



MAINE-ANJOU BEEF AUSTRALIA REGULATIONS

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SECTION 1 - Memberships

Membership of MABA is governed by the Regulations and such directions of the Board of Directors as made from time to time. It is the member's obligation to ensure they are compliant with the Regulations.

1. Membership Code of Conduct: All members of Maine-Anjou Beef Australia are bound by the membership code of conduct.
2. Dual Membership with other Maine- Anjou societies is not permitted.
3. Membership Tiers
 - (i) Full Member
 - (ii) Associate Member
 - (iii) Commercial Member
 - (iv) Junior Member (up to 21 years old)
4. Memberships are payable by February 1st each year. Any members that have chosen not to pay their fees by this date will be removed from the MABA website.
<https://www.maine-anjoubef.com.au/membership-application>

SECTION 2- Registrations

1. MABA records the owners of any one animal (alive or dead) on the MABA registers.
2. MABA maintains a herd register through the current registrar Rod Bowles.
3. Grades
 - (A) Heifers,
 - (i) A= $\frac{1}{2}$
 - (ii) B= $\frac{3}{4}$
 - (iii) C= $\frac{7}{8}$
 - (iv) D= 15/16 Domestic Pure
 - (v) P= Pure
 - (vi) F= Full Blood- Full French Parents
 - (B) Bulls only,
 - (i) D- 15/16, Domestic Pure
 - (ii) P= Pure

- (iii) F= Full Blood- Full French Parents
- 4. Double muscled cattle are not permitted to be registered with MABA. If any animal is found to be double muscled it will be deregistered.
- 5. Birth Weight is recommended to be included on registrations
- 6. Registration Fees and forms can be found on the following link <https://www.maine-anjoubef.com.au/cow-registration-form/>
- 7. Please note from February 1st 2022 the registration fees will increase.

SECTION 3- DNA Testing

- 1. All animals that are to be registered must be DNA tested for Parent Verification through Neogen <https://www.neogen.com/> . MABA also recommends that tests are conducted for Pestivirus, PH/TH and Polled Gene, but these are not compulsory.

SECTION 4- 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 5- Transfers

1. All animals required to be transferred between owners in the registers shall be transferred upon the proper completion and submission of a transfer form to MABA. The transfer form must be completed by the vendor.

On the back of the registration certificate (Original Only) are the details to fill in, once completed the form needs to be emailed to the MABA Secretary (maineanjoubef@gmail.com).

All transfers need to be paid for and returned within 14 days of purchase.

2. Associated transfer fees can be found on the following link, <https://www.maine-anjoubef.com.au/become-a-member/>

SECTION 6- Procedure for Import of Semen

1. DNA tested as a base animal with Neogen and Pedigree provided to enter into MABA herdbook.
2. Black Maine Anjou Bulls must be a minimum of 87.5% Maine Anjou and can only be used over Purebred or Full Blood cows, resulting in Domestic Purebred 15/16 offspring.
3. Red and White Maine Anjou Bulls must be a minimum of 93.7% (Domestic Purebred 15/16).

SECTION 7- Shows and Sales

1. MABA supports Members who wish to show their cattle, but Members must ensure they abide by the show rules and regulations that they are entering.

MABA expressly disclaims any liability or obligation for any loss, damage or harm suffered as a result of any reliance placed on information generated by MABA

2. Sales under MABA must be done so in accordance with the sale conditions, please find details on the following link, <https://www.maine-anjoubeef.com.au/become-a-member/>

SECTION 8- Board and Committee

1. It was agreed that MABA has up to three Director's and a Secretary to make up the Board of Directors, and the resolution from the AGM held in August 2019 was that one of the three Director's shall remain in place each year to ensure continuity of knowledge and relevant experience remains on the Board.
2. Elections and voting for new or for change of the Board of Directors occurs at the annual AGM. Nominations and voting can only be from financial members with one vote only per stud.