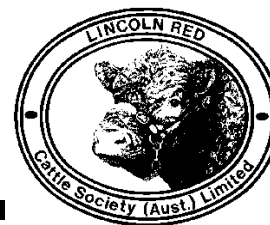


Lincoln Red Cattle Society (Aust) Limited.

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RULES of the LINCOLN RED CATTLE SOCIETY (Aust) Ltd

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Lincoln Red Cattle - Tops for Taste and Tenderness

1. BOARD MAY PRESCRIBE RULES

The Board of Directors (“the Board”) of the Lincoln Red Cattle Society (Aust) Ltd ACN 058 104 091 (“the Society”) may prescribe rules relating to:-

- (a) The requirements and conditions upon which cattle will be eligible for registration with the Society;
- (b) The requirements and conditions upon which cattle will be eligible for entry into the Herd Book of the Society;
- (c) Fees, including those for registration of stud prefixes, for registration, transfer and classification of cattle and for membership of the Society;
- (d) The conduct of members in relation to the breeding, handling and disposal of registered Lincoln Red cattle; and
- (e) The compilation and publication of the Herd Book of the Society.

2. REGISTRATION OF ANIMALS AND ENTRY INTO THE HERD BOOK

- (a) The Board shall keep (or shall cause to be kept) records of:
 - (i) Cattle that are registered with the Society; and
 - (ii) Lincoln Red cattle that have been accepted for entry into the Herd Book of the Society.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, to be eligible for registration with the Society, an animal:
 - (i) Must either be the progeny of a sire and dam, each of which has been accepted for entry into the Herd Book of the Society (or some other herd book approved by the Board as equivalent), or

Have a pedigree in which each branch can be traced back to a complete set of sires and dams every one of which has been accepted for entry into the Herd Book of the Society (or some other herd book approved by the Board as equivalent);
 - (ii) And, must have been uniquely identified by indelibly tattooing the breeder’s registered tattoo brand and the animal’s year-number in the right ear.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, to be accepted for entry into the Herd Book of the Society, an animal:
 - (i) Must have been registered with the Society; and
 - (ii) Must have been inspected by an official classifier of the Society and found acceptable for entry into the Herd Book of the Society; and
 - (iii) Must have been branded or tattooed by the official classifier to indicate the grade at which the animal has been accepted.

- (d) No animal shall be accepted for entry in the Herd Book of the Society as a Purebred Lincoln Red if its colour or its markings are foreign to the Lincoln Red Breed.
- (e) At the discretion of the Board, an imported animal shall be eligible for entry into the Herd Book of the Society. In exercising its discretion, the Board shall satisfy itself that the animal's breeding and characteristics are appropriate for such entry and may require an official classifier of the Society to inspect the animal and report on whether the animal is acceptable for entry into the Herd Book of the Society.
- (f) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules or with the express authorisation of the Board, the Society will only accept an application for registration or transfer that:
 - (i) Is submitted by a member of the Society or by a Junior Breeder,
 - (ii) Is accompanied by any fees required, and
 - (iii) Contains reasonably complete information that can be matched with the records of the Society.
- (g) The Society may refuse to register an animal under a name that the Board, in its absolute discretion, considers to be too close to that of another registered animal or to be misleading or objectionable.
- (h) Each animal should be registered with the Society within three months of its birth or by the 14th working day of January in the Year following its birth, whichever is the earlier.
- (i) An otherwise valid application to register an animal that is received by the Society after the 14th working day of January in the Year following the animal's birth will be subject to an additional late registration fee.

Breeders should also note that animals not registered within three months of birth might fail to be included on lists that the Society prepares for use by the official classifiers of the Society.
- (j) In acting upon an application to register or transfer an animal, the Society may assume without making further inquiry that the facts provided by the person lodging the application are correct.
- (k) Neither the name nor the tattoo brand and year-number of an animal registered with the Society shall be changed except in the case of error and with the approval of the Board;
- (l) No two animals will be registered having the same combination of tattoo brand and year-number.
- (m) Unless the Society is otherwise advised, it may assume that the registered owner of an animal's dam at the time of registration is, for the purposes of registration, the breeder of the animal.

- (n) An application to register a calf conceived by artificial insemination (A.I.) must be accompanied by documentation as to the origin and ownership of the semen used and must include the batch number and invoice.
- (o) In order to assist the Society maintain breed performance statistics, members should advise the Society of every calving (including still-births) by a registered Lincoln Red female. Where a calving does not produce an animal to be registered with the Society, there is no registration or other fee to be paid for advising the Society of the calving.

3. FEES

A current list of fees and charges will be circulated annually and will be available at any time from the Secretary on request.

Fees, as determined from time to time by the Board, shall be payable in respect of the following:-

(a) REGISTRATION

- (i) A REGISTRATION FEE for each animal registered with the Society.
- (ii) A LATE REGISTRATION FEE for each animal advised for registration after the 14th working day of January in the Year following the animal's birth.
- (iii) A LEVY OF 2.5% OF THE SALE PRICE OF BULLS of Lincoln Red blood, sold for breeding purposes, and of sales of semen from registered Lincoln Red Bulls, shall be paid to the Society within Sixty (60) days of sale. Applications to transfer bulls will not be processed unless the levy has been paid.

(b) SERVICE FEE

A SERVICE FEE on each calf conceived either through A.I. or by a Bull not the property of the breeder. *For the purposes of this clause, leased animals are not the property of the breeder.*

(c) CLASSIFICATION FEES

A CLASSIFICATION FEE on each animal classified by a Society Classifier and subsequently accepted by the Society for entry into the Herd Book.

(d) TRANSFER FEES

- (i) For animals registered, but not yet accepted for entry into the Herd Book of the Society (i.e. calves or other unclassified but registered animals), a TRANSFER FEE equal in value to the registration fee for the type of animal.
- (ii) For animals accepted for entry into the Herd Book of the Society (i.e. classified animals), a TRANSFER FEE equal in value to sum of the applicable registration fee and classification fee for the type of animal.

(e) MEMBERS and ASSOCIATES

- (i) For each Member - a JOINING FEE, an ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION and a STUD PREFIX REGISTRATION FEE in the first year, and an ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION in every subsequent year.
- (ii) For each Associate - an ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION at the defined rate for Associates.

Where a Member or Associate joins the Society in October, November or December of any year, the ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION to be paid by that Member or Associate shall be discounted to 25% of the amount of the ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION otherwise payable by that person in the first year.

(f) JUNIOR BREEDERS

For each Junior Breeder, being a natural person who is aged 20 years or less on applying to the Society and is accepted by the Board as a Junior Breeder:

- (i) In the first year, a STUD PREFIX REGISTRATION FEE at the rate payable by a Member and an ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION at 50% of the rate payable by a Member. No JOINING FEE is payable by a Junior Breeder.
- (ii) In every subsequent year thereafter prior to the year in which the Junior Breeder has reached 21 years of age on the 1 January, an ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION at 50% of the rate payable by a Member.
- (iii) REGISTRATION FEES (including any LATE REGISTRATION FEE) and CLASSIFICATION FEES at 33% of the rates payable by a Member subject to these discount rates each being limited to a maximum of eight animals per Junior Breeder.
- (iv) Where applicable, the BULL LEVY, SERVICE FEE and TRANSFER FEES stipulated in clauses 3(a)(iii), 3(b) and 3(d) at the rates payable by a Member.

4. SALES AND TRANSFERS

- (a) Every member who transfers (whether by sale or otherwise) or gives a lease of a registered animal shall register the transfer or lease with the Society within sixty (60) days of transfer or lease by lodging an application for transfer with the secretary and paying the prescribed transfer fee. The effective transfer date of a lease shall be the date on which the lessee takes delivery of the animal.
- (b) Subject to an application for transfer having been lodged with the secretary and the prescribed transfer fee having been paid, the Society shall register a person who is not a member of the Society as the owner or lessee of a registered animal.
- (c) In the event that:
 - (i) a person can demonstrate that they have become and are still the legitimate owner of a Lincoln Red animal registered with the Society, and

- (ii) The Society has not previously processed an application to transfer the animal to that person,

Then the said person may become registered with the Society as the owner of the animal by:

- (i) Lodging an application for transfer with the secretary, and
 - (ii) Paying the transfer fee prescribed by the Rules for the type of animal, and
 - (iii) Providing documentary evidence and/or a signed statement supporting their claim to be the legitimate owner and indicating the means by which they came into possession of the animal.
- (d) The Society will accept an inbound transfer certificate from an overseas cattle breed society approved by the Board and, subject to other provisions of these Rules (including any requirement for classification), will register the imported animal without charging a transfer fee.

5. STUD PREFIXES

- (a) Members must advise the Society of a stud name to be used as their stud prefix and a three-character cipher to be used as their tattoo brand. The Society in turn will seek to register the stud name and tattoo brand with the Central Registry operated by the Agricultural Business Research Institute. No two cattle studs in Australia are permitted to have the same name.
- (b) Once registered, the stud prefix is exclusively the property of the breeder by whom it was registered and must be used for every animal registered by the stud.
- (c) The Prefix Registration Fee must be forwarded with the application for registration of a prefix.
- (d) The Society and the Central Registry have the right to accept or reject the stud name requested by the member and may suggest alternatives when necessary.

6. GRADING UP

- (a) The Society has currently opened its Herd Book to allow the grading up of suitable type females to acceptable standards. A person wishing to participate in the grading up scheme must be a member of the Society.
- (b) To be acceptable for entry into the Herd Book, foundation cows must be of a suitable type. Having been put to calf by a Lincoln Red Bull registered with the Society, a foundation cow must be inspected by an official classifier of the Society and found acceptable for entry into the Herd Book of the Society as a foundation cow.
- (c) A foundation cow may be registered by the Society as an "A" grade cow. The female progeny of an "A" grade cow are eligible for registration as "B" grade animals, the next cross as "C" grade and so on. The female progeny of a "D" grade female are eligible to be registered and (having been found acceptable) to be entered into the Herd Book as purebred Lincoln Red Females.

- (d) All females participating in the grading up program will be recorded in a separate section or sections of the Herd Book and the respective Grades shall be indicated.
- (e) All male calves from Grade "A", Grade "B", Grade "C" and Grade "D" females should be castrated.
- (f) An official classifier of the Society, having inspected a Grade animal and found it acceptable for entry into the Herd Book of the Society shall tattoo the corresponding letter for the appropriate Grade in the lower part of the animal's right ear.
- (g) The Board shall have the power to decide on variation to the above in special circumstances should it be of the opinion that it is of an advantage to the breed.
- (h) Progeny submitted for registration under the grading up program must be sired by a purebred Lincoln Red bull.
- (i) Grade females will be eligible for transfer from one breeder to another and, in such cases, their progeny continues to be eligible for registration with the Society.

7. BREED IMPROVEMENT

- (a) Breeders that obtain the approval of the Board may participate in a breed improvement scheme.

This is a means whereby 12.5% of blood from any other registered beef breed can be introduced into a Lincoln Red herd by use of males, females or both males and females from the nominated breed.

- (b) Subject at each stage to inspection by an official classifier of the Society and being found acceptable for entry into the Herd Book of the Society:
 - (i) First cross (50%) other breed x Lincoln Red will be tattooed XC in the lower part of the right ear and will be designated XC in the Herd Book.
 - (ii) Second cross (75%) Lincoln Red will be tattooed XD and be designated XD in the Herd Book.
 - (iii) Third cross (87.5%) Lincoln Red will be tattooed X and designated X in the Herd Book.
 - (iv) Fourth cross (93.75%) Lincoln red will be eligible to be registered with the Society and entered into the Herd Book as purebred Lincoln Red animals.
- (c) An additional prefix word to indicate the introduced breed will be used in the name of each animal from the beginning of the program up to and including the progeny of X (87.5% Lincoln Red) animals.

(d) The prefix words currently to be used are as follows:

Maine Anjou	Majestic
Charolais	Chapman
Limousin	Limithan
Simmental	Cement
Chianina	Chief
Gelbvieh	Gelignite
Saler	Salor
Blonde D'Aquitaine	Blondain
Angus	Jock
Red Angus	Rang
Piedmontese	Pied
Sussex	Ssx

eg., Alameda Majestic Jack XD 1000

The success or otherwise of the breed improvement scheme will be continually monitored by the Board through its Classifiers.

8. REGISTRATION OF DONOR BULLS

- (a) Before an Australian bull is acceptable to the Society as a donor of registered semen, its owner shall have sought and been granted a certificate of approval from the Society
- (b) In order for the Society to grant a certificate of approval:-
- (i) The bull must have been accepted for entry into the Herd Book of the Society, and
 - (ii) On the request of the breeder, the bull must have been evaluated by an official classifier of the Society and confirmation obtained that it conforms with the Standard of Excellence for the breed, and
 - (iii) The Board shall have satisfied itself that the bull comes from a female line which is of a satisfactory and consistent standard.
- (c) Registered semen from an Australian bull may only be collected at a centre, or by persons or bodies approved by the appropriate State or Federal Government.
- (d) Registered semen from an overseas bull may only be collected from a centre or by persons or bodies approved by an overseas cattle breed society acceptable to the Society.
- (e) Each batch of semen from a centre must be accompanied by a certificate of origin, which must identify;

Name of the bull, Ear tattoo, and	Herd Book number, Batch number.
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A copy of this certificate must be forwarded to the Society on registration of any progeny obtained from the bull by A.I.

- (f) The Society has the right to use all means at its disposal to affirm the parentage of animals sired by A.I.

9. REGISTRATION OF ANIMALS GOT BY EMBRYO TRANSPLANT

- (a) In order to register an animal obtained by Embryo Transplant (E.T.), a member shall furnish to the Board in writing all relevant information as to the methods and procedure adopted, including:
- (i) The place where, and the date on which the embryo transfer operation was performed,
 - (ii) Details of the donor cow from which embryos were removed,
 - (iii) Details of the sire used to fertilise the embryo;
 - (iv) Details of the host cow into which the embryo was transferred including;

Breed	Colour
Markings	Polled or horned
Tattoo number and/or brand	Photograph;
 - (v) An estimate of the date on which the host cow will calve as a result of the embryo transfer;
 - (vi) Any further details as the Board may reasonably require, to include details supported by veterinary certificates.
- (b) At the request of the Board, a member may be required to furnish details of the blood types of the sire, the donor cow and the host cow; and the Board may require that a blood sample from a calf got by embryo transfer be submitted for analysis to confirm parentage.
- (c) The rules governing herds being graded up to purebred through various crosses shall be the same whether natural service or artificial insemination is used in conjunction with embryo transfer.
- (d) Based on the information provided by members, the Society shall keep records of host cows being used for embryo transplantation.
- (e) Members shall advise the Society of transfers of embryo and transfers of host cows prior to calving.
- (f) Animals got by embryo transfer will have the letters (E.T.) following their name in the Herd Book.
- (g) Final acceptance of any animal got by embryo transfer shall be at the discretion of the Board.

10. TATTOOING

- (a) Each member will be allocated a registered three-character tattoo brand to designate their stud.
- (b) Each calf will be tattooed in the right ear with a tattoo which will consist of three lines as follows:
- The top line will be the registered tattoo brand of the owner (e.g. "BAC");

- The second line will contain the Year Letter and a number indicating the order in which the calf was dropped (e.g. "E24").
- The third line will only be applied by or under the direction of an official classifier of the Society. It will denote whether the animal has been accepted as a purebred Lincoln Red ("L") or the percentage of Lincoln Red blood according to the letter codes for either the grading up or breed improvement programs (viz: A, B, C, or D, or XC, XD or X).



(Avoid tattooing on the ridges of the ear.)

- (c) In the event of an illegible or incorrect tattoo, the animal must be re tattooed in the left ear leaving the existing incorrect or illegible tattoo in the right ear unaltered.

Upon application by the breeder and authorisation by an official classifier of the Society, a new certificate of registration will then be issued stating both the old and the corrected tattoo. The cost of re-issuing the registration certificate will be borne by registered owner.

- (d) All animals must be correctly tattooed to pass inspection for acceptance into the Herd Book

(e) Year Letter

The Year Letter to be tattooed in the ear of an animal will be the International Year Letter, as follows:

1994 P	1995 Q
1996 R	1997 S
1998 T	1999 U
2000 V	2001 W
2002 X	2003 Y
2004 Z	2005 A

11. CLASSIFICATION

- (a) All animals must be classified as acceptable prior to being eligible for entry into the Herd Book of the Society. Animals generally should be classified between 12 and 18 months of age. (Requirements for exhibiting at shows may necessitate classification at an earlier age)
- (b) Notwithstanding their pedigree, purebred animals will not be classified and accepted as purebred Lincoln Red cattle if they are not true to type. Males which are not true to type are not suitable for breeding purposes and will not be entered into the Herd Book of the Society. Females which are not true to type may be accepted at a lower Grade in the breeding up program or may be found unacceptable for entry into the Herd Book of the Society.

- (c) An official classifier of the Society will: -
- (i) Inspect the animals presented and ascertain that they are true to type and colour as per the LINCOLN RED CATTLE SOCIETY STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE.
 - (ii) Sight and verify the calf registration certificate before classification. (The original certificate will be retained by the Classifier and forwarded to the Secretary with the Classifier's report, upon completion The owner will retain the copy of the certificate).
 - (iii) Inspect the ear tattoo brand to ascertain that it agrees with the Society's record of the registration certificate and is legible and correctly set out.
 - (iv) At his/her discretion, either: -
 - (A) Accept the animal as being suitable for entry into the Herd Book of the Society at the Grade in which the animal is registered; or
 - (B) Down grade the animal to a lower category; or
 - (C) Reject the animal as being unsuitable to breed from; or
 - (D) Defer judgement on the animal for one classification period only.
 - (v) In the case of (A) and (B) above, supervise or cause to effect the tattooing of the appropriate letter in the lower 1/3 of the animal's right ear.
- (d) In the event of an illegible or incorrect tattoo, an official classifier of the Society may take action to correct the error and authorise the issue of a new certificate of registration, as outlined in clause 10(c) of these Rules.

12. EXHIBITION OF CATTLE

Where there is a Breed display at a Royal or affiliated show, Lincoln Red cattle will be shown under one banner which will be supplied by the Society. The Board is of the opinion that uniformity in showing is most important to promote the unique characteristics of the Breed.

13. STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

HEAD

Broad forehead and muzzle, short face, eyes placid and well shielded and an expression indicating intelligence and docility, but alert.

Preferably polled, but if horned, horns to be widely set, clean and white, short in length, with a level slightly inclining curve.

Scurred animals to have a head showing poll characteristics with the scurs to be loose on the skin.

NECK

Strong, fitting neatly to shoulders, and of sufficient length to indicate ease of calving characteristics.

SHOULDERS

Wide, flat and neat, sloping without pointedness and being well covered.

BRISKET

To carry through natural progression from the neck to the underline, tapered when viewed from the front, loose skin with no excessive fat.

BODY

Wide across chine, ribs well sprung, with no shallowness behind the shoulders. Heart girth deep, top and underline nearly as possible parallel, with back and loin well covered and rounded, flank thick and deep.

HINDQUARTERS

Rumps well filled, but not coarse or pointed, hook bone wide but not prominent, pin bones square to tail, thighs deep and low, with breech thick and well carried down, long and level in the plate.

TAIL

Level to top line, fitting neatly, strong at the root and finishing with a brush of fine hair.

LEGS

Placed squarely to the body, short in the cannon bone, muscling carried well down indicating width. Feet large with equal sized hooves, upstanding, wide division characterised by parallel straight sides.

COLOUR

Deep cherry red coat, uniform over body, with pink soft skin.

UDDER

Vessel well shaped, teats equidistant on four point spacing to the size of the udder.

TESTICLES

Evenly shaped, firm but resilient with a minimum scrotal circumference of 34 cm at the age of 24 months.

GENERAL CONFORMATION

Good carriage, carrying head up, having sufficient bone, with a firmly fleshed body.