



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. A person may apply to become a member of the company by completing an application form provided by the company secretary which confirms that they:
 - (a) want to become a member of MABA
 - (b) own or breed Maine Anjou cattle or Maine Anjou-based cattle or otherwise can demonstrate a connection to owning or breeding such cattle.
 - (c) support the mission of the company, and
 - (d) agree to comply with the company's code of conduct.
 - (e) The application must be accompanied by the application fee (if any) and the annual membership fee.
 - (f) The directors may set an application fee provided that life members and honorary members are not required to pay the application fee or any membership fee.
 - (g) The Board decides whether to approve new memberships or applications for reinstatement, and reserves the right to reject such applications.
 - (h) The Board must consider an application for membership at the next general meeting after the company secretary receives the application.
2. Dual Membership with other Maine- Anjou societies within Australia is not permitted.
3. Membership Tiers
 - (a) Full Member
 - (b) Associate Member
 - (c) Commercial Member
 - (d) 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. A member is not entitled to vote at a general meeting if they owe money (including membership fees) to the company which are more than 30 days in arrears.
5. If the directors approve an application, the company secretary must as soon as possible:
 - (a) enter the new member on the register of members, and
 - (b) write or use other approved electronic communication to the applicant to tell them that their application was approved, and the date that their membership started.
6. If the directors reject an application, the company secretary must write or use other approved electronic communication to the applicant as soon as possible to tell them that their application has been rejected, but does not have to give reasons.
7. If any application shall be rejected, any fee paid in respect thereof shall be refunded. The Board may refuse any application for membership where the applicant has previously ceased to be member by virtue of Clauses a, b, c, and d hereunder,
 - (a) No member whose subscription is in arrears shall be entitled to vote at any meetings, be elected to any office, or enter cattle in the Herd Book. Subscriptions shall be deemed to be in arrears when they have not been paid thirty (30) days after the date of posting of the notice that the said subscription is due.

(b) Any member wishing to resign their membership must do so by written notice to the Secretary of MABA but no such resignation shall relieve any member from payment of any back subscriptions or other monies due by them to MABA at the time of such resignation.

(c) Any member who has previously resigned from MABA and wishes to re-apply for membership, will need to apply as per the same process as a new member. If this membership is considered by the Board, then a full membership fee equal to the period of time that has elapsed since the member resigned their initial membership, must be paid before membership application is approved.. A part year will be considered to be a full year in this case.

(d) Before a member is expelled or otherwise penalised their conduct shall be enquired into by the Board and they shall be given an opportunity to defend themselves and to justify or explain their conduct. If a majority of the Board present when the matter is enquired into are of the opinion that the member has been guilty of such conduct or action as aforesaid then the Board may expel or suspend them from membership or disqualify, fine or otherwise punish or penalise them. In the event of any member being expelled from membership or in the event of any member not obeying or complying with any other penalty imposed by the Board then their name shall be removed from the register of Members and they shall thereupon cease to be a member. Any member so expelled may be readmitted to membership should the Board so determine.

8. A person who has ceased to be a member shall:

(a) Not be entitled to any share or interest in the property of MABA or to any of the rights and privileges of a member.

(b) Forfeit all rights and claims whatsoever as a member against each and every other member of MABA.

(c) Nevertheless remain liable for and shall pay to the MABA all monies whatsoever for which at the time of his ceasing to be member he is liable.

(d) A Commercial or Junior member shall have no proprietary interest in the property of MABA.

(e) Shall not apply for membership reinstatement for a 3 year period, commencing from the date the original membership ceased.

9. When a person becomes a member an applicant will become a member when they are entered on the register of Members.

10. When a person stops being a member a person immediately stops being a member if they:

(a) die,

(b) are wound up or otherwise dissolved or deregistered (for an incorporated member),

(c) resign, by writing to the secretary,

(d) have not responded within three months to a written request from the secretary that they confirm in writing that they want to remain a member

11. Annual membership fee

(a) The directors may set an annual membership fee and other fees for services provided by the company to members.

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= Domestic Pure
 - (v) P= Pure
 - (vi) F= Full Blood- Full French Parents
 - (B) Bulls only,
 - (i) D= 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-anjoubeeff.com.au/cow-registration-form/>

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/>. Testing for Pestivirus and PH/TH are compulsory, and MABA also recommends testing for the Polled Gene.
2. It is required to request a parent verification certificate from Neogen for each new registration and send a copy with registration form.

SECTION 4- Maine-Anjou Beef Australia Plus (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).

SECTION 5- 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 6- 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 (maineanjoubeeff@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-anjoubeeff.com.au/become-a-member/>

SECTION 7- 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 offspring.
3. Red and White Maine Anjou Bulls must be a minimum of 93.7% (Domestic Purebred).

SECTION 8- 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 9- 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.
3. A member must hold membership with Maine-Anjou Beef Australia for a minimum of 5 consecutive years prior to running for a board position (including: directorship, secretary and president). The regulation has been enacted to ensure the member has an understanding of the Maine-Anjou Beef Australia organisation, its values and objectives.