



# MAINE-ANJOU BEEF AUSTRALIA

## BREED BOOK REGULATIONS

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### **SECTION 1- DNA Testing**

1. All animals that are to be registered must be DNA tested for Parent Verification through Neogen <https://www.neogen.com/>. Testing for Pestivirus and PH/TH are compulsory, and MABA also recommends testing for the Polled Gene.

### **SECTION 2- Breeding**

MABA recognises the breeding of animals by natural means, artificial insemination (AI), and embryo transfer (ET).

1. Natural Service  
All bulls used must have a DNA profile to register any calves born
2. Artificial Insemination
  - (i) The owner of a sire at the time semen is collected for the first time must provide MABA with a DNA profile.
  - (ii) There is no limit to the amount of semen sold from a bull or to the number of calves that can be registered from that semen.
  - (iii) Semen marketing rights and any restrictions a vendor may wish to place on the use of the semen and the registration of progeny will be a matter of agreement between the vendor and the purchaser. MABA will not record or monitor such agreements and any dispute that may arise will be a matter for the vendor and purchaser to resolve.
  - (iv) Any AI calf cannot be registered from an AI sire without the appropriate DNA profile for that sire.
  - (v) Normal registration process applies for progeny conceived through AI.
3. Embryo Transfer
  - (i) Donor Dams and Sire of Embryos- Must be DNA parent verified and pedigree to be entered into MABA herd register. Refer to Section 2 for registration requirements of offspring.

### **Section 3 MABA Plus**

MABA Plus provides Maine Anjou Beef Australia Members (MABA) the opportunity to infuse the attributes of the Maine-Anjou into other breeds of cattle.

(i) Utilise the crossbreeding benefits of the Maine-Anjou to selectively upgrade Maine-Anjou cross cattle of any chosen breed, to suit any region, environmental conditions, and markets within Australia.

(ii) Rigorous grading and registration process administered by Maine-Anjou Beef Australia, which will ensure that MABA Plus cattle maintain no less than 50% Maine-Anjou blood, thus increasing the genetic pool of cattle with Maine-Anjou blood in Australia.

(iii) First Cross must be at least 50% Maine-Anjou

(iv) A full grading chart is available to assist the program, please refer [to grading chart here](#).

(vi) Commercial females from the breed of the members choice can be used. (It is recommended to purchase foundation females from reputable breeders).