



## BY-LAWS

### OF THE NEW ZEALAND MILKING SHORTHORN ASSOCIATION (INC) - NZMSA

Conditions governing registration of the New Zealand Milking Shorthorn Herd Book, Transfers, Tattoo Branding, Membership etc.  
(Updated July 2017)

- 1) **SYSTEMS OF IDENTIFICATION:** All pedigree calves to be eligible for Registration must be suitably identified by two forms of approved ID stating the animals birth identification, such ID may be tattoo, brass tag, AHB or NAIT approved tags. The onus for correct identifying of animals rests with the breeder.
- 2) **REGISTRATIONS:** All applications for registrations of cattle in the NZ Milking Shorthorn Herd Book must be made on the Official form supplied by the Association. Any form not correctly filled in will be returned to the applicant for completing.
- 3) **HERD BOOKS:** The NZ Milking Shorthorn Association Herd Book shall be published annually and applications for Registration must be lodged by the 31<sup>st</sup> August each year. Herd Books will be covered by Subscription and supplied to all breeding and registering members paying a full or life subscription. Copies are available at \$10.00 + GST per copy.
- 4) **SUBSCRIPTIONS:** A three tier system, one level for members breeding and registering cattle, one level for members not breeding cattle; and one level for juniors is approved with subscription rates as follows:

FULL MEMBERSHIP with Herd Book	\$150.00 (incl GST)
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP without Herd Book	\$60.00 (incl GST)
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP up to the age of 18; may register Animals; no voting rights	\$30.00 (incl GST)
LIFE MEMBERSHIP Subscription (including Herd Book Yearly)	\$1000.00 (incl GST)

All entries for Registration in the Herd Book are accepted subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and must be received before 31 August each year accompanied by the prescribed fees.

- 5) **REGISTRATION FEES:** - Full members accepted under Rule 4 shall be eligible to apply for registration of cattle.

Up to 1 year of age	\$5.00 + GST
Over 1 year of age	\$7.50 + GST
Males	\$10.00 + GST

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS can register up to five animals per annum at normal fees.  
NON-MEMBERS – Double Fees
- 6) All Pedigree Milking Shorthorn cattle and progeny of sires and dams registered in the NZMSA Herd Book may be registered.
- 7) In the application for Registration of any animals, the Herd Book Number of Identification of the sire and dam must be quoted. In the event of a calf being sired by a bull not the property of the owner at mating (excluding AB matings), a Certificate of Service, signed by the owner of the bull, must be sent with entry application.
- 8) **AB CERTIFICATES:** Any female which has been artificially inseminated and the mating recorded on the LIC database; no AB Certificate will be required. AB certificates or DNA confirmation will be requested for non-recorded AB Matings prior to registration of resultant progeny.
- 9) The granting of all applications for Registration or for record of transfer will be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and acknowledgements for such, given by the Secretary shall not be binding upon the Association in case any error or misstatement is subsequently discovered in regard thereto.
- 10) **TWINS:** Application for Registration of twins must be filed together and the fact animals are twins must be stated on both applications.
- 11) The breeder of an animal is the owner of its dam at the time of its birth, and must obtain registration.
- 12) **NAMING OF ANIMALS:** In naming of animals, owners need to refer to previous Herd Books to avoid repeating names already used. No names of animals already registered will be accepted. Names are limited to 25 letters or numbers and spaces including the prefix and status. Names misleading as to sex, relationship, origin, or objectionable cannot be allowed. Numbers or letters representing numbers can be used.
- 13) **PREFIX:** a) A member may register, with the approval of the Board, any suitable name for his sole and exclusive use, as a Prefix in naming his cattle and such Prefix shall not be permitted to be incorporated in any part of the name of any animal to be registered by any other member.  
b) The purchaser of a Stud shall have no right to the previous owners stud name, except with the written sanction of the previous owner and with the approval of the Board.
- 14) After the Herd Book has been printed which contains the registration of any animal, the name of the animal shall not be changed unless approved for the purpose of correcting an error.
- 15) If it is ascertained that any registered animals is not properly identified or there is an irregularity in the identification, the Board reserves the right to deal with such irregularity as is deemed fit.
- 16) In the case when an animal is sold and found to have defective identification, it shall be the duty of the new owner to report the irregularity to the Board and request permission for the District inspector to carry out appropriate re-identification.
- 17) It is recommended a Calf register be kept showing complete and proper record of Stud Breeding activities. Records to be available for inspection if required.
- 18) **DECEASED ESTATES:** The legal representative of any deceased member may, provided the subscription is paid within one year after his or her death, register at member's rates or transfer any animal owned by the said member at the time of his or her decease or that may be born within the said year from the animals that they owned.
- 19) **HERD TRANSFERS:** Where a beneficiary in a deceased estate or by deed of gift succeeds to or acquires a herd and the same Prefix is retained, a minimum fee for transfer will apply as set by the Board from time to time. The name and identification of each

animal to be transferred must be supplied.

- 20) **FAILURE TO SIGN APPLICATIONS:** In the event of the owner of a sire or breeder of any animal for the time being, failing, refusing or neglecting to sign the appropriate application for Registration or Certificate of Transfer of any animal, the Board may, at its discretion, upon satisfactory evidence being submitted to support the Registration or Transfer, as the case may be, direct that the animal be registered or transfer thereof recorded as the case may be, without completion of the appropriate application as aforesaid.
- 21) **SALES:**
  - a) The Board may from time to time make rules and regulations governing the conduct of dispersal, clearing, dispenishing and annual sales by auction and the inspection of animals to be sold thereat.
  - b) The association strongly recommends the use of Three Generation Pedigrees as generated by the LIC database for use in Catalogues.
- 22) **RESPONSIBILITY OF ASSOCIATION:** Every certificate of registration or change of ownership is based on statements in the application thereof and the Association assumes no responsibility for damages which may be caused by any certificates issued on erroneous or fraudulent information or damages entailed by the de-registration of any animal or its removal from the Herd Book.
- 23) **RESIGNATIONS:** Any member wishing to resign may do so by written notice to the Secretary, but no such resignation shall relieve any member from payment of arrears of subscriptions or other dues to the Association at the time of such resignation.
- 24) **REMITTS:** All remits for consideration of the Annual General Meeting of the Association must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- 25) **SHOWING:** Animals over 1 year old not properly identified will not be eligible for showing.
- 26) **ROYAL SHOWS:** To be eligible for entry in Pedigree Milking Shorthorn classes at NZ Royal Shows, stock must be registered.
- 27) **ROYAL SHOW JUDGES:** The local Branch in the district where the Royal Show is to be held is required to submit a nomination of three judges to the Board before the 30<sup>th</sup> November prior to the next Show. Judges of Pedigree Milking Shorthorn classes at NZ Royal Shows shall be breeders, or shall have judges at major shows within a period of five years.
- 28) **ASSOCIATE (JUNIOR) JUDGES:**
  - a) Associate judges are to work with Senior Judges but must not converse with the Senior Judge while judging each class until the Senior Judge has given his decision. The Associate Judge's decisions are to be given in writing, giving class number of each placed animal and set out as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The placing's to be handed to the Senior Judge after he has given his decision. In the event of the Associate Judge's placing not agreeing with those of the Senior Judge, he is then requested to explain his differences.
  - b) At any show where Associate Judges are operating in conjunction with Senior Judges, the Senior Judge should endeavour to obtain a written report on their capabilities to the Secretary of the Association on the approved Report form.
  - c) Associate Judges are to be nominated by the Branches.
  - d) Associate Judges are expected to pay their own expenses when travelling to shows. The Senior Judge should endeavour to obtain a luncheon ticket for the Associate Judge acting under him at any particular show.
  - e) Associate Judges must work under the supervision of a Senior Judge on not less than three occasions before they can be recommended as Senior Judge.
- 29) **POLLED ANIMALS:** Any member with polled Milking Shorthorns may register their progeny in the appropriate section of the Herd Book. Polled animals must be registered with the letter "P" following their name.
- 30) **IMPORTED CATTLE:** Can be registered at any age on receipt within two months of landing in New Zealand of application accompanied by authenticated Pedigree and Export Certificate signed by the transferor and the Society of the country from which the animal was shipped. The Board, however, retains the right to refuse registration of any imported animal whose merit fails to comply with certain standards as may be laid down by the Board from time to time.
- 31) **EXPORTED CATTLE:** No certificate of Export shall be issued in respect of any animal to be exported from New Zealand unless the following terms and conditions for export standards have been complied with:-
  - a) To be passed by Two Board appointed inspectors
  - b) The sire and dam are both eligible for the main Herd Book
  - c) The dam to hold production records of breed standard or above as laid down by the Association
  - d) All cattle for export to be tattooed with their Birth Identification
  - e) All expenses in connection with the inspection and tattooing of stock sold for export to be borne by vendor
- 32) **CHECK TESTING:**
  - a) Testing records of animals registered in the NZ Milking Shorthorn Herd Book will not be accepted as official or qualify for inclusion in any pedigree production listing or averages, unless there is first available for inspection by the Testing Officer or by an officer of the Association, such reasonable particulars in respect of the identity of such animals as may, from time to time, be required by the Association.
  - b) All production information of registered pedigree Milking Shorthorn animals shall be made available to the NZMSA, and may be used for publication by the Association, or for any other purposes the Association may think fit.
  - c) All testing members of the Association shall agree to their Factory Production figures being made available through their Licensed Testing Organisation to the NZMSA for comparative or other purposes that the Board may require.
  - d) All members of the NZMSA shall agree to the Association accessing production data pertaining to their herd, or animals in their herd, and for the Association to request the Licensed Herd Testing Organisation to carry out check testing of their herd, or animals within their herd, the cost of which to be borne by the NZMSA.
  - e) The Association reserves the right to take whatever action it deems necessary, including the recommending to the testing organisation, the adjustment or designation as Unofficial, records of all or any animals in a herd, subsequent to a check test being carried out, or the refusal of the owner to accept a check test at the time specified by the Association or the testing organisation.

- 33) **PRODUCTION AWARDS:** Awards for outstanding production by Excellent and VHC cows shall be made as follows:-
- a) A Merit Award for Certificate such cows producing 500kgs and up to 630kgs total solids in not more than 305 days
  - b) An Elite Merit Award and Certificate for cows producing over 630kgs total solids in not more than 305 days
  - c) That all registered animals born prior to 2015 are eligible for Production Awards until the 2023/24 production season, after which the S1S & over rule will be applied. All animals born 2015 onwards are only eligible for Production Awards from S1S status and over.
    - This is to apply to individual cow awards only, not herd awards.
    - Older animals are still eligible to be upgraded to the new registration system.
    - There will be no change to the production listings in the magazine (all cows eligible for top 20 by fat & protein lists and top 3 by age group)
    - No changes to Merit & Elite Merit awards
- 34) **PRODUCTION STANDARDS:** The following are recognised production standards:-
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| 2 Year Old at commencement of test          | 290kgs Total Solids |
| 3 Year Old at commencement of test          | 320kgs Total Solids |
| 4 Year Old at commencement of test          | 260kgs Total Solids |
| 5 Year Old and over at commencement of test | 420kgs Total Solids |
- 36) The New Zealand Milking Shorthorn Assn adopts the Royal Agricultural Society Code of Show Ethics.

### CLASSIFICATION BY-LAWS

A system of Classification of Females already Registered in the Herd Book and including Appendix and Blended cows, based on type and individuality, may be maintained by the Association under such rules and regulations as may be subscribed from time to time by the Board. Application for Classification shall be made to the Secretary on the prescribed forms so that arrangements can be made for herd inspections.

All cows classified must be in milk.

All two year old heifers are to be assessed on the Traits Other than Production system by Certified T.O.P. Inspectors (A, B, C, D, E). In the case of an animal being sick at the time of classification, the classifiers shall satisfy themselves as to her condition and at their discretion may report her sick.

Animals 3 years and over may be classified as follows:-

**Excellent - Cows 5 years and over from their date of birth shall be eligible to be rated as 'Excellent'.**

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**The two-year-old class standards shall be:**

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All eligible cows, previously classified, may be reclassified at the owners request after a period of not less than nine months from her previous classification. In re-classifying, the classifier may bestow a higher award or allow the original classification to stand but may not allow the original award.

Classification shall be carried out preferably by two classifiers selected by the Board or by such method as they from time to time prescribe.

Classification shall be voluntary with applications closing on the 15<sup>th</sup> September each year (or a date set by the Secretary). Inspections are too made between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 20<sup>th</sup> December. Applications for winter classification close 15<sup>th</sup> May.

All animals to be inspected over concrete and within a small area. Certified T.O.P. Inspectors are not required to be a Judge.



## MILKING SHORTHORN SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTRY

Pedigree (no suffix)	S14 & over, by a registered Milking Shorthorn (Ped or S1S) dam and a registered Milking Shorthorn or Board approved sire.
Supplementary Shorthorn 1 (S1S)	S1-13 by a registered S1S or S0S dam and by a registered Milking Shorthorn or Board approved sire.
Supplementary Shorthorn 0 (S0S)	NZ Dairy Red, all other animals with a minimum S1.

- Pedigree and S1S animals will be eligible for production awards.
- S0S (NZ Dairy Red) animals will have separate production awards.

### CONDITIONS GOVERNING ENTRY IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION

1. Registrations will be accepted from financial members only.
2. The Board of NZMSA reserves the right to inspect at any time registered animals.
3. Animals in the Milking Shorthorn section of the Herd Book are eligible to be shown in the Milking Shorthorn classes at A & P Shows.  
Animals in the Dairy Red (S0S) section are eligible to be shown in the Combined Red Breed classes at A & P Shows where available.
4. All animals must carry two approved forms of identification. Approved ID's are tattoos, brass tags, AHB tags, NAIT tags or EID tags that include the birth identification of the animal.
5. All Supplementary Cattle will carry the suffix showing their position in the Grading-Up scheme after their name.
6. A Three Generation Pedigree is required for any overseas bull whose progeny is being entered. These pedigrees will be considered by the Board of NZMSA. Where such bulls are accepted as Milking Shorthorn, they will be known as 'approved sires' and individual progeny will be eligible for registration as outlined above.
7. Any pedigree overseas Milking Shorthorn or Illawarra bull who has had progeny registered prior to 31 August 2020 will automatically be considered to be an approved bull. Any other pedigree overseas Milking Shorthorn or Illawarra bull who has not yet had progeny registered will be required to be approved by the Board under condition 6.
8. Any animal registered at the close-off of the 2011 Herd Book Volume 79 that was eligible for showing and production awards at that time shall remain eligible until 1 June 2016.
9. Members may apply to have female animals registered as at 1 January 2014 upgraded under the 2014 by-laws for production awards and showing at a cost of \$5.00 + GST per animal.
10. Members may apply to have male animals registered as at 1 January 2014 upgraded under the 2014 by-laws if born since 1 June 2005 at a cost of \$10.00 + GST per bull. For the upgrading of any progeny of such bulls, refer to condition 9 above.



## **STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE** **MILKING SHORTHORN COW**

(Revised 1996)

<b>(A) <u>HEAD AND NECK</u></b>	<b>MAXIMUM POINTS</b>
1 Muzzle – square, large, white and strong, clean fleshy colour, mouth and nostrils large.	3
2 Face – lean, medium length, slight dished, cheeks and jaws fine and flat, under jaw strong and fairly flush with muzzle	4
3 Forehead – broad	1
4 Eyes – large, prominent and bright, but mild in expression	1
5 If horns are present, these must be short, flat base, fine and waxy, curved inwards	
6 Ears – medium size, fine texture, yellow inside, well set	1
7 Neck – fine, flat on sides, medium length, throat clean, light dewlap, strongly and smoothly jointed shoulders	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>(B) <u>FOREQUARTERS</u></b>	
8. Shoulders – light, oblique, not too fleshy, good distance through from point to point, sharp at withers, smoothly blending into body	2
9. Chest – broad, strong and deep, brisket – fine not fleshy	3
10. Legs – straight, medium length, shanks fine, feet sound and of medium size, deep of heel, compact and evenly formed	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>(C) <u>BODY</u></b>	
11. Back – strong and straight, spinal column or chine well defined, lean sharp and open jointed	4
12. Loin – broad, level and strong	2
13. Ribs – broad, long, flat, wide apart, well sprung, rear ribs extending well back towards flank	4
14. Heart girth – large and deep, abundant rood for active heart and lungs	4
15. Abdomen – capacious, deep and firmly held	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>(D) <u>HINDQUARTERS</u></b>	
16. Hips – medium size, wide apart. Level and not projecting, above the level of the back	2
17. Rump – wide, level and long from hips to pin bones, a reasonable pelvic arch allowed	4
18. Pin bones and thurls – wide apart and of medium height	2
19. Tail – long, fine and set between pin bones on a level with the back	1
20. Thighs – medium length, flat, wide apart from rear view, providing ample room for udder and rear udder attachment. Flanks thin and arched	4
21. Rear legs – of medium length, flat and fine of bone, straight and well set apart when viewed from the rear. Not sickle hocked or over straight when viewed from the side. Points of hocks not to incline inward	4
22. Feet – sound and of medium size, deep of heel, compact and evenly formed	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>(E) <u>MAMMARY SYSTEM</u></b>	
23. Udder – long, wide and deep (not pendulous or fleshy). Firmly attached to body, extending well up behind and well formed. Quarters even, sole nearly level when viewed from the side. Showing a clearly defined and strong mammary cleft when viewed from the rear, indicating a strong Median Suspensory Ligament	20

24. Teats – evenly placed, in the centre of each quarter, uniform and of medium size, pointing straight downwards, ends squarely cut and not pointed	4
25. Milk Veins – large, long and tortuous and entering large orifices	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>

**GENERAL APPEARANCE**

26. Character – must be true to type, distinctly feminine in expression and appearance	3
27. Constitutional Vigour – as shown by health, strength, size, carriage, walk to be free and stylish, legs not sweeping	4
4Form – wedge shape from front side and top, lengthy not leggy	2
28. Quality and Handling – hair fine, dense and soft, correct colour red, roan or white, or in combination. Skin – mellow, loose, medium thickness, secretions oily, and yellow, bone fine, clean and flat	4
29. Temperament – alert (not wild) indicated by active and bright demeanour	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Grant total out of</b>	<b><u>100</u></b>

**UNDESIRABLE TRAITS (FEMALE)**

1. Absence of female character
2. Poor colour
3. Heavy bone
4. Dark or smokey muzzle
5. Heavy dewlap, brisket or shoulders
6. Poor heart girth, ribs too narrow and close or insignificantly sprung
7. Loin weak, back hollow
8. Rump angle too high or low
9. Udder uneven, badly split up from side view, quarters unsound
10. Teats too small or too large, white teats, pointed or bottled teats
11. Feet unsound
12. Teeth unsound
13. Jaw undershot or overshot
14. Wry nose or tail
15. Black hair or brindle

**STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE**  
**MILKING SHORTHORN BULL**

(Revised 1996)

<b>(A) <u>HEAD AND NECK</u></b>	MAXIMUM POINTS
1. Muzzle – square, large, white and strong, clean fleshy colour, mouth and nostrils large.	3
2. Face – lean, medium length, slight dished, cheeks and jaws fine and flat, under jaw strong and fairly flush with muzzle	4
3. Forehead – broad, well covered with hair, bold outline	1
4. Eyes – large, prominent, full and wide apart in big sockets	2
5. Horns – if present short, not coarse, rather flat at base, starting straight from head and turning slightly inwards	1
6. Ears – medium size, fine texture, fringed with hair, secretion yellow	1
7. Throat – clean, as free as possible from loose skin	1
8. Neck – fine, flat on sides, medium length, throat clean, light dewlap, strongly and smoothly jointed shoulders	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

**(B) FOREQUARTERS**

9. Shoulders – strong, oblique, not too fleshy, good distance from point to point, but sharp at withers, smoothly blending into body	4
10. Chest – deep and low, well filled, broad between the forelegs, brisket fine and not fleshy	7

11	Legs – straight, medium length, shanks fine with flat bone, good sound feet, medium size, compact, deep of heel, and evenly formed	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>
 (C) <b>BODY</b>		
12	Heart – girth large and deep, abundant room for active heart and lungs	5
13	Barrel – long and large, well rounded and deep, ribs broad, long, flat, wide apart, well sprung. Abdomen deep and firmly held	8
14	Back – level and straight from withers to tail setting	2
15	Loin – broad, strong level or nearly level between hip bones, spreading broadly from chine	4
16	Sheath – large	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>20</b>
 (D) <b>HINDQUARTERS</b>		
17.	Hips – medium, wide apart, level not projecting above level of back	3
18.	Rump – long, broad, nearly level. Pin and thirl bones – medium height and wide apart	4
19.	Tail – medium at base, not coarse. Tail head set neatly and squarely between pin bones well to rear on level with the back, long and fine, tapering to a good switch	1
20.	Thighs – medium length, fine, flat and wide apart, split well up behind	5
21.	Flanks – deep, not too thick	2
22.	Scrotum – medium size, hung squarely and evenly balanced	5
23.	Rudimentary teats – well placed and well developed	2
24.	Legs – strong of medium length, flat and fine of bone, straight and set wide apart when viewed from the rear. Not sickle hocked or over straight when viewed from side, points of hocks not to incline inward. Shanks fine and smooth	4
25.	Feet – sound and of medium size, deep of heel, compact and evenly formed	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>29</b>
 (E) <b>HINDQUARTERS</b>		
26.	Character – must be true to type and distinctly masculine in expression and appearance, free from coarseness	3
27.	Constitutional Vigour – as shown by health, strength, size and carriage, walk to be free and stylish, legs not sweeping	6
28.	Form – Straight top line, depth and width tending to increase toward rear, not leggy	2
29.	Quality and Handling – hair fine, dense and soft, correct colour red, roan or white, or in combination. Skin – mellow, loose, medium thickness, secretions oily, and yellow, bone fine, clean and flat	8
30.	Temperament – quiet, tractable, alert	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>22</b>
<b>Grant total</b>		<b>100</b>

### UNDESIRABLE TRAITS (MALE)

1. Absence of masculine character
2. Poor colour
3. Coarse or heavy bone
4. Dark or smokey muzzle
5. Heavy chest, dewlap, brisket or shoulders
6. Poor heart girth, flat ribs
7. Loin weak, back hollow
8. Rump angle too low or too high
9. Unevenly balanced scrotum
10. Feet unsound
11. Vicious temper
12. Teeth unsound
13. Jaw undershot or overshot
14. Wry nose or tail



15. Black hair or brindle