

# SANTA GERTRUDIS BREEDERS INTERNATIONAL **ASSOCIATION** RULES

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## **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 SGBI members.

### **RULE 2. ELIGIBILITY**

#### **Purebred**

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/or multiple-sire and/or multiple-dam matings.
2. Meet the minimum requirements for registration in the Santa Gertrudis Standard of Excellence (breed standards).
3. Be permanently identified by fire brand, freeze brand or tattoo with its individual ID number.

#### **STAR 5**

The Grading Up Program, known as STAR 5, 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 a STAR 5 Recordation Certificate indicating their Percentage Santa Gertrudis. Recorded animals must be permanently identified by fire brand, freeze brand and 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 Ger-

trudis 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 5 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 5 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 may be male or female and will receive a purebred registration certificate unless subject to disqualification according to the Standard of Excellence (Breed Standards). If the mating of a Star 5 Level II and a purebred registered Santa Gertrudis results in an 87.5% or higher Santa Gertrudis animal that does not meet the Standard of Excellence (Breed Standards), the Breeder, at their option, may elect to Register the animal as a Star 5. Any future offspring of that Star 5 animal will be eligible for purebred registration unless they do not meet the Standard of Excellence (Breed Standards) in which case they will not be eligible for registration.

### **RULE 3. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY**

Application for entry must be made on a 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 younger than 9 months of age at the time of conception will be questioned for accuracy.

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## **RULE 6. 310-DAY RULE**

A calf born fewer 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 10-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 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 that 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 SGBI before AI certificates may be purchased.
- b. AI certificates are to be obtained from SGBI 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 13a 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 inactive bulls born prior to 2010 when owner (last recorded) is listed as a Non-Member of SGBI.

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- 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 13a 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 judgment 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 a 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. Application for registration of the ET calf must be accompanied by a DNA sample and payment for all associated fees.

## **RULE 15. SURRENDER OF REGISTRATION**

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 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.

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## **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 an 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. As long as genomic information regarding parentage is in the

SGBI database for both Dam and Sire, ET registration certificates will be issued to active members in good standing upon receipt in the SGBI office of a sample suitable for DNA testing for said offspring.

- 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.

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## **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 to 450 days of age.

## **RULE 23. DATA INTEGRITY**

- a. Effective Jan 1, 2025, all active sires will be required to have a full genomic DNA panel uploaded to Digital Beef and accessible to the SGBI office to be eligible to register offspring resulting in a pedigree of 7/8 Santa Gertrudis or higher. All bulls born prior to January 1, 2015, that are deceased, will grandfather in with no required DNA on file. All calves from sires with no DNA will fall into a single-head contemporary group.
- b. Pedigree change requests after 30 days of initial registration will have to be in writing to the SGBI office for approval to be considered. If DNA confirming parentage is uploaded to DigitalBeef and accessible to the SGBI office, a written request is not required, but suggested.
- c. No date-of-birth changes will be allowed after initial registration of an animal unless DNA is uploaded to DigitalBeef and accessible to SGBI that warrants a change of dam to accommodate a dam adopting a calf. DNA evidence will be required to match the calf to the dam that gestated that calf rather than the cow that reared it. The calf should be assigned to a single contemporary group for performance data recorded at weaning and beyond.
- d. Contemporary groups may not be added to after 30 days post-weaning data submission to the SGBI office.
- e. Administrative access to the database is limited to DigitalBeef and SGBI staff operating under the direction of the Executive Director. The genetic consultant for SGBI will have “view only” access.
- f. If a Breeder utilizes a third-party firm to aid with their data management, a signed, written consent form from the breeder authorizing them to do so will be required before SGBI staff will make any changes at their request.