

BRITISH PARTHENAIS CATTLE SOCIETY RULES

1st OCTOBER 2022 (all new rules highlighted in red)

METHOD OF APPLICATION

1. Any person wishing to become a member of the Society must make an application on the specified form.

Every application for membership must be duly signed by the candidate and proposed by an existing member of the Society. The application will then be considered for acceptance at the next Society Council meeting.

SUBSCRIPTION

2. Anyone wishing to join in the latter three month of the year will have free membership for the remainder of the year on paying the following year's subscription.
3. Any interested party may have the opportunity to pay half the full membership fee and become an associate member.
4. Members whose subscriptions are in arrears for three months following the due date shall have their name removed from membership and only be re-elected upon payment of subscription arrears which will be charged at double to standard fee.

FINANCIAL YEAR

5. The year for Calf Registrations, Membership Subscriptions and all other matters connected with the Society shall end on 31st December.
6. Calf Registrations shall only be received from full members of the Society.
7. Prospective Members desiring to register calves born prior to 1st January must apply for membership forthwith and pay the membership fee for that current Breed Society year.

RETIREMENT FROM MEMBERSHIP

8. A member who has paid subscriptions and other monies which have become due may, at any time, retire from membership on giving notice to the Society.

MEMBERS REGISTER AND POSTAL ADDRESS

9. Every member shall from time to time communicate in writing with their postal address and also with their email address to the Society and all notices or publications forwarded to such addresses shall be considered as duly delivered to such member.
- 9A In order to comply with the Commission Decision 84/247/EEC The British Parthenais Cattle Society declares that there will be no discrimination between members.

REGISTRATION - GENERAL

DEFINITION OF A BREEDER

- 10** The Breeder of an animal shall be that person who was the owner of it at the time of its birth. The Breeder is responsible for the registration of the calf except in the case of a female being sold for export and calving before leaving the United Kingdom. The firm or individual responsible for the export of the animal shall inform the Society and seek instruction regarding registration.

MEMBER'S REGISTER

- 11** Members shall keep a register containing true and accurate records of all cattle eligible for registration with the Society. A separate page must be kept for each cow and name, UK registration number, sex, date of birth and sire of each calf must be entered in the space provided before the calf registration form is forwarded to the Society. The register shall be available at all times for inspection by an authorised representative of the Society.

REFUSAL OF ENTRIES

- 12** All entries are subject to the decision of the Council as to their eligibility for registration and the Council shall have the right to refuse, cancel or reject any entry they may think fit without being called upon to give reason for same.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

- 13a** The Society Council has the right to remove a councillor from their position if they are absent from three consecutive council meetings.
- 13b** The Council shall consist of no more than 11 members so as to ensure a majority in a voting situation.

EXPENSES FEES

- 14** Where a situation requires a Council member or employee of the Society to attend a member's herd/farm for any reason within these Society rules, the Society shall be entitled to claim from the member any expenses incurred.

HERD INSPECTION

- 15** The Council shall have the right to request that a member's herd or any animal in that herd be available for inspection by any authorised representative of the Society. Should such a request be refused, no registrations or transfers from that herd will be affected until a satisfactory inspection has been conducted.

Registrations of entries will be cancelled for any animal found to have implantations of anabolic steroids and hormones.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

- 16** A registration Certificate will be issued for each registered animal. No alterations will be permitted on such certificates and duplicate certificates will only be issued under exceptional circumstances and on payment of a fee at the discretion of the Council.

- 17** The certificate to carry a disclaimer on behalf of the Society as to the accuracy of the accuracy of the information contained therein.

SERVICE SIRES

- 18** All calves born on or after 1st January 2022 must have a full ancestry DNA profile. The DNA sample kits and forms must be supplied by Neogen Europe Ltd and sent by the breeder/owner to Neogen Europe Ltd for profiling. The breeder/owner responsible for all DNA costs.
- 19** A 30 day interval of time must be left between two different bulls “running with” females or resulting calves will not be accepted for registration.

SERVICE CERTIFICATES

- 20** Where a breeder has a cow or heifer served by a bull not owned by him, he is required to obtain a Service Certificate completed by the owner of the bull. The Certificate to be forwarded to the Society together with the notification form for registering the resultant calf.

Service Certificates are not required:

- A. Where a bull is hired for service, in which case the owner of the female is responsible for submitting to the Society a letter from the owner of the bull giving the period of hire, this is to be received within three calendar months of the first date of hire.
- B. Where a syndicate owns a bull provided all names of the syndicate members are reported to the Society within three months of ownership.
- 21** The Society reserves the right to check an animal’s parentage by blood type at the owner’s expense.

CALF REGISTRATION

- 22** A. The date of birth of each calf, together with the particulars of its sex, sire, dam, national identification number, E.T. certificate number (if appropriate), A.I. docket number (if appropriate), together with the DNA docket (if appropriate), and name of calf shall be notified to the society on a Notification of Birth form. The appropriate fee must accompany this and be forwarded by the breeder or his representative within three months of the birth date of the calf.
- B. Birth notifications for calves within the required time will only be accepted on payment of the appropriate fee. Calves submitted over the time limit will only be accepted at the discretion of the Society, and will incur a late registration fee.
- C. Breeders must submit a calf birth notification form for every pure bred calf born whether living or dead, and must notify any instance of an abnormal calf being born or developing abnormal characteristics at a later date. No registration fee being charged for any dead or abnormal calves

NAMING OF CALVES

- 23** A. Every breeder shall register and use a Herd Name for all his calves and no other breeder shall be permitted to use that name except by permission of the registered owner and the Society.
- B. The name of the animal shall not exceed three words, including the registered Herd Name (prefix), but excluding the serial number. Four word names will only be permitted in the case of breeders with a two word herd name who wish to continue a recognised name (e.g. Hampton Court Gamester Girl).

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

- 24** A. i. On the sale or transfer within the British Parthenais Cattle Society of any animal its pedigree registration certificate will be endorsed by the Society provided that satisfactory proof of the animals identity is supplied and not doubted for any reason by Council, and that the Purchaser is a fully paid up member and provided that the Society does not exercise its powers under sub-clause (B) hereof. The purchaser shall pay the appropriate fee.
- ii. The reverse side of the registration Certificate shall be used as a Certificate of Transfer
- B. The Society reserves the right to refuse to issue or temporarily with-hold for any reason whatsoever, a certificate of Transfer without being called upon to give a reason for such action.
- C. In the event of the Society, on receiving a request for a Certificate of Transfer of an animal sold or transferred as mentioned in sub-clause (A) (i.) hereof and the Society in its absolute discretion considers it necessary that an inspection of the animal by one of its officers is necessary, the Vendor or Transferor shall pay to the Society a fee in addition to the said appropriate fee referred to in clause (A) (i.) hereof, provided that if after such inspection the Society refuses to issue a Certificate of Transfer the said appropriate fee shall not be refunded to the Vendor or Transferor and if not previously paid by the Vendors or Transferor shall become immediately due and payable to the Society.
- D. An animal that is sold without transfer prejudices its pedigree status and may be lost to the breed.
- E. A purchased animal must be transferred in to your ownership and the appropriate fee paid, before any progeny of this animal can be registered in your prefix.
- F. Transfer fees shall be waived for transfers between wife, husband, son, daughter, brother or sister.

DEIGNATION OF A HERD BOOK

- 25** All animals registered by any other Parthenais Cattle Society purchased by a member of the British Parthenais Cattle Society shall be eligible for entry in the British Parthenais Cattle Society Herd Book. All such animals must be registered within three months of purchase with the original Societies herd book number retained in the British Parthenais Cattle Society's herd book. All such animals included in the British Parthenais Cattle Society's herd book will be suffixed with society and year of import.

The suffixes will be shown as:

French Society Imp	-	Imp FR 2018
Irish Society Imp	-	Imp IRL 2018

- 25a** Following advice from the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine, we wish to inform breeders who intend to purchase Parthenais cattle that only animals registered in an approved EU herd book are eligible for pedigree registration in the herd book of the British Parthenais Cattle Society.

An approved pedigree herd book is a herd book which conforms with Zootechnical regulations under EU Commission Decision 84/247/EEC. Cattle not registered in accordance with EU Commission Decision 84/247/EEC are not recognised as being within a legitimate EU herd book. Even if they have Pedigree Certificates from an unregistered herd book, the certificates have no status (value) under EU rules (EU Commission Decision 84/247/EEC).

To be included in the British Parthenais Cattle Society herd book, animals must have two parents and two sets of grandparents registered in a properly accredited herd book. The only accredited herd books are British, French and Southern Ireland.

EXPORT CERTIFICATES

- 26** All animals sold for export from the United Kingdom require an Exportation Certificate duly certified by the Society. Transfer Certificates are not required for exporting cattle. Fees chargeable for Exportation Certificates shall be agreed by the Council from time to time.

SHOWS AND SALE

- 27** Entries for Parthenais Breed Show and Sales are accepted subject to the Shows and Sales Regulations approved annually by the Council and issued to members prior to such Shows and Sales. The Society reserves the right to reject any animal considered to be unsuitable.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

- 28** Artificial insemination is permitted from bulls considered acceptable by the Council, whose approval must be obtained in advance at the owner's expense.

EMBRYO TRANSPLANT

- 29 A.** Embryo Transplant (E.T.) is permitted by the Society provided the Council's prior consent has been obtained. Consent will only be given following either the inspection of the donor animal by a Society Council member or Society employee, or from adequate photographs supplied of the donor animal by the breeder including photos of the animal's ear tag. Details of the E.T. must be given to the Society within 30 days of flushing on the approved Embryo Registration Form, and accompanied by the appropriate A.I. certificate. The embryo number given to each embryo taken must be recorded on the Embryo Registration Form and accompanied by the appropriate A.I. certificate. The embryo number given to each embryo taken must be recorded on the Embryo Registration Form at the time of flushing.
- B. Recipient animals can be of any breed but must always be clearly identifiable. The Society requires blood typing of donors to be carried out at the breeder's expense, with a copy of the result forwarded to the Society.
- C. Animals that have been flushed must have the suffix (F) if offered for sale. E.T. progeny are eligible for registration in the Herd Book but must be entered thus "Name (E.T.)". E.T. calves eligible for registration must be genotyped for parent analysis at the expense of the breeder with the genotyping details included with the Birth Notification application when forwarded to the Society.

DISCIPLINARY POWERS

- 30 A.** Any case of doubtful or suspect pedigree or any case of apparent irregularity of registration by any member shall be dealt with by the Council and the following procedure shall be observed.
- B. In the event of any information being received by the Society concerning any member, the Chairman of the Society shall have the power to decide whether at prima facie the case requires investigation and to give instructions, if necessary, to an employee of the Society, or member of the Council to make further investigations. Where a subsequent investigation is necessary due to the member's own fault, the Society shall be entitled to claim from the member any expenses incurred.
- C. The member concerned will be informed of the nature of any complaint and shall receive a copy of any report thereon. Such member shall be invited to attend, be represented at, or submit written evidence to that meeting of the Council at which the case will be considered.
- D. When the case has been investigated the Council shall take such action as they think fit.

GRADING-UP SCHEME

- 31 A.** A grading-up scheme to pedigree status is available with the beast being the fourth female generation sired by a pedigree registered Parthenais. Each generation to be notified to the society by the breeder or his representative by completing an appropriate grading-up scheme form together with the appropriate fee.
- B. Proof of the correctness of the third and fourth generations must be provided by either society inspection, or by supplying satisfactory photographs of the beast's ear with the identification number clearly readable. These photographs to be provided with the appropriate grading-up scheme form and appropriate fee.
- C. Before each generation can be registered the society has the right to insist on an inspection of the animal for whatever reason at each stage of grading-up.

SEMEN ROYALTY SCHEME 2021

1. Background

1.1 Any full member of the British Parthenais Cattle Society, who owns an eligible Parthenais bull (see section 3) is entitled to charge a stud fee, levied on any semen which is used for pedigree breeding. Where a breeder decides to register subsequent calves as pedigree, then a 'Semen Royalty Fee' will be charged by the Society at the point of calf registration (see section 8).

1.2 For the avoidance of doubt, a bull cannot be entered onto the scheme retrospectively (i.e., a bull must be entered into the scheme before any semen is distributed or marketed).

2. Function

2.1 All semen taken from a bull entered in the scheme (i.e., a 'Semen Royalty Bull') is recommended to be marketed at a price consistent with that associated with commercial breeding.

2.2 The Society reserves the right to question the pricing structure if it is not deemed to be within the spirit of the scheme.

2.3 Any member who purchases this semen may use it for pedigree breeding without further authorisation.

3. Eligibility of Bulls/Semen

3.1 Only bulls which have been granted approval for artificial insemination, pursuant to the Bovine Semen (England) Regulations 2007¹ may be entered onto the scheme.

3.2 Semen can only be marketed from a bull in possession of a BCMS or DAERA issued cattle passport.

¹ Or equivalent devolved legislation, namely; the Bovine Semen (Scotland) Regulations 2007, the Bovine Semen (Wales) Regulations 2008 and the Artificial Insemination Of Cattle Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

3.3 In order to claim a 'Semen Royalty Fee' under this scheme, irrespective of who owns the semen rights, the bull must be resident in the UK or have been resident in the UK at the time of death.

3.4 All bulls used in the Semen Royalty Scheme must be DNA tested for the full pedigree ancestry. The onus is on the seller of the semen to provide the DNA test results to the Society.

4. Entry Requirements

4.1 An entry fee of £50.00 is levied for each bull entered on the scheme, to cover administrative costs.

4.2 The owner of the bull is also required to sign a declaration of willingness to abide by the rules of the scheme and to specify the 'Semen Royalty Fee' to be charged.

5. Semen Royalty Fees

5.1 'Semen Royalty Fees' may only be claimed by the bona fide owner of the bull's semen rights. In relation to this scheme, the term 'bona fide owner' refers to an individual who is a full member of the British Parthenais Cattle Society, or a syndicate with at least one constituent member being a full member of the British Parthenais Cattle Society.

5.2 It is not possible for 'Semen Royalty Fees' to be claimed by, or paid to, more than one recipient. For example, should ownership of a 'Semen Royalty Bull' be transferred, the pedigree semen rights must either be retained, in total, by the vendor or transferred, in total, to the purchaser at an agreed date.

5.3 The transfer shall also include the right to claim royalties on all births registered after the transfer of rights, including those resulting from semen sold prior to the transfer of rights.

5.4 Where the ownership of a 'Semen Royalty Bull' is transferred, but the vendor retains the semen rights, it shall be the vendor's responsibility to provide the purchaser of the bull with a copy of the rules and conditions of the scheme.

5.5 Upon initial entry to the scheme, the bulls 'Semen Royalty Fee' must be fixed at a price decided by the owner of the semen rights. This can be amended annually on the 1st January each year. Prior to amending the Royalty Fee, a period of 18 months 'notice of intent' must be logged with the Society Office to enable the membership to be properly notified.

5.6 'Semen Royalty Fees' shall be published on the Society website. Additional details of the scheme will be made known to all new members upon joining the Society.

6. Registration of Semen Royalty Calf

6.1 Any member wishing to register a pedigree calf, resulting from AI of a 'Semen Royalty Bull', shall only be permitted to do so if a properly completed birth registration is processed with the Society.

6.2 Should a female in calf to a 'Semen Royalty Bull' be sold, it is the responsibility of the vendor to inform the purchaser of that fact.

7. Natural Service

7.1 The owner of the bull, who originally entered the animal onto the scheme, shall be permitted to register calves resulting from natural service onto his/her herd prefix in the herd book without paying a 'Semen Royalty Fee'. This right shall exist for the life of the bull.

7.2 Should a 'Semen Royalty Bull' be sold to another breeder, that breeder shall, at the discretion of the owner of the Semen Rights and the Society, be permitted to register calves resulting from natural service onto his/her herd prefix in the herd book without paying a 'Semen Royalty Fee'.

7.3 Any member of the Society, other than the owner who originally entered the bull into the scheme, wishing to register a calf resulting from natural service by a 'Semen Royalty Bull' shall be required to pay a 'Semen Royalty Fee'.

8. Fees and Payment

8.1 A breeder registering a calf sired by a 'Semen Royalty Bull' will subsequently be invoiced by the Society for the Calf Registration Fee and the appropriate 'Semen Royalty Fee'.

8.2 The account of the owner of the semen rights will then be credited with the 'Semen Royalty Fee', less the society's administration fee of £5.00.

8.3 Royalty Fees will be held by the Society on behalf of the semen rights owner. Charges (such as membership fees, registration fees etc.) owed to the Society by that member will be deducted from this fund automatically.

8.4 Any member and owner of the semen rights can request a balance transfer of the accumulated Royalty Fees at any point.

9. General

9.1 The British Parthenais Cattle Society reserves the right to periodically amend these rules as deemed necessary.

9.2 The Council of Management of the Society reserves the right to periodically review the administration fee.

9.3 The British Parthenais Cattle Society will not routinely approve bulls entering the scheme. However, in exceptional circumstances, the Society reserves the right to exclude an animal from the scheme without needing to justify its decision.

9.4 Furthermore, in exceptional circumstances, the Society reserves the right to withdraw an animal from the scheme without the needing to justify its decision. 'Semen Royalty Certificates' will not be required to register a calf from the date of withdrawal.

9.5 In case of dispute, and in order to protect the integrity of the scheme, the decision of the Council of Management of the British Parthenais Cattle Society shall be final.

9.6 All fees are subject to VAT at the current rate.