than owner issued certificates.
- ii. Bulls must be activated and appear on the user's animal inventory through the calf registration process.
- iii. Rule 1 applies. The Association may request a DNA profile on sires originally blood-typed prior to 2010.
- iv. The Board may, at any time, restrict or limit the number of Non-owner AI certificates if, in the judgement of the Board, and based on sound data, excessive use is detrimental to the breed.

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.

Rule 17. Transfers

a. 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.

b. 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.

c. 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.

d. 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.

e. 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.

Rule 18. 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.

Rule 19. 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.

Rule 20. Maintaining record of embryo collections and transfer of embryos

It shall be the responsibility of the owner(s) of record of a donor female to maintain an accurate record of each embryo. Before a SGBI embryo certificate will be issued the donor cow must have DNA on file with the association. The original copy is to be retained by the owner and the duplicate copy forwarded to Santa Gertrudis Breeders International. Immediately following the sale of an embryo to another person or firm, the embryo transfer section of the SGBI embryo certificate must be completed with a copy forwarded to SGBI, the buyer receiving a copy and the seller retaining a copy.

- a. 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. ET registrations will be held until parent verification is complete.
- b. Multiple ownership of embryo transplant donor females is permitted.

Rule 21. Registration of Cell-Cloned Animals

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

- b. The cell-donor animal and the cell-cloned animal must be DNA verified.
- c. The breeder of the cell-donor animal must be identified as the breeder of the cell-cloned offspring.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.

Rule 22. Ultrasound

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. The acceptable scan age for Santa Gertrudis cattle is 300 – 450 days of age.