



Rules of procedure of the European Association of Specialised Beef Breeds Society Limited

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The European Association of Specialised Beef Breeds Society limited (EASBB) is recognised by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine as a breed society in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1012. In addition to the 'Consolidated Rules' of the Society which are advised by the Irish Co-operative Organisation Society Limited and approved by the Council of the European Association of Specialised Beef Breeds Society Ltd, the Society has adopted the following Rules of Procedures which include membership, the rights and Obligations of breeders, the rights and Obligations of the breed society, a non-discrimination reference and rules for settling disputes/ appeals procedure.

Membership.

- 1.** To become a full member of the Society an applicant for membership shall be the owner of a purebred Romagnola female animal.

- 2.** A herd name that has been used by one member may not contemporaneously be used by another member, except when a herd is taken over by the representative of the family of the previous owner of such herd. Otherwise no prefix may be transferred from one member to another unless special permission of the Council of the Society is obtained.

3. Each member shall co-operate with any inspections of the Society that the Society may call to do as random spot checks etc., from time to time.

4. Each member is encouraged to use the available services of the ICBF.

5. The Society has the right to maintain a computerised record of member's transactions with the Society and reserve the right to penalise members found to be in breach of procedures vital to the accurate maintenance and integrity of the breeding register of the Society. A GDPR Privacy Statement is available for download from the Society website.

6. The Society shall operate in a non-discriminatory fashion towards its members.

7. The Council may from time to time set or make changes in the fees or penalties i.e. for Membership, prefix registration (Homebred or Imported), late notification penalties, embryo registration, export certification, and transfer and any other current fees in force. The schedule of fees is available from the Secretary.

8. The Breeding Programme shall be made available to all members.

Rights and Obligations of Breeders.

1. Breeders shall have the right to participate in the Breeding Programme of the EASBB Society where:

- (a) Their animals are kept in the republic of Ireland.
- (b) Their breeding animals are covered by the EASBB Society Breeding Programme.

2. Breeders participating in the EASBB Society Breeding Programme shall have the right:

- (a) To have their Purebred breeding animals entered in the main section of the Breeding Book in accordance with the rules of the Breeding Programme.

(b) To participate in performance testing and genetic evaluation in accordance with the rules of the breeding programme.

(c) To be provided with a Zootechnical Certificate.

(d) On request, to be provided with up to date results of the performance testing and genetic evaluation of their breeding animals where those results are available.

(e) To have access to all the other services provided in relation to the EASBB Society Breeding Programme where applicable.

(f) To become a member of the EASBB Society.

(g) To participate in the defining and development of the Breeding Programme in accordance with these rules of procedure.

3. Breeders participating in the EASBB Society shall:

(a) Have the free choice in the selection and breeding of their breeding animals.

(b) Have offspring descended from those breeding animals entered in the EASBB Society Breeding Book in accordance with the rules of the Breeding Programme.

(c) Have ownership of their breeding animals.

Rights and Obligations of the EASBB Society.

1. As regards their Breeding Programme, the EASBB Society has the right to define and carry out such Breeding Programme autonomously for the Irish Romagnola Breed provided that they comply with Commission Regulation 2016/1012 and any conditions of their approval.

2. The EASBB Society shall have the right to exclude breeders from participating in a Breeding Programme where those breeders fail to comply with the rules of that Breeding Programme.

3. The EASBB Society shall have the right to exclude breeders from membership where those breeders fail to comply with their obligations set out in the Rules of Procedure.

4. The EASBB Society shall, without prejudice to the role of the courts have a responsibility to settle disputes that may arise between breeders, and between breeders and the EASBB Society in the process of carrying out the EASBB Society Breeding Programme.

Non-Discrimination.

The EASBB Society will ensure that equal treatment is afforded to all members participating in their Breeding Programme.

Rules for settling disputes/Appeals Procedure.

Where within the procedures of the Society, a member feels that he or she has been unfairly disadvantaged; he/she may make a special appeal to the Council of the Society. Such appeals shall be dealt with in accordance with the appeals procedure below.

The objective of this procedure is to provide a member who has a grievance with the Society an opportunity to have the grievance examined and resolved at the earliest practical moment and at the most local level possible.

While the matter is being considered under the Appeals Procedure, the operation of the Society cannot be interrupted. The person(s) raising the matter shall continue to comply with the rules of the Society during the course of the examination of the matter in question. By so doing he/she will not create any precedent nor will his/her membership of the Society be prejudiced in any way in relation to the matter being processed.

The procedure to apply shall be as follows;

Stage 1.

A member who feels aggrieved in relation to any matter pertaining to Society business should, in the first instance, write to the Chairman of the Council of the Society, making it clear that Stage 1 of the Appeals Procedure is being invoked. The Chairman will reply as soon as is reasonably practicable, but in any case, within thirty days from receipt of the letter from the appellant.

Stage 2.

If the grievance is not resolved at Stage 1, or if a reply is not forthcoming from the Council Chairman within thirty days, the member(s) may request in writing, which at their next Council meeting, the Council allow the member(s) to attend the meeting during the period that the grievance is being considered. The member(s) will be allowed to make an oral submission on the grievance. The Council will then reconsider the issue and must communicate its decision to the appellant within **thirty days**.

Stage 3.

If the issue remains unresolved after Stage 2, the member(s) may request an independent hearing. The Council shall grant such a hearing. Appeals at Stage 3 will be heard by an individual or group of individuals with appropriate expertise, agreed by both parties to the dispute. From the date of appointment of the person(s) hearing the appeal, the case will be heard and the decision taken will be communicated to both parties within **three months**. The person(s) hearing the case will decide on the apportionment of costs, as appropriate.

Stage 4.

Any dispute that remains unresolved after Stage 3 may be pursued by invoking provisions under the legal personality of the Society: ICOS Rules or the 1963 Companies Act.

The Society expects all its members to abide by the rules, regulations and standards established by the Society.

Schedule of Fees.

Membership Fees:

Annual Membership - €50

New Membership - €150

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