

American British White Park Association Breeders Guide

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Objectives and Purposes of the Association

1. To collect, verify record, preserve and publish pedigrees of a specific breed of cattle so as to maintain unimpaired the purity of the breed and identify as genetically superior.
2. Promote interest in the breed by sponsoring both National and Regional Shows and Sales and supporting member's promotional efforts.
3. The Association shall not be the guarantee of the parentage or pedigree of any animal recorded in its herd book.

Membership and Dues

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in cattle. There will be four kinds of membership available in the Association; Adult, Marketing , Junior and Associate.

1. Adult Member

Initial membership fee shall be \$100.00 for the remainder of the first calendar year. Thereafter, the annual dues shall be \$40.00 to be billed and due as of January 1 each year. In order to remain active and stay on the Active Membership mailing list these annual fees must be paid no later than February 15 of each year. Current active status may be reinstated by payment of all dues in arrears.

Each active breeder whose dues are paid up will be entitled to one vote per membership at the annual meeting and any special meeting of the membership.

A seller of a registered animal may gift a membership to the buyer at the time of transfer for 50% of the membership fee. The seller must submit the membership application and fee. Likewise, a new buyer who transfers cattle within 60 days of purchase and does not receive a gift membership may purchase a membership at \$50. Any member paying the initial membership fee in the last quarter of the calendar year will not be required to pay annual dues for the next calendar year.

2. Marketing Member

An Adult Member that wishes to be listed as a breeder that has cattle for sale. An additional \$10 per year fee applies.

3. Junior Member

A junior member shall be 21 years of age or under. The initial fee to join is \$10.00 and to remain active must pay dues of \$10.00 for each calendar year thereafter. On January 1 following the year that a Junior reaches age 21, the Junior membership may be converted to Active Breeder status by paying the annual dues of the Active Breeder at \$40.00 per year. No voting privileges go with Junior membership.

4. Associate Membership

Associate membership is available to any person or entity with an interest in helping to further the existence of this breed of cattle. Initial fee to join is \$100.00 and thereafter the calendar year annual dues shall be \$40.00. No voting privileges or registration rights go with this type of membership.

A member may register and /or transfer cattle in only the title of ownership that appears on his/her Membership. An additional membership will be needed for each person who wishes to register or transfer cattle in their individual name. This will include other family members, other partners in a partnership, or stockholders in a Corporation, etc.

The Board of Directors shall have the right to accept or reject all applications for membership. The Board of Directors shall also have the power to suspend or expel any member who acts in a way detrimental to the association or fails to comply with the rules and regulations of the Association. No membership fees shall be refunded as a result of such action.

A membership may be transferred to another maintaining the same breeder number and date providing the application is made in writing. Such action shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to delegate to a Chief Executive Officer the responsibility for approval of all new members and transfer requests.

Board of Directors

The affairs and management of the Association including control and distribution of property and funds are vested in the Board of Directors. They shall have the power to adopt By-Laws and amend and alter the same. The Board of Directors shall set the fees for registry and transfer of animals. These fees are set out elsewhere in this book. The Board of Directors shall have the power to change these fees from time to time as they deem necessary.

Directors shall be elected by the membership of the Association at the Annual Membership Meeting. The term shall be for a period of (3) three years. Directors' terms in office shall not exceed (2) two consecutive terms in office.

Directors shall be elected by written ballot by the eligible voting members attending the Annual Meeting of the association or by mail-in ballot. Proxy voting is not allowed. Only official ABWPA mail-in ballots will be accepted and must be postmarked at least ten (10) days before the annual membership meeting where votes will be counted.

The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time to any number by the Board of Directors at any annual or special called meeting of the Board of Directors.

A person may serve as director only if he/she is a fully paid-up Adult or Marketing member of the Association and is an owner of White cattle.

Officers

The Officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and other such officers as may be appointed by the Board. Officers of the association shall be chosen annually by the Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting.

Registration Requirements

Up-to-date, thorough, and accurate breeder records are the key to accuracy in maintaining cattle registrations. Properly identifying and registering the cattle when they are young prevents many common errors and will save a considerable amount of money.

Applications for registration of animals must be typed or printed on forms prescribed and furnished by the Association. These forms will be obtainable in reasonable numbers free of charge from the office at all times.

The cattle may be registered in two categories: **Purebred and Percentage.**

1. Purebred: To be designated as a purebred the animal must be at least a (7/8) seven-eighths blood for females and (15/16) fifteen-sixteenths for males. The actual % will be shown on the certificate (1/2= 50%, 3/4= 75%, 7/8=87.5%, 15/16=93.75%). Only males of fifteen-sixteenth's purity may be registered.

2. Percentage: A percentage animal must be at least a (1/2) half-blood or more.

Half-Blood - A Registered Purebred male bred or female bred to a commercial or other non-registered animal will produce a half-blood.

Three-Quarter - A Registered Half-blood female bred to a Registered Purebred bull will produce 3/4 progeny.

Seven-Eighths - A Registered Three-Quarter female bred to a Registered Purebred bull will produce a 7/8 female. This female progeny will be registered as a Purebred.

Horned/Polled/Scurred - After January 1, 2014 horned animals will not be registered, .Scurs must not be removed. If scurs are removed, the animal will be considered as having been horned.

Registration Certificates - Registration certificates shall be issued for all cattle recorded with the Association. These certificates will show the status of the animal being registered Purebred or Percentage.

In cases involving disputes over the pedigree of cattle either listed in the herd book or where application is pending, the decision of the Board of Directors will be final. However, the owner of any animal that is rejected for registry will have the right to appeal. The appeal must be in written form and directed to the President of the Association. The board must act upon said appeal within thirty (30) days of having received said appeal.

When transferring ownership, the animal must carry the identification tattoo and must be registered by the current owner; this includes the registerable calf at side of cow. It shall be incumbent upon the seller (previous owner) to return the registration certificate to the secretary for the transfer to the new owner. The identification of the new owner will be made in the association herd book and a new certificate issued, with proper ownership noted, to the purchaser.

Identification - All animals must have a Permanent, Positive identification in the form of a Tattoo in at least one ear. It is recommended that the tattoo be placed in the left ear because the right ear is always used by the veterinary for the official calf hood brucellosis vaccination. The location or locations of the tattoo must be stated on the application for registration. The tattoo code should include at least your herd number preceded by the International year code. You may also use an owner or herd prefix if you desire. The tattoo could read **WB25**. This would tell us that the calf was bred by B (herd or owner prefix), it was number 25, and was born in 2009.

INTERNATIONAL TATTOO CODES

1997-G	2003-N	2009-W	2015-C
1998-H	2004-P	2010-X	2016-D
1999-J	2005-R	2011-Y	2017-E
2000-K	2006-S	2012-Z	2018-F
2001-L	2007-T	2013-A	2019-G
2002-M	2008-U	2014-B	2020-H

Please note that not all letters of the alphabet are used due to the similarity between some numbers and some letters.

DNA Testing

DNA is required on all A.I. sires (except for within herd use only), and both sire and dam of progeny and the progeny from embryo transplant. The DNA reports must be on file in the Association office. DNA kits and forms may be purchased from the office. These forms must be filled out by the office as to the identity of the animal/animals to be typed.

Random DNA testing of any or all of any member's cattle may be made at the discretion of the Association for purposes of determining the parentage of the animal/animals. Typing will be done at the convenience of the member and the overall cost will be absorbed by the Association. Continual lack of cooperation by the breeder in DNA testing will result in removal of the member from the Association.

Performance Information

Birth weight, adjusted 205 and 365 day weights and hip heights are recommended. However they are not required by the Association at this time. These weights must be taken between the following time periods.

- 1) Birth—immediately following birth of the animal
- 2) Adj. 205 day wt—160 to 250 days of age.
- 3) Adj. 365 day wt.—300 to 450 days of age.

The above are the basic standards of the industry.

Birth Weights

No Scale needed option. Use a regular tape measure. Measure the newborn calf snugly around heart girth.

Heart Girth	Calf Weight	Heart Girth	Calf Weight
25"	55.5lbs	32"	87lbs
26"	60lbs	33"	92.5lbs
27"	64.5lbs	34"	96lbs
28"	69lbs	35"	101lbs
29"	73.5lbs	36"	105.5lbs
30"	78lbs	37"	110lbs
31"	83.5lbs	38"	Get a new bull

Formulas for 205 and 365 day weights may be obtained from the office.

Color Requirements

In an effort to preserve as many genetics as possible, progeny may be registered in three color categories: S-Standard Marked, O-Over Marked, and U-Under Marked. The ideal and/or recommended color is white body with black or red points, i.e.- black ears, eyes, nose (including upper & lower jaw), feet, legs, teats, and anal area. This would be considered a Standard Marked animal. Although not preferred, a small amount of speckling on the shoulders will be allowed.

An Over Marked animal would be one with more black or red than a standard marked animal. Within this classification, animals may be noted as Overmarked, Lightly Spotted or Heavily Spotted (see photo's).

Females: Solid color females may be registered only as a half-blood. Females registered three-quarter and purebred must be identifiable as British White Park. Identifiable is defined as having black/red ears and nose with a sufficient amount of white on the head. Therefore, a solid colored head is NOT identifiable as British White Park.

Bulls: Shall be predominately white and identifiable as British White Park. A picture of the bull must accompany the application for registration form.

An Under Marked animal would be one that is almost totally White. It may have black or red hair on the insides of the ears. The backsides of the ears would be white and the hair around the nose would also be white.

The member/breeder is required to state the color category on the registration application for registration of the animal. When in doubt, a picture may accompany the registration application. This may be spot checked by the Association at their discretion.

Standards of Quality

Ribs well sprung, long loin, female feminine in appearance, moderately boned in relation to weight, wide through the hooks and pin bones. Udder well developed, not pendulous, teats well placed, of moderate size and pointing to the ground.

Multiple Births

When applying for registration of twins or multiple births or of one member thereof, the word "twin" or "multiple birth" must be shown (written) following the name of the animal on the application for registration, and the sex of the other twin given. Unless this is done, no application for registration of the other twin or multiple can be accepted. In births of twins or multiple births, a separate application must be submitted for each animal.

In cases of twins or multiple births of opposite sex, the females will be “tentatively” registered until proven a breeder, at which time the penalty fee for late registration shall be waived.

Progeny from Embryo Transplant

Application for registration of such cattle will be accepted with a DNA certificate of both sire and dam, if such information is not on file with the Association. The animal resulting from the Embryo Transplant must also be DNA tested and a DNA certificate on file with the Association.

For imported embryos a copy of the DNA test record from the exporting country for the sire and dam will be accepted. A copy of the pedigree of both the sire and dam is required for registration of the imported embryo.

Progeny from Leased Bulls

If an owner leases a bull to another breeder, he shall inform the Association of the inclusive dates of the lease agreement. The lessee will be allowed the right to sign registration applications for progeny conceived by the bull during the lease period.

Multiple Ownership of Bulls

The Multiple Owners must file in writing with the Association one or more designated representatives to sign for all matters in relation to their bull such as leases, A.I., etc.

Semen Collection

The bull being collected must be typed by DNA before collection. The office will supply the DNA test forms. An Application For Semen Certificate must be completed and sent to the office at the time of semen collection.

Progeny from Artificial Insemination

Progeny from A.I. are afforded the same registration rights as all other progeny providing DNA type certificate for the A.I. Sire is on file in the Association Office. This does not apply to in herd use only by the owner of the sire. The Association may at its discretion request DNA testing on any progeny to prove parentage.

On imported semen a copy of the DNA testing record from the exporting country will be accepted. A copy of the pedigree is also required.

Correction of Certificates

All registration certificates should be checked by the member for accuracy. Corrections or changes necessary as a result of office errors will be made free of charge. Corrections or changes necessary as a result of applicant errors will be made at the expense of applicant. Any writing on a certificate which alters record information will invalidate the certificate and necessitate the issuance of a duplicate certificate at the regular cost to the holder. No alterations or changes of any kind can be allowed unless it is made by the Association office. An animals name may be changed by request of the original breeder and only if there have been no progeny registered out of the animal.

Duplicate Certificate

A duplicate certificate of registration can be obtained by submitting a signed letter from the owner that such certificate has been lost or destroyed and that if, and when found it will be returned to and become the property of the Association. There will be a charge of \$10.00 for each duplicate certificate.

Verification of Records

The association reserves the right to inspect and/or spot check any requirement for registration. Failure to permit such inspection or falsification of information observed upon inspection or otherwise may result in cancellation of the registration certificate in question and/or the revoking of the membership.

Misrepresentation

Willful misrepresentation of and/or fraudulently reporting information on animals may result in nullification of registration certificates together with registration certificates which may have been issued on progeny or descendants of animals so registered. Proven misrepresentation may result in the revocation of the offending party's membership.

Deceased Registered Animals

Upon the death or sale without papers of a registered animal it is the responsibility of the owner to immediately report such death or sale and return the registration certificate to the Association office for cancellation.

Registration Reminder

Registry applications must be filed in the same name as the owner shown on the Dam's Registration Certificate. You may not register progeny in your name if the Dam is registered in someone else's name unless it is a purchased embryo and then the appropriate embryo purchase papers must accompany the application for registration.

Fee Schedule

The Association shall be on cash paid in advance basis. Registration fees will be based on a postmark date indication when mailed. Transfer fees will be based on date of sale. Remember your bull customer may not register animals conceived by a bull before he owned him. If the correct fees do not accompany the application, or prior payment has not been made, the certificate will be held in the office until such time as each transaction is paid in full. All certificates will be held by the office until a member's account, including advertising and other charges are paid in full. All payments will be applied to the oldest invoices first.

Active Member Registration Fees

(Birth to 18 Months)

Bulls.....	\$25.00
Purebred Females.....	\$20.00
Three-Quarter Female.....	\$15.00
Half-Blood Female and Steers.....	\$10.00

Registration over 18 months of age is double listed fees

Active Member Transfer Fees

Within 60 days of sale.....	\$15.00
Past 60 days of sale.....	\$30.00

All Non-Member Fees are double for each Category

When required for show purposes, transfers between members and junior members are \$5.00 each way.

Fraud or Deception

In case of any fraud, deception, or violation of any Association rule, regulation, or By-Law committed by any member or breeder, the Secretary may suspend all Association services to that member or breeder. This suspension may apply to the handling, sale, or registration of cattle or the transfer of cattle sold and represented as registered in the Association Herd Book.

Recall of Certificates

The Association Secretary, upon receipt of satisfactory proof of fraudulent registration of a pedigree or transfer, shall be authorized to strike each registration from the records and to recall any certificates issued. Such action shall be subject to review by the Board of Directors.

Director's Review

Such action that may be taken by the Secretary may be reviewed by the Board of Directors. Any ruling, be it suspension, expulsion, or reprimand made by the Board of Directors shall be final.

Breeders Guide Updates

This breeder's guide may be updated by the board of directors at any duly called meeting of the directors. The official version of the Breeders Guide will be the one published on the association's website. The printed version will be updated at the next printing.

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Examples of Markings for Animals



Standard Marked Animal



Lightly Spotted Animal



Heavily Spotted Animal