# AMERICAN BRAHMAN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION ABBA OFFICIAL SHOW RULES

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The American Brahman Breeders Association ("ABBA") reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these ABBA Official Show Rules and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, arising therefrom or otherwise connected with or incident thereto, and the right to amend or expand these ABBA Official Show Rules as the ABBA may determine, from time to time. Any violation hereof shall be punishable in such manner as the ABBA shall deem appropriate under the circumstances in the sole discretion of the ABBA.

The ABBA Official Show Rules set forth herein shall fully replace, supplant and supersede the prior *Rules* & *Procedures Governing the Showing and Exhibiting of Registered Brahman Cattle* as previously adopted and published by the ABBA. In the event a matter or circumstance provided for in the ABBA Official Show Rules set forth herein shall conflict with any other rules of the ABBA (save for the ABBA Constitution only), including, but not limited to, the *ABBA Show Ring Code of Conduct and Ethics*, then the ABBA Official Show Rules set forth herein shall govern.

# **DEFINITIONS**

- A. *ABBA* shall mean and include the American Brahman Breeders Association as operated and governed by and through its Officers and Directors pursuant to the ABBA Constitution and its accompanying ABBA Rules.
- B. *ABBA Member* shall mean and include individuals or entities defined by the same or similar term in the ABBA Constitution and its accompanying ABBA Rules.
- C. *ABBA Board of Directors* shall mean and include the group of individuals defined by the same or similar term in the ABBA Constitution who serve as ABBA leadership pursuant to the ABBA Constitution and its accompanying ABBA Rules.
- D. *ABBA Executive Committee* shall mean and include the group of individuals defined by the same or similar term in the ABBA Constitution who are selected as ABBA executive leadership by the ABBA Board of Directors pursuant to ABBA Constitution and its accompanying ABBA Rules.
- E. *ABBA Show Committee* shall mean and include the group of individuals defined by the same or similar term in the ABBA Constitution who are appointed by the ABBA President pursuant to the ABBA Constitution and its accompanying ABBA Rules.
- F. *ABBA Register of Renown* shall mean and include the Brahman Register of Renown as the term used in the ABBA Constitution and its accompanying ABBA Rules.
- G. *ABBA Register of Renown Points* shall mean and include the points awarded Animals based on the placings of progeny of such Animals competing at Shows approved by the ABBA pursuant to the ABBA Constitution and its accompanying ABBA Rules.
- H. *ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook* shall mean and include the official registry for Brahman Animals as established by the ABBA Constitution and its accompanying ABBA Rules and maintained by the ABBA.
- I. *ABBA Approved Show or ABBA Approved Point Show* shall mean and include any livestock event in which Brahman cattle registered in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook are exhibited and which has been designated by the ABBA as approved to accumulate points for the ABBA Register of Renown.

- J. *ABBA Sponsored Show* shall mean and include any ABBA Approved Show at which has been officially so designated by the ABBA as an ABBA Sponsored Show. This shall specifically include the two shows commonly known as the National Brahman Show and the International Brahman Show as well as any other Show officially so designated by formal action of the ABBA.
- K. *ABBA Sanctioned Show* shall mean and include any ABBA Approved Show which has NOT been officially designated by the ABBA as an ABBA Sponsored Show.
- L. *Breeder* shall mean and include the person(s) or entity(ies) shown as the "Breeder" of an Animal as printed on the Animal's most recently issued ABBA registration certificate and as also identified as such in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook.
- M. *Owner* shall mean and include the person(s) or entity(ies) shown as the "Owner" or "Present Owner" of an Animal as printed on the Animal's most recently issued ABBA registration certificate and as also identified as such in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook.
- N. *Exhibitor* shall mean and include the person(s) or entity(ies) under who's name or identity the official entry of an Animal at an ABBA Approved Show is made.
- O. *Showman* shall mean and include the person(s) who physically exhibits an Animal in the Show Ring at an ABBA Approved Show.
- P. *Fitter* shall mean and include the person(s) who is involved with the care, maintenance and show preparation of an Animal at any time during an ABBA Approved Show.
- Q. *ABBA Show Year* shall mean and include the annual time period during which ABBA Approved Shows may occur and in which ABBA Register of Renown Points may be awarded. The ABBA Show Year shall begin each calendar year on July 1 and end on June 30 of the following calendar year. The ABBA Show Year shall be divided into two (2) Show Seasons (as defined below).
- R. *ABBA Fall Show Season* shall mean and include the period of time over which ABBA Approved Shows occur between July 1 and December 31 of a calendar year.
- S. *ABBA Spring Show Season* shall mean and include the period of time over which ABBA Approved Shows occur between January 1 and June 30 of a calendar year.
- T. *ABBA Official Show Classes* shall mean and include the classes and divisions, as established by the ABBA from time to time, for the exhibition of registered Brahman Animals at an ABBA Approved Show. The ABBA shall establish separate ABBA Official Show Classes for Fall Shows (occurring between July 1 and December 31) and for Spring Shows (occurring between January 1 and June 30). The ABBA Official Show Classes shall specifically be deemed to include the Official Show Class Conditions (defined below).
- U. *ABBA Official Show Class Conditions* shall mean and include certain requirements or limitations relating to exhibiting Animals within ABBA Official Show Classes at ABBA Approved Shows.
- V. *Official Show Results* shall mean and include the official class and division placings of Animals participating in an ABBA Approved Show as provided to the ABBA by Show Management of such ABBA Approved Show.

- W. *ABBA Color Classification Committee* shall mean and include the Special Committee appointed, from time to time, by the ABBA to conduct color classification at designated ABBA Approved Shows for Animals which require color classification to be exhibited at ABBA Approved Shows.
- X. ABBA Color Classification Rules shall mean and include the specific rules and guidelines established by the ABBA, from time to time, concerning the color classification standards for certain Animals being registered in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook and exhibited at ABBA Approved Shows.
- Y. *ABBA Official Color Classification Chart* shall mean and include the visual chart illustrating examples of Animals of acceptable color to meet color classification standards for certain Animals being registered in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook and exhibited at ABBA Approved Shows.
- Z. *ABBA DNA Verification Rules* shall mean and include the specific rules and guidelines established by the ABBA, from time to time, concerning the DNA verification standards of certain Animals being registered in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook and exhibited at ABBA Approved Shows.

Terms not specifically defined herein shall be given the meaning of such same or similar term in the ABBA Constitution and its accompanying ABBA Rules, and if not defined therein, then the meaning most generally associated with such term in the Brahman breed/livestock industry or in connection with the exhibition of Brahman Animals/livestock.

#### ABBA APPROVED SHOWS

The ABBA shall upon written request designate as an ABBA Approved Show certain Livestock Shows or Events in which Brahman cattle that are registered in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook are exhibited. ABBA Register of Renown Points may be accumulated at ABBA Approved Shows.

An ABBA Approved Show shall be categorized by the ABBA as either [1] an ABBA Sponsored Show, or [2] an ABBA Sanctioned Show.

An ABBA Sponsored Show is an ABBA Approved Show which has been officially so designated by the ABBA as an ABBA Sponsored Show.

An ABBA Sanctioned Show is any ABBA Approved Show which has NOT been officially designated by the ABBA as an ABBA Sponsored Show.

All ABBA Approved Shows shall be governed by and subject to the ABBA Official Show Rules established hereby. ABBA Sponsored Shows shall further be governed by and subject to the ABBA Sponsored Show Conditions set out herein. ABBA Sanctioned Shows shall further be governed by and subject to the ABBA Sanctioned Show Conditions set out herein.

The ABBA (including all Directors, Officers, Members, employees or other authorized agents of the ABBA) shall in no case be responsible or liable for any loss or damage that may be incurred relating to participation in or attendance at an ABBA Approved Show. Each Participant or Guest at an ABBA Approved Show shall be solely responsible for any consequential loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from participation in or attendance at an ABBA Approved Show. Participants and Guests shall indemnify the ABBA against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any other person, animal or property caused by a Participant or Guest or arising out of, or in any way connected with an ABBA Approved Show. All persons who attend an ABBA Approved Show do so at their own risk and the ABBA assumes no liability, legal or otherwise, for any loss, damage, accident or other occurrence.

#### **PRIVILEGES**

Designation as an ABBA Approved Show is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the American Brahman Breeders Association upon Shows so designated by the ABBA. This privilege shall be open to individuals and entities deemed suitable by the ABBA to fairly and positively represent the Brahman breed of Animals in the livestock industry, particularly in the exhibition thereof at ABBA Approved Shows. The ABBA shall have the unrestricted right to revoke such privilege at any time upon proper notice.

Participating in an ABBA Approved show as an ABBA Member, Breeder, Owner, Exhibitor, Showman or Fitter is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the American Brahman Breeders Association and/or Show Management of an ABBA Approved Show upon such ABBA Member, Breeder, Owner, Exhibitor, Showman or Fitter. This privilege shall be open to individuals and entities deemed suitable by the ABBA and/or Show Management of an ABBA Approved Show to fairly and positively represent the Brahman breed of Animals in the livestock industry, particularly in the exhibition thereof at ABBA Approved Shows. The ABBA and/or Show Management of an ABBA Approved Show shall have the unrestricted right to revoke such privilege at any time upon proper notice.

### ABBA PREMIER SHOW ANIMALS OF THE YEAR

The ABBA annually recognizes the top point earning individual Animals during a single ABBA Show Year in four (4) separate award categories, respectively being [1] Grey Females, [2] Red Females, [3] Grey Bulls, and [4] Red Bulls. Individual Animals shall be awarded points toward this recognition based on the Animals individual Class/Division placings at ABBA Approved Shows as timely reported to the ABBA by the ABBA Approved Show. The points earned shall be known as "ABBA Show Animal Points" and shall be calculated/awarded using the same point scale as utilized for determining ABBA Register of Renown Points. The individual Animals earning the most ABBA Show Animal Points in each of the four (4) award categories shall be bestowed by the ABBA the respective titles of The ABBA Premier Grey Show Cow of the Year, The ABBA Premier Red Show Bull of the Year. To be eligible to recognized by the ABBA as an ABBA Premier Show Animal in any of the four (4) award categories established for such recognition, the Animal must be exhibited at either the National Brahman Show.

The failure of any ABBA Approved Show to comply with the requirement to timely report complete Official Show Results to the ABBA would mean that any ABBA Show Animal Points which would have been earned or awarded at such ABBA Approved Show could be forfeited. ABBA Members, Breeders, Owners, Exhibitors, Showman and/or Fitters exhibiting Animals at any ABBA Approved Show do so at their own risk concerning the requirement that an ABBA Approved Show timely report complete Official Show Results to the ABBA and the subsequent award by the ABBA of ABBA Show Animal Points.

THE ABBA SHALL HAVE NO OBLIGATION, DUTY OR RESPONSIBILITY TO ANY PERSON(S) OR ENTITY(IES) REGARDING THE AWARDING OF ABBA SHOW ANIMAL POINTS IF THE ABBA APPROVED SHOW FAILS TO TIMELY REPORT COMPLETE OFFICIAL SHOW RESULTS TO THE ABBA. BY PARTICIPATION IN AN ABBA APPROVED SHOW, EACH ABBA MEMBER, BREEDER, OWNER, EXHIBITOR, SHOWMAN, AND/OR FITTER CONSENTS TO THE IMMEDIATELY FORGOING PROVISION AND SHALL HOLD THE ABBA HARMLESS FOR THE FAILURE TO AWARD ABBA SHOW ANIMAL POINTS WHEN AN ABBA APPROVED SHOW FAILS TO TIMELY REPORT THE COMPLETE OFFICIAL SHOW RESULTS TO THE ABBA.

# ABBA COLOR CLASSIFICATION RULES

All Animals exhibited at any ABBA Approved Show shall be subject to the following ABBA Color Classification Rules:

- A. The applicable Official ABBA Color Chart, as updated and published from time to time by the ABBA, shall serve as the official breed resource for identifying and determining the proper hair coat color of an Animal to be registered in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook as a Red Brahman Animal (the current Official ABBA Color Chart is available from the ABBA).
- B. To be eligible to be <u>exhibited</u> at an ABBA Approved Show as a Red Brahman, an Animal must be registered in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook as a Red Brahman and have a minimum of four (4) out of the fourteen (14) ancestors in their 3-generation pedigree which are registered as a Red Brahman in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook, subject to the following conditions:
  - [1] An Animal registered in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook as a Red Brahman which has at least seven (7) out of the fourteen (14) ancestors in their 3-generation pedigree which ancestors are registered as Red Brahman in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook **may** be exhibited at an ABBA Approved Show **prior** to having been color classified as a Red Brahman Animal by the ABBA Color Classification Committee; provided, the Animal shall be subject to color classification by the ABBA Color Classification Committee at the first ABBA Approved Show in which the Animal is exhibited and the ABBA Color Classification Committee at the first ABBA Approved Show in which the Animal is exhibited and the ABBA Color Classification Committee conducts color classification. An Animal which has previously been exhibited as a Red Brahman Animal under this provision, but which upon presentation for color classification by the ABBA Color Classification Committee is determined to not meet the color classification standards to be exhibited as a Red Brahman shall no longer be permitted to continue to be exhibited as a Red Brahman Animal at ABBA Approved Shows. Violations of this provision are subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the ABBA.
  - [2] An Animal registered in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook as a Red Brahman which has at least four (4) but less than seven (7) out of the fourteen (14) ancestors in their 3generation pedigree which ancestors are registered as Red Brahman in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook <u>may not</u> be exhibited at an ABBA Approved Show <u>prior</u> to having been color classified as a Red Brahman Animal by the ABBA Color Classification Committee. Violations of this provision are subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the ABBA.
  - [3] An Animal registered in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook as either a Red Brahman or a Grey Brahman which has less than four (4) out of the fourteen (14) ancestors in their 3-generation pedigree which ancestors are registered as Red Brahman in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook <u>is ineligible</u> to be exhibited as a Red Brahman Animal at an ABBA Approved Show. Violations of this provision are subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the ABBA.
- C. The ABBA Color Classification Committee shall consist of three (3) primary members and two (2) alternates, appointed according to the ABBA Constitution. The ABBA Color Classification Committee will be appointed by the ABBA and will serve for the full ABBA Show Year (July 1 June 30).
- D. Animals which have not previously been color classified as a Red Brahman must be presented to be classified by the ABBA Color Classification Committee at [1] the ABBA Approved Shows commonly known as the National Brahman Show, the International Brahman Show, the Kick-Off Classic and the Southwestern Livestock Show and Rodeo (a/k/a the Fort Worth Livestock Show), [2] any other ABBA Approved Show as may be determined by the ABBA from time to time, and [3] the AJBA All American Junior National Brahman Show. Additionally, the ABBA reserves the right to color classify Animals being exhibited as a Red Brahman Animal at any ABBA Approved Show unannounced.

- E. Upon presentation of an Animal intended to be exhibited at ABBA Approved Shows to the ABBA Color Classification Committee for color classification, an Animal shall be classified by the Committee based on its predominant hair color determined by the Official ABBA Color Chart. If an Animal presented to the ABBA Color Classification Committee is unable to be color classified based upon the Official ABBA Color Chart alone, then the Animal's pedigree may be used by the ABBA Color Classification Committee to aid in color classification.
- F. An Animal's original registration certificate issued by the ABBA must be provided at the time of color classification by the ABBA Color Classification Committee. Once color classified as a Red Brahman Animal by the ABBA Color Classification Committee, the Animal's original registration certificate shall be stamped by the ABBA indicating the Animal has been color classified as a Red Brahman; alternatively, if the Animal is not classified by the Committee as a Red Brahman Animal then the Animal shall be deemed a Grey Brahman Animal and shall not be eligible to be re-presented for color classification as a Red Brahman Animal at any subsequent color classification conducted by the ABBA Color Classification Committee. Subject to the right of appeal, the decision of the ABBA Color Classification Committee as set out below, an Animal will remain classified (and shall not be subject to re-classification) as determined by the ABBA Color Classification Committee throughout the Animal's show career.
- G. Any appeal of the color classification decision by the ABBA Color Classification Committee for any Animal must be made by the Owner of the Animal to the ABBA in writing within ten (10) days of such color classification.
- H. If an Animal which was registered in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook as a Red Brahman is reclassified as a Grey Brahman by the ABBA Color Classification Committee, the ABBA will make such change in the ABBA Official Brahman Herdbook and provide a corrected registration certificate to the Owner of the Animal with thirty (30) days of such color re-classification.
- I. All Animals exhibited in the Get of Sire, Natural Produce of Dam and Embryo Produce of Dam Group Classes at an ABBA Approved Show must be exhibited under the registered color of the represented Sire and/or Dam; NOT the color of the progeny comprising the Group. The Breeders Genetic Group and Breeder's Herd shall be exhibited under the registered color of the individual Animals (which all must be registered with the ABBA as the same color) comprising the Group.
- J. Any violation of these ABBA Color Classification Rules shall be punishable in such manner as the ABBA shall deem appropriate under the circumstances in the sole discretion of the ABBA.

#### ABBA SANCTIONED SHOW CONDITIONS

An ABBA Sanctioned Show is any ABBA Approved Show which has NOT been officially designated by the ABBA as an ABBA Sponsored Show.

An ABBA Sanctioned Show shall remain classified as an ABBA Sanctioned Show from year to year without any requirement of re-application or minimum entries in previous years; provided, the ABBA reserves the unrestricted right to terminate (upon 180 days written notice) the status of any Show as an ABBA Sanctioned Show.

To be eligible to become a <u>new</u> ABBA Sanctioned Show for any ABBA Show Year, the applying Show must make a written request to the ABBA prior to the beginning of an ABBA Show Year (July 1) to be considered for ABBA Approved Show status for the upcoming ABBA Show Year. If a request is received after July 1, then approval as an ABBA Sanctioned Show would not become effective until the following ABBA Show Year. Approval of a request to become an ABBA Sanctioned Show shall not be unreasonably withheld by the ABBA.

An ABBA Sanctioned Show shall be permitted to select the Judge or Judges of its choice to evaluate Animals exhibited at the ABBA Sanctioned Show; provided, however, no individual ABBA Sanctioned Show may repeat using the same Judge(s) within a three (3) year period. The ABBA may elect to continue to maintain an Official ABBA Approved Judges List. Should an ABBA Sanctioned Show so request, the ABBA will provide such Show with the most recent copy of the Official Approved Judges List from which they may, but shall not be required, select a Judge for the ABBA Sanctioned Show. Further, should an ABBA Sanctioned Show desire, it may request the ABBA to assign them a judge for such Show based on the same criteria of selecting judges for an ABBA Sponsored Show.

All ABBA Sanctioned Shows shall be subject to the ABBA Official Show Rules, the ABBA Sanctioned Show Conditions and shall further be <u>obligated</u> to abide by the following special provisions to remain an ABBA Sanctioned Show:

- 1. An ABBA Sanctioned Show must follow the ABBA Official Show Classes (Fall Classes for Shows occurring between July 1 and December 31/Spring Classes for Shows occurring between January 1 and June 30) along with the Official Show Class Conditions, as established by the ABBA from time to time, for consistency purposes and so as to allow the ABBA to enforce any violations thereof should the ABBA in its sole discretion so elect.
- 2. An ABBA Sanctioned Show must timely compile and report the complete Official Show Results to the ABBA. The complete Official Show Results must include the registration number and private herd number/brand for [1] each Animal exhibited in an individual class, [2] the Sire represented by each Get of Sire Group entry, [3] the Dam represented by each respective Produce of Dam Group entry, and [4] the Sire and Dam represented by each Breeders Genetic Group entry. An ABBA Sanctioned Show must report the complete Official Show Results to the ABBA no later than sixty (60) days following the conclusion of the last day of the ABBA Sanctioned Show. Failure to timely report complete Official Show Results to the ABBA shall result in a letter (by certified mail, return receipt requested) from the ABBA being delivered notifying the ABBA Sanctioned Show of its failure to timely report complete Official Show Results to the ABBA and giving the ABBA Sanctioned Show ten (10) days to comply or risk losing the Show's status as an ABBA Sanctioned Show. If the ABBA Sanctioned Show fails to meet this second deadline, then the ABBA, at the sole discretion of the ABBA, may cause to be delivered a subsequent letter (by certified mail, return receipt requested) informing the ABBA Sanctioned Show that they have forfeited the future privilege of being an ABBA Sanctioned Show for failure to timely report complete Official Show Results to the ABBA. The failure of any ABBA Sanctioned Show to comply with this requirement to timely report complete Official Show Results to the ABBA would mean that any ABBA Register of Renown Points which would have been earned or awarded at such ABBA Sanctioned Show could be forfeited. ABBA Members,

Breeders, Owners, Exhibitors, Showman and/or Fitters exhibiting Animals at any ABBA Sanctioned Show do so at their own risk concerning the requirement that an ABBA Sanctioned Show timely report complete Official Show Results to the ABBA and the subsequent award by the ABBA of ABBA Register of Renown Points. THE ABBA SHALL HAVE NO OBLIGATION, DUTY OR RESPONSIBILITY TO ANY PERSON(S) OR ENTITY(IES) REGARDING THE AWARDING OF ABBA REGISTER OF RENOWN POINTS IF THE ABBA SANCTIONED SHOW FAILS TO TIMELY REPORT COMPLETE OFFICIAL SHOW RESULTS TO THE ABBA. BY PARTICIPATION IN AN ABBA SANCTIONED SHOW, EACH ABBA MEMBER, BREEDER, OWNER, EXHIBITOR, SHOWMAN, AND/OR FITTER CONSENTS TO THE IMMEDIATELY FORGOING PROVISION AND SHALL HOLD THE ABBA HARMLESS FOR THE FAILURE TO AWARD ABBA REGISTER OF RENOWN POINTS WHEN AN ABBA SANCTIONED SHOW FAILS TO TIMELY REPORT THE COMPLETE OFFICIAL SHOW RESULTS TO THE IMMEDIATELY BORGOING PROVISION AND SHALL HOLD THE ABBA HARMLESS FOR THE FAILURE TO AWARD ABBA REGISTER OF RENOWN POINTS WHEN AN ABBA SANCTIONED SHOW FAILS TO TIMELY REPORT THE COMPLETE OFFICIAL SHOW RESULTS TO THE ABBA

3. An ABBA Sanctioned Show must require all Animals exhibited at the ABBA Sanctioned Show be subject to and comply with [1] the ABBA Color Classification Rules as established from time to time (a copy of the most current version thereof may be obtained from the ABBA), and [2] the ABBA DNA Verification Rules as established from time to time (a copy of the most current version thereof may be obtained from the ABBA). Complete copies of both the ABBA Color Classification Rules and the ABBA DNA Verification Rules are incorporated herein by reference.

An ABBA Sanctioned Show shall be permitted to establish such other Show Rules as an ABBA Sanctioned Show deems advisable or appropriate. Show Rules established by an ABBA Sanctioned Show outside the scope of the ABBA Official Show Rules applicable to an ABBA Sanctioned Show set out herein shall be exclusively enforced by Show Management of the ABBA Sanctioned Show.

Enforcement by the ABBA of the ABBA Official Show Rules applicable to an ABBA Sanctioned Show as set out herein shall be strictly limited to matters contained within the scope of the ABBA Official Show Rules applicable to an ABBA Sanctioned Show. The ABBA shall not be responsible for enforcement of any Show Rules established by an ABBA Sanctioned Show other than the ABBA Official Rules applicable to an ABBA Sanctioned Show other than the ABBA Official Rules applicable to an ABBA Sanctioned Show. The ABBA may at its sole discretion [1] delegate to any ABBA Committee, ABBA Sub-Committee or ABBA Special Committee the right to investigate any alleged violation of the ABBA Official Show Rules applicable to an ABBA Sanctioned Show and determine the appropriate remedy or punishment based on the circumstances of the alleged violation, subject to approval by the ABBA Executive Committee, or [2] delegate to Show Management of the ABBA Sanctioned Show the right to investigate any alleged violation of the ABBA Official Show Rules applicable to an ABBA Sanctioned Show the right to investigate any alleged violation of the ABBA Official Show Rules applicable to an ABBA Sanctioned Show and determine the appropriate remedy or punishment based on the circumstances of the ABBA Sanctioned Show the right to investigate any alleged violation of the ABBA Official Show Rules applicable to an ABBA Sanctioned Show and determine the appropriate remedy or punishment based on the circumstances of the alleged violation, without further involvement by the ABBA.

#### ABBA SPONSORED SHOW CONDITIONS

An ABBA Sponsored Show is an ABBA Approved Show which has been officially so designated by the ABBA as an ABBA Sponsored Show.

An ABBA Sponsored Show shall remain classified as an ABBA Sponsored Show from year to year without any requirement of re-application or minimum entries in previous years; provided, the ABBA reserves the unrestricted right to terminate (upon 180 days written notice) the status of any Show as an ABBA Sponsored Show.

To be eligible to become a <u>new</u> ABBA Sponsored Show for any ABBA Show Year, the applying Show must make a written request to the ABBA prior to the beginning of an ABBA Show Year (July 1) to be considered for ABBA Sponsored Show status for the upcoming ABBA Show Year. If a request is received after July 1, then approval as an ABBA Sponsored Show would not become effective until the following ABBA Show Year. Approval of a request to become an ABBA Sponsored Show shall be at the sole discretion of the ABBA.

All ABBA Sponsored Shows shall be appointed a Judge or Judges by the ABBA (which responsibility may be further delegated by the ABBA to the ABBA Show Committee) to evaluate Animals exhibited at the ABBA Sponsored Show; provided, however, no individual Judge may be appointed to serve in such capacity at a subsequent ABBA Sponsored Show within a five (5) year period following having served as a Judge at an ABBA Sponsored Show. The appointment of the Judge(s) by the ABBA shall be done and publicly announced not less than 180 days prior to the ABBA Sponsored Show at which the appointed Judge(s) will be evaluating Animals. The ABBA shall, within the exclusive judgment of the ABBA, appoint the best qualified Judge(s) without regard to [1] being either a breeder or a non-breeder of Brahman animals or [2] being named on the Official ABBA Approved Judges List. Any Judge(s) appointed by the ABBA to serve in such capacity at an ABBA Sponsored Show shall not judge another ABBA Approved Show (whether an ABBA Sponsored Show or an ABBA Sanctioned Show) within the same ABBA Show Year. Further, any Judge(s) appointed by the ABBA to serve in such capacity at an ABBA Sponsored Show shall be subject to compliance with the ABBA Show Ring Code of Conduct and Ethics (a copy of the most current version thereof may be obtained from the ABBA). A complete copy of the ABBA Show Ring Code of Conduct and Ethics is incorporated herein by reference.

All ABBA Sponsored Shows shall be subject to the ABBA Official Show Rules, the ABBA Sponsored Show Conditions and shall further be <u>obligated</u> to abide by the following special provisions to remain an ABBA Sponsored Show:

- 1. An ABBA Sponsored Show must follow the ABBA Official Show Classes (Fall Classes for Shows held between July 1 and December 31/Spring Classes for Shows held between January 1 and June 30) along with the Official Show Class Conditions, as established by the ABBA from time to time, for consistency purposes and so as to allow the ABBA to enforce any violations thereof should the ABBA in its sole discretion so elect.
- 2. An ABBA Sponsored Show must timely compile and report the complete Official Show Results to the ABBA. The complete Official Show Results must include the registration number and private herd number/brand for [1] each Animal exhibited in an individual class, [2] the Sire represented by each Get of Sire Group entry, [3] the Dam represented by each respective Produce of Dam Group entry, and [4] the Sire and Dam represented by each Breeders Genetic Group entry. An ABBA Sponsored Show must report the complete Official Show Results to the ABBA no later than sixty (60) days following the conclusion of the last day of the ABBA Sponsored Show. Failure to timely report complete Official Show Results to the ABBA shall result in a letter (by certified mail, return receipt requested) from the ABBA being delivered notifying the ABBA Sponsored Show of its failure to timely report complete Official Show Results to the ABBA and giving the ABBA Sponsored Show ten (10) days to comply or risk losing the Show's status as an ABBA Sponsored Show. If the ABBA Sponsored Show fails to meet this second deadline, then the ABBA, at the sole discretion of the ABBA, may cause to be delivered a subsequent letter (by certified mail, return receipt requested) informing the ABBA Sponsored Show that they have forfeited the future privilege of being an ABBA

Sponsored Show for failure to timely report complete Official Show Results to the ABBA. The failure of any ABBA Sponsored Show to comply with this requirement to timely report complete Official Show Results to the ABBA would mean that any ABBA Register of Renown Points which would have been earned or awarded at such ABBA Sponsored Show could be forfeited. ABBA Members, Breeders, Owners, Exhibitors, Showman and/or Fitters exhibiting Animals at any ABBA Sponsored Show do so at their own risk concerning the requirement that an ABBA Sponsored Show timely report complete Official Show Results to the ABBA and the subsequent award by the ABBA of ABBA Register of Renown Points. THE ABBA SHALL HAVE NO OBLIGATION, DUTY OR RESPONSIBILITY TO ANY PERSON(S) OR ENTITY(IES) REGARDING THE AWARDING OF ABBA **REGISTER OF RENOWN POINTS IF THE ABBA SPONSORED SHOW FAILS** TO TIMELY REPORT COMPLETE OFFICIAL SHOW RESULTS TO THE ABBA. BY PARTICIPATION IN AN ABBA SPONSORED SHOW, EACH ABBA MEMBER, BREEDER, OWNER, EXHIBITOR, SHOWMAN, AND/OR FITTER CONSENTS TO THE IMMEDIATELY FORGOING PROVISION AND SHALL HOLD THE ABBA HARMLESS FOR THE FAILURE TO AWARD REGISTER OF RENOWN POINTS WHEN AN ABBA SPONSORED SHOW FAILS TO TIMELY REPORT THE COMPLETE OFFICIAL SHOW RESULTS TO THE ABBA.

- 3. An ABBA Sponsored Show must require all Animals exhibited at the ABBA Sponsored Show to be subject to and comply with [1] the ABBA Color Classification Rules as established from time to time (a copy of the most current version thereof may be obtained from the ABBA), and [2] the ABBA DNA Verification Rules as established from time to time (a copy of the most current version thereof may be obtained from the ABBA). Complete copies of both the ABBA Color Classification Rules and the ABBA DNA Verification Rules are incorporated herein by reference.
- 4. Each Animal exhibited at an ABBA Sponsored Show shall be presented in the Show Ring in its natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification. Alteration or modification shall be defined to include any surgical or circulatory constriction including banding other appearance change, save only branding, tattooing, foot trimming or dehorning. Injections of foreign substances internally for cosmetic purposes, steroids, growth hormones or stimulants shall be prohibited. If to the satisfaction of the ABBA an Animal has had its natural conformation or structure altered or been administered steroids, growth hormones or stimulants; then the said Animal shall be ruled ineligible to compete until such time as the ABBA and the Animal's Owner(s) have reviewed the case and the ABBA re-instates the Animal's eligibility. Violations of this provision are subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the ABBA.
- 5. If an ABBA Member, Breeder, Owner, Exhibitor, Showman or Fitter of any Animal disrupts or interferes in any way the Judge or demonstrates disrespect toward the Judge, the Animal(s) associated with such occurrence and its respective Showman may be dismissed by the Judge or Show Management from the Show Ring. Likewise, if an ABBA Member, Breeder, Owner, Exhibitor, Showman or Fitter of any Animal disrupts or interferes in any way with Show Management (including persons under the direction of Show Management) or demonstrates disrespect toward them, the Animal(s) associated with the occurrence and its respective Showman may be dismissed by the Judge or Show Management from the Show Ring. Violations of this provision are subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the ABBA.
- 6. It shall be the responsibility of the Exhibitor of a Group Class to only exhibit individual Animals within a Group Class which are eligible to be exhibited in the Group Class as the progeny of the respective Sire and/or Dam represented by the Group Class. All Group Classes exhibited at an ABBA Sponsored Show are subject to parent verification at a

time and place so designated by the ABBA prior to the Group Classes being exhibited. The ABBA reserves the right to verify Sires and/or Dams represented in the Group Class by inspection of the participating Animal's most recently issued ABBA Registration Certificate. As an accommodation, up to two (2) Animals may be verified in advance for use in a Natural Produce of Dam class, up to four (4) Animals may be verified in advance for use in an Embryo Produce of Dam class, up to six (6) Animals may be verified in advance for use in a Get of Sire class, and up to five (5) Animals may be verified in advance for use in a Breeder's Genetic Group class; thus allowing final selections of the individual Animal's participating in Group Classes to be made from within the verified Animals prior to participating in the respective Group Class. Violations of this provision are subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the ABBA.

7. The ABBA reserves the right to require (without any duty or obligation to do so) an ABBA Sponsored Show to permit the ABBA to collect height and weight data ("Weights and Measures") for all Animals being exhibited in the Calf Division and the Junior Yearling Division at an ABBA Sponsored Show. The ABBA shall, from time to time, establish applicable ABBA Weights and Measures Parameters for certain Animals being exhibited at an ABBA Sponsored Show which are deemed acceptable by the ABBA. The applicable ABBA Weights and Measures Parameters as determined by the ABBA for any particular ABBA Sponsored Show may vary from Show to Show (and from year to year). Applicable ABBA Weights and Measures Parameters shall be published and made publicly available by the ABBA not less than 90 days prior to the ABBA Sponsored Show at which Weights and Measures shall be collected; provided, however, absent such timely public disclosure of the applicable Weights and Measures Parameters by the ABBA for such ABBA Sponsored Show, then the Weights and Measures Parameters utilized the prior year at the ABBA Sponsored Show shall be deemed the Weights and Measures Parameters for the current year at that ABBA Sponsored Show. At any ABBA Sponsored Show where Weights and Measures are collected by the ABBA, all Animals exhibited in the Calf Division and the Junior Yearling Division must be presented at a designated time and place to be weighed and measured by the ABBA to be eligible to be exhibited at such ABBA Sponsored Show. Animals which do not meet the applicable ABBA Weights and Measures Parameters shall be disqualified from the ABBA Sponsored Show during which Weights and Measures were taken and shall be ineligible to be exhibited at any other ABBA Approved Show (this includes both ABBA Sanctioned Shows and ABBA Sponsored Shows) until such time as [1] the Animal requalifies by meeting applicable Weights and Measures Parameters at a subsequent ABBA Approved Show where weights and measures are taken, or [2] the Animal is no longer being exhibited in the Calf or Junior Yearling Divisions. Violations of this provision are subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the ABBA.

An ABBA Sponsored Show shall be permitted to establish such other Show Rules as an ABBA Sponsored Show deems advisable or appropriate. Show Rules established by an ABBA Sponsored Show outside the scope of the ABBA Official Show Rules applicable to an ABBA Sponsored Show set out herein shall be exclusively enforced by Show Management of the ABBA Sponsored Show.

Enforcement by the ABBA of the ABBA Official Show Rules applicable to an ABBA Sponsored Show as set out herein shall be limited to matters contained within the scope of the ABBA Official Show Rules applicable to an ABBA Sponsored Show. The ABBA shall not be responsible the enforcement of any Show Rules established by an ABBA Sponsored Show other than the ABBA Official Rules applicable to an ABBA Sponsored Show unless the ABBA constitutes Show Management for the ABBA Sponsored Show. The ABBA may at its sole discretion [1] delegate to any ABBA Committee, ABBA Sub-Committee or ABBA Special Committee the right to investigate any alleged violation of the ABBA Official Show Rules applicable to an ABBA Sponsored Show and determine the appropriate remedy or punishment based on the circumstances of the alleged violation, subject to approval by the ABBA Executive Committee, or [2] delegate to Show Management of the ABBA Sponsored Show the right to investigate any alleged violation of the ABBA Official Show Rules applicable to an ABBA Sponsored Show the right to investigate any alleged violation of the ABBA Official Show Management of the ABBA Sponsored Show and determine the appropriate remedy or punishment based on the circumstances of the alleged violation, subject to approval by the ABBA Executive Committee, or [2] delegate to Show Management of the ABBA Sponsored Show and by the right to investigate any alleged violation of the ABBA Official Show Rules applicable to an ABBA Sponsored Show the right to investigate any alleged violation of the ABBA Official Show Rules applicable to an ABBA Sponsored Show the right to investigate any alleged violation of the ABBA Official Show Management of the ABBA Sponsored Show the right to investigate any alleged violation of the ABBA Official Show Rules applicable to an ABBA Sponsored Show and

determine the appropriate remedy or punishment based on the circumstances of the alleged violation, without further involvement by the ABBA.