

**RULES & PROCEDURES
GOVERNING
SHOWING & EXHIBITING
of
REGISTERED BRAHMAN CATTLE**

Prepared by
SHOW COMMITTEE
2010 - 2011

American Brahman Breeders Association
3003 South Loop West, Suite 520
Houston, Texas 77054
713/349-0854

AMERICAN BRAHMAN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL RULES

1. Animals must be registered in the American Brahman Breeders Association to be eligible to compete in association sponsored shows. The registration certificate (or photocopy) for each entry must be available for presentation to the superintendent or manager of the show at the time entries are verified prior to judging.
2. The registration number and animal identification number (number branded on animal) of (1) each animal must be entered in an individual class, (2) the sire of each get-of-sire entry and (3) the dam of each produce-of-dam entry must be listed on the entry card of each animal entered.
3. Entries that have not complied with rules one (1) and two (2) will not be eligible to show, receive premium monies or earn points in the association's Register of Renown.
4. Animals to be eligible to be shown in group classes must be entered and shown in individual classes.
5. Entries will be listed numerically according to age (oldest first) in catalogs and judging schedules. Include animal identification number (number brand) as a part of identification. When entering the arena for judging, the handlers will line cattle up numerically in the same order.
6. Judges will be allowed to comment on placings in selected classes when conditions permit.
7. Each animal will be presented in the showing 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 or 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 staff, officers, executive committee or board of directors and animal that 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 the Show Committee and owner/owners have reviewed the case. Any violators, both owner & fitter will be in-eligible to exhibit cattle at ABBA Approved Shows for 5 years.

8. In cases where families, companies, corporations, etc., are operated as a unit under the same management but have cattle also registered in the name of the individual partners, said cattle, even though bearing a different ownership brand, are eligible to be shown in competition under the firm name provided they have not been and will not be shown in the name of the individuals.
9. For females being shown in the three oldest classes ****CURRENT YEAR LESS 3 YEARS**** (females calved Sept. 1, ~~2008~~ - August 31, ~~2008~~ for Fall Shows; females calved Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, ~~2007~~ for Spring Shows), exhibitor must have a certificate of pregnancy issued by a licensed veterinarian will be presented to show officials at time of check-in or registration paper check. The show reserves the right to perform pregnancy determination by palpation for females in the above classes at any given ABBA approved show if an official protest has been filed. Females exhibited in the last class at the Spring Shows **MUST** have a calf at side. For Fall Shows the last class of females is required to have a calf at side also. The only exemption from this rule will be cows that have already weaned a calf and a registration certificate of the calf **MUST** be presented to the judge.
10. ***All bulls will be shown with a nose ring or nose restraint with lead attached.*** For bulls being shown in the oldest class, the exhibitor must have a certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian stating the bull has produced viable semen. The certificate must be available for inspection by the judge on request.
11. This deals with the produce of dam classes and the get-of-sire class.

Embryo Produce of Dam - Two animals from the above classes produced by one dam by embryo transfer either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirement.

Natural Produce of Dam - Two natural born animals produced by one dam from the above classes, either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirement.

Get-of-Sire - Four animals from at least two dams by one sire from the above individual classes, both sexes represented. No ownership requirement.
12. No exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one produce or embryo-produce of dam per dam.
13. Cows that are exhibited with calves at side must be in a lactating stage. Calves must be shown and exhibited with their dams and said calves must not exceed 240 days of age on day of judging. The judge will be made aware by the ring steward for those cows whose calves are ineligible to show by this rule.

14. Cattle will not be allowed to show if their switches have been balled or glitter applied to their skin.
15. *[The intent of the ABBA in shows that exhibit a large number of cattle is to divide the cattle into separate red and grey divisions. {Revised 10/13/05}]*

If so, the following procedure will apply. All grey cattle and solid black cattle will show grey. Red, black & white speckled or red & white speckled cattle will show red. Cattle with questionable colored pigmentation may be entered in the color division the breeder selects, however, said cattle are subject to inspection by a three (3) member ABBA Color Committee. If the Color Committee disagrees with the breeder, the pedigree and color of said animal will then be used to aid in the final determination. In those cases where questionable colored cattle possess both red and grey breeding, then the committee will make the final determination. The decision of the committee is final.

Once animals have been classified they will remain in that classification unless they were young at time of classification and it is apparent that they have changed their color.

In the get-of-sire and produce-of-dam classes, breeders will not be allowed to show cattle of mixed color. They will be entered as to the color division they are assigned by the Color Committee for the show.

At split shows where the Color Committee is not present, a staff member with two (2) ABBA Directors will clarify questionable colored cattle for that particular show. The final classification will be done by the Color Committee. {Revised 08/99}}

16. The owner of record of any registered animal entered in an ABBA approved shows and/or his/her agent, exhibitor, fitter, handler and/or representative releases ABBA and its representatives from any and all liability that seller/owner might claim as a result of injury of any kind sustained before, during, or after handling cattle for any ABBA board approved activity.
17. For shows to remain approved, point shows by ABBA they must maintain a twenty (20) head average for the previous two (2) years.
18. The official ABBA rules & procedures governing showing & exhibiting of registered Brahman cattle supersede any rules printed in any show catalog.
19. In an attempt to insure that all animals receive an equal evaluation at the National and International Shows, classes with more than 30 entries may at the discretion of the Show Management and/ or ABBA Officials be split by age as evenly as possible.