

# RULES AND REGULATIONS



North American  
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## SECTION 1.OFFICIAL BREEDING RECORD

### **RULE 1.1 OFFICIAL HERDBOOK**

The official Herdbook of animal registrations shall be known as the North American Corriente Herdbook. This Herdbook shall be maintained on computer with daily back-up.

### **RULE 1.2 – ENTRIES**

Each entry in the Herdbook shall contain the registration number, name of animal, sex, date of birth, names of breeder\* and owner, animal identification number, holding brand (if applicable) and the animal's percentage Corriente blood. It shall also include the animal's pedigree for up to three generations, if applicable.

\*The breeder is recognized as the owner of record of the animal's dam at time of conception.

### **RULE 1.3 – REGISTRY**

The North American Corriente Herdbook shall include both the Purebred Registry and the Percentage Registry. Registration numbers will be issued consecutively. Registration numbers for the Percentage Registry ended in "X" until August, 2012 at which time the "X" was eliminated.

## SECTION 2. REGISTRATION

### **RULE 2.1 PRIVILEGE OF REGISTRATION.**

Only Life, Active and Junior Members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the North American Corriente Herdbook, under the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Association.

**A. Breeders List.** The Breeders List is a list of NACA members who have registered calves they have bred (i.e. they were the owner of the dam at the time of conception) within two years of the publication of the list. Any breeder meeting this requirement will be designated as a breeder on the list, which is included in the membership directory, unless they provide a written request to the contrary.

### **RULE 2.2 ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION.**

The Board of Directors reserves the right to visually inspect or DNA test any animal before or after acceptance for registration. Corriente animals of any age for which application for registration is made may be registered with the Association upon proof of compliance with the following requirements:

**Bulls:** The animal must be a purebred Corriente, as determined under the rules of the Association.

a) Therefore, a bull must EITHER:  
- have an NACA registered sire and a purebred or seven-eighths blood registered dam, OR  
- if a bull lacks pedigree, he may be visually inspected to determine if he qualifies for acceptance into the registry. (See Rule 2.3.)

b) A bull must have two, well-descended testicles in order to be eligible for acceptance into the registry.

**Cows:** A female born before December 31, 2006 must have at least an NACA registered sire. Females born after December 31, 2006 must have both a NACA-registered sire and dam to be eligible for registry.

a) There is no visual inspection of females available for acceptance into the registry.

**Steers:** A steer born before December 31, 2006 must have at least an NACA registered sire. Steers born after December 31, 2006 must have both a NACA-registered sire and dam to be eligible for registry. (See Rule 5.2, paragraph A, clause 1.)

a) There is no visual inspection of steers for acceptance into the registry.

**A. Percentage Bloodlines.** All females and steers for which application for registration is made are classified as three-quarters (3/4), seven-eighths (7/8), or purebred Corriente in accordance with the following rules:

1. The product of a registered purebred Corriente sire with an unregistered female (no matter how much Corriente blood the dam may actually possess), born on or before December 31, 2006, was classified as a half-blood Corriente. Half-bloods born after December 31, 2006 are not eligible for registry.

2. The product of a registered purebred Corriente sire and a registered half or three-quarter blood dam shall be classified as the average of the classifications of the sire and dam.

3. The product of a registered purebred Corriente sire and a registered seven-eighths or purebred dam shall be classified as a purebred Corriente.

4. Percentage Tables:

SIRE	DAM	PROGENY
Registered Purebred	Unregistered	<i>Ineligible for registry if born after December 31, 2006</i>
Registered Purebred	Registered 1/2	3/4
Registered Purebred	Registered 3/4	7/8
Registered Purebred	Registered 7/8	Purebred
Registered Purebred	Registered Purebred	Purebred

**B. Horns.** Any animal registered with the Association must be horned.

**1. Altering Horns.** The horns of an animal which is registered or for which application for registration is made may be tipped or cast for roping or bulldogging at any age, but shall not be cut, weighted, altered or tampered with in any other way.

**2. Show Animals.** No bull or female less than three years old which is entered in an NACA sanctioned show may have its horns tipped with the exception of bulldogging cattle. Horns which are broken or have become misshapen due to natural occurrences are acceptable. Horns which have been cast may be allowed at the judge's discretion.

### **C. Multiple Sires.**

1. Multiple sire herds are permissible as long as each and every bull used with the cows is NACA registered.

2. The registration application for each offspring of a multiple sire herd shall include the name and registration number of each bull to which the dam was exposed.

3. A calf born to a female served by more than one NACA registered bull during the same heat period, or served by different bulls on consecutive heat periods shall not be eligible for registration as a single sire offspring but must be registered as multiple sired. The only exception is if a single sire can be proven by DNA testing.

**D. Multiple Births.** Twins or other multiple births are eligible for registration, if other eligibility requirements are met, provided that the application for registry states that the calf is a twin or of other multiple birth. If one such calf is registered without such statement, another subsequent calf of the same gestation cannot subsequently be registered.

### **RULE 2.3 VISUAL INSPECTION.**

Bulls and cows without a pedigree are accepted for Registration by visual inspection. However, the Board of Directors reserves the right to inspect any animal prior to acceptance for registration. Only bulls exhibiting exceptional breed characteristics shall be registered by visual inspection.

**A. Age.** No visual inspection shall occur before the animal is two years of age and/or has its two mature front teeth. Applications for registration by visual inspection may be filed with the Association at any time before or after the animal reaches the required age.

**B. Inspection Process.** After the Association receives a complete application, a panel of Inspectors will inspect the animal by photos and/or video. In some instances, the Inspectors may recommend that an animal be inspected in the field. The decision of the Inspectors will be given to the Board of Directors for a final vote. The decision of the Board of Directors is final.

### **C. Application for Visual Inspection.**

**1. Bulls.** Application for bulls requiring visual inspection shall be accompanied by four photographs of the animal taken from both sides, the front and rear, showing brands and testicles. A short video is also required, showing the bull in close proximity to a person. A special application form for registration by visual inspection is available from the Association.

**2. Cows.** Application for cows requiring visual inspection shall be accompanied by four photographs of the animal taken from both sides, the front and rear, showing brands and udder. A special application form for registration by visual inspection is available from the Association.

**D. Brand.** All animals for which application for registration by visual inspection is made must be number branded before the application is submitted, and all brands and their locations shall be stated on the application for registration. (See Rule 2.5.)

#### **RULE 2.4 APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION**

To register an animal with the Association, the owner of the dam at the time of calving shall submit a complete and accurate registration application on the form provided by the Association with the correct registration fee. If the applicant is not the owner of record of the sire(s), the sire's owner is required to file a report before registration can be completed. The application process may be completed online at [www.corriente.us](http://www.corriente.us). (Also refer to Rule 2.2, paragraph D for registering calves of multiple births, Rule 3.4 for registering AI calves, Rule 4.1 for registering embryo transplant calves, Rule 6.2, paragraph B for registering and transferring calves from parent to child and Rule 7.3 for computing calves into the North American Corriente Herdbook without registration.)

**A. Application Forms.** Application forms may be obtained from the Association office or online at [www.corriente.us](http://www.corriente.us).

**B. Time Limit.** Whenever an application for registration is incomplete and the applicant has failed to provide all the information or fees required within four (4) months of the date the application was received by the Association, such application shall be considered null and void. Any fee received by the Association will not be refunded.

#### **RULE 2.5 ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER**

Every registered animal must have either a number brand or an ear tattoo number for identification. (For any animal requiring visual inspection a brand must be used.)

**A. Use of Both Marks.** If both a number brand and an ear tattoo are used on an animal they shall be the same, EXCEPT percentage letters B, C and P are not required in the ear tattoo when a number brand is also used. (See Rule 2.5, paragraph C.)

**B. Before Registration.** All animals for which application for registration is made must be number branded and/or ear tattooed before the application is submitted, and the mark and its location shall be stated on the application.

**C. Brand and/or Tattoo Symbols:** Number brands and tattoos must be standard Arabic numbers and English letters.

1. Required Symbols. The first symbol of the brand and/or tattoo on percentage cattle is required to be:

B on three-quarter bloods

C on seven-eighths bloods

(P may be used as the first symbol to designate purebred, but is NOT required. The letter "A" was required through 2006 to designate half-bloods. Half-bloods are no longer being registered but their three-quarter blood progeny can be.)

2. Restricted Symbols. The letters A, B, C, and P may only be used as the first symbol of the brand and/or tattoo to designate percentage of Corriente blood, and may not otherwise be used.

**D. Repetitive Use.** No two animals of the same sex registered by the same breeder shall be given identical brands or tattoos in the same location, EXCEPT a breeder may use the same mark and location on the same sex animal after twenty years.

#### **E. Number Brands.**

1. Location. Number brands may be placed in any location on the animal. Brand location should be reported on the application as follows:

RH = right hip;

RR = right rib;

RS = right shoulder;

LH = left hip;

LR = left rib;

LS = left shoulder;

HB = Horn brand.

2. Corrections. If the number brand on an animal becomes illegible, or the brand is put on incorrectly, then the brand shall be placed in a different location and no attempt shall be made to alter or over-imprint the old brand. If a Registration Certificate has been issued for the animal, it must be sent to the Association for correction.

#### **F. Ear Tattoos.**

1. Location. The tattoo can be located in one or both ears of the animal. Tattoo location should be reported on the application as follows:

LE = left ear;

RE = right ear;

BE = both ears.

2. Corrections. If the tattoo of an animal becomes unreadable or is put on incorrectly, the tattoo shall be placed in a different lobe of the ear and no attempt shall be made to alter or over-imprint the old tattoo. If a Registration Certificate has been issued for the animal and the new tattoo has been placed in a different ear than is indicated on the Registration Certificate, the certificate must be sent to the Association for correction.

#### **RULE 2.6 HOLDING BRANDS.**

The use of holding brands is optional. (Holding brands are the brands used in some areas to identify the owner of livestock.)

#### **RULE 2.7 NAMES FOR CATTLE AND HERDS**

**A. Cattle Names.** An animal's name cannot contain more than 28 characters and spaces. Only English letters and Arabic numbers shall be acceptable. Joined letters, brands or other unusual marks or symbols will not be accepted.

1. Repetitive Use. A breeder may use a name only once in 20 years.

2. Name Change by NACA. The Association reserves the right to change the name of any animal on the application for registry.

3. Name Change by Owner. The registrant of an animal may apply to change the registered name of the animal if:

a) the animal has never been transferred to another owner, b) the animal has never been used for breeding purposes and c) the animal has no show record.

**B. Reserved Herd Name.** A NACA member may register one name with the Association to be reserved exclusively for his/her use as the first name for cattle raised in his/her herd. This name cannot be used by anyone else as the first word of an animal's name.

#### **SECTION 3. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION**

##### **RULE 3.1 QUALIFICATION**

Only bulls which have been registered in the North American Corriente Herdbook and have also been recorded as an A.I. Sire under the provisions herein may be listed as sires for registering offspring which are the result of artificial insemination.

##### **RULE 3.2 APPLICATION AND FEE.**

The recorded bull owner shall submit a completed and properly signed Application for Recording A.I. Sire on the form provided by the Association office. The fee charged for recording an A.I. sire must accompany the application.

##### **RULE 3.3 SERVICE CERTIFICATES.**

After a completed A.I. Sire Application and the correct fee is received by the Association, 100 Service Certificates will be issued to the applicant. These certificates are required for registering A.I. calves. (See Rule 3.4.)

**A. List of Available Semen.** After a bull is registered as an A.I. sire, the bull and owner are listed on the List of Available Semen.

**B. Additional Certificates** may be obtained at a fee from the Association by the original applicant. Application for additional certificates must be on a form provided by the Association.

##### **RULE 3.4 REGISTERING AI CALVES.**

For each calf to be registered, the breeder (owner on record of female at time of conception) should obtain a properly completed and signed A.I. Service Certificate with the purchase of semen. The A.I. Service Certificate must accompany the application for registration of the resulting offspring.

### **RULE 3.5 LABELING SEMEN**

It shall be the responsibility of the owner(s) of record of a bull used artificially to require each person or organization collecting, processing, and freezing semen to identify and permanently label each container with the full registered name and NACA number of the bull and the date of collection. When semen is not properly labeled it may not be used to produce calves for registration in the North American Corriente Herdbook.

### **RULE 3.6 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS.**

It shall be the responsibility of the owner(s) of record of a bull to maintain an accurate record of each semen collection and a complete and accurate record of each semen sale or transfer to another person or firm. Such records shall be held for inspection by representatives of the Association upon request for a period of seven years.

## **SECTION 4: EMBRYO TRANSPLANT**

### **RULE 4.1 REGISTERING CALVES.**

Calves produced by embryo transplant are eligible for registration, if other eligibility requirements are met, provided that the application for registration states that the calf is the product of embryo transplant.

### **RULE 4.2 VERIFICATION FOR REGISTRY.**

A signed statement verifying the dams used to produce embryos for transplant and identifying them by NACA Registration Certificate number must be filed with the Association by the owner of the dams and the firm or individual performing the transplant. This verification must be filed before the resulting calves can be registered.

## **SECTION 5: CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION**

### **RULE 5.1 REQUIREMENTS.**

A registration number shall not be assigned to an animal nor a certificate issued until the requirements of the Rules and Regulations are met.

**A. Duplicate Certificates.** The existence of more than one registration certificate per animal shall not be permitted. In the case of loss or destruction of an original certificate, a request for a duplicate certificate must be made in writing stating the reason for the request and it must be signed by the last owner shown on the certificate. This certificate will be labeled as a duplicate.

**B. Transfers.** Each time an animal is transferred the Association will generate a new certificate showing the breeder and current owner on the front.

**C. Joint Membership.** In the case of joint membership, Registration Certificates and other material from the Association will be mailed to the address shown on the membership application.

## **RULE 5.2 CHANGES, ERRORS AND CORRECTIONS**

All information on registration applications must be accurate according to the requirements set forth in these rules. If it is determined to be inaccurate after the Registration certificate is issued, the certificate shall become null and void and shall be surrendered to the Association for correction and reissue, or for cancellation.

**A. Changes.** Any changes, additions or deletions on a certificate must be made at the Association office. Any unauthorized entry shall render a certificate null and void and will only be replaced after payment of the usual fee.

1. A certificate for an animal first registered as a bull may be reissued to show that animal as a steer when the owner submits the Registration Certificate to the Association office and requests the change. No fee will be charged.

**B. Errors by the Applicant.** Errors committed by the applicant on registration applications or transfers shall be corrected after payment of the usual fees.

**C. Errors by the Association Office.** Errors on Registration Certificates or transfers committed by the Association office shall be corrected free of charge if the office is notified within thirty (30) days of when the certificate is received by the applicant or new owner. After thirty days a fee is charged.

**D. Holding Brand.** The holding brand shown on a registration certificate shall only reflect the information submitted on the original application for registration.

## **RULE 5.3 SURRENDER OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.**

When a registered animal is lost by death, destruction or other means, or is disposed of for slaughter or as a common grade animal, it shall be the responsibility of the holder of the Registration Certificate to return it to the Association for cancellation, with a statement to indicate the method of disposition. After the cancellation, the certificate may be returned to the holder upon request.

## **RULE 5.4 MISREPRESENTATION OR FRAUD**

**A. Declaring Certificate Null and Void.** If an animal's registration has been obtained through willful misrepresentation or fraud, or if the date of birth, identification number, sire, dam, or service by natural or artificial insemination has been purposely misrepresented, the Board of Directors may declare the registration null and void, together with any registration which may have been made of descendants of an animal so registered.

**B. Consequences.** When a registration has been obtained by means of misrepresentation or fraud, the Board of Directors may instruct the Executive Director to refuse to receive subsequent applications of any kind signed by a person or persons implicated in said misrepresentation or fraud and may take appropriate action as provided by Article VI of the Bylaws.

## **SECTION 6: TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP**

### **RULE 6.1 PRIVILEGE OF TRANSFER.**

Life, Active and Junior Members of the Association are eligible to transfer cattle in the North American Corriente Herdbook, under the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Association. Nonmembers may transfer cattle at double the regular fees.

### **RULE 6.2 TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS.**

Every change of ownership of record of a registered animal must be recorded by official transfer on the records of the Association.

**A. Person Responsible for Transfer.** It shall be the duty of the transferor (seller) to apply for transfer and to pay the transfer fee.

**B. Parent-Child Transfers.** A transfer fee is not required if an animal is transferred either from parent to child or child to parent at the time of application for registration of the animal. Both the parent and child must be Life, Active or Junior members of the Association.

**C. Verifying Animal for Transfer.** It shall be the duty of the transferor before offering a registered animal for sale or applying for transfer, to verify that the animal carries a legible, permanent identification number corresponding to the identification number entered on its Registration Certificate.

**D. Transfer Only Registered Animals.** A transfer application may not be sent to the Association before the application for registration for that animal is sent to the Association, but both applications may be sent at the same time accompanied by the correct fees for both applications. (See Rule 6.3.)

### **RULE 6.3 APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER.**

Application for transfer shall be made either:

- (1) on the form on the back of the Registration Certificate,
- OR
- (2) on the application for registration at the time of registration.

The transfer application must be sent to the Association accompanied by the animal's registration certificate, if applicable, and the correct fee(s).

#### **A. Time Limits**

1. The transferor is required to submit an application for transfer within thirty (30) days of the actual change of ownership of the animal. After thirty (30) days the usual fee is doubled, and after sixty (60) days the transferor is considered negligent and is subject to Rule 6.6.

2. Whenever an application for transfer is incomplete and the applicant has failed to provide all of the information required within four (4) months of the date the application was received by the Association, such application shall be considered null and void. An application shall be considered incomplete if not signed by the transferor or if not accompanied by the correct fee. Any fee received by the Association will not be refunded.

#### **RULE 6.4 TRANSFER BY AFFIDAVIT.**

In cases of neglect or refusal of a member or nonmember of the Association to apply for transfer of ownership, the transfer may be recorded, if approved by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, on the basis of the transferee's affidavit setting forth the facts and sworn to or affirmed before a Notary Public. Each such affidavit must be accompanied by proof of sale and proof of payment in full of the purchase price of the animal, or by the evidence of an agreement to sell, purchase or transfer, including the terms and conditions of service, if any, in the case of females.

#### **RULE 6.5 PUBLIC SALES.**

Sale managers or their representatives may fill in buyer's names on transfer of animals consigned to public sales, and, if authorized by the consignor, can sign such applications in his stead. Written authorization signed by the consignor must be sent to the Association before the date of the sale. Such transfer applications must clearly show the names of the sale manager or agent representing the consignor, and also be signed by him. Applications executed under this Rule are subject to Rule 6.6.

#### **RULE 6.6 MISREPRESENTATION OR FRAUD**

**A. Declaring Transfer Null and Void** If an animal's registration has been transferred through misrepresentation or fraud, the Board of Directors may declare the transfer null together with any registrations of purported descendants of the animal which may have been recorded during the period of such misrepresented or fraudulent transfer.

**B. Consequences.** When a transfer has been obtained by means of misrepresentation or fraud, the Board of Directors may take appropriate action as provided by Article VI of the Bylaws, and instruct the Executive Director to refuse to receive subsequent applications of any kind signed by any person or persons implicated in said misrepresentation or fraud.

#### **SECTION 7. HERD RECORDS**

##### **RULE 7.1 REQUIREMENTS.**

Owners of registered cattle shall maintain accurate breeding and herd records, in which shall be noted the animal identification number and such other information concerning their breeding, ancestry and date of birth as will make clear and positive for all time the parentage of an animal offered for registration in the North American Corriente Herdbook.

**A. Bull Records.** The owner of a registered bull used for either natural service or artificial insemination shall maintain annual breeding records for each bull during each year. This record shall be segregated as follows:

1. Natural Service - Identification by NACA registration certificate number of NACA registered cows exposed, the number of non-NACA cows exposed, date(s) of exposure and location of service.

2. Artificial Insemination - units used by the owner of the bull and number of units sold.

This record shall not be filed with the Association but must be retained by the owner of the bull for at least four years and shall be available for examination by the Association upon request.

##### **RULE 7.2 HERD INVENTORY.**

An inventory of all cattle registered to one owner may be obtained by that owner from the Association office for a fee. This inventory may be updated and returned to the office in order to keep an accurate, up-to-date inventory on record.

##### **RULE 7.3 COMPUTING UNREGISTERED CATTLE.**

In order to make a Herd Inventory more complete, any progeny of an NACA registered cow may be computed into the NACA Herdbook, before the age of two, instead of being registered.

**A. Requirements for Computing.** To compute an animal, an application for registration must be submitted to the Association office with the correct fee for computing. The application must include at least the correct information on the animal's dam, sire, sex and date of birth. The box for Registration Code (REG) must be marked "C" for "compute only."

**B. Changing Computes to Registered Status.** Cattle which have been computed may later be registered by submitting an application to the Association office with the appropriate registration fee based on the animal's current age.

##### **RULE 7.4 EXAMINATION OF RECORDS.**

The Board of Directors may investigate or cause to be investigated, examined, identified or blood-typed any registered animal or herd and may examine the breeding and herd records maintained by a member or non-member of the Association for the purpose of verifying applications for registry or records on file in the Association office, or for the purpose of investigating other matters in which the Association may be interested.

**A. Herd Status Reports.** If, upon investigation by the Board of Directors, it is determined that breeding or herd records, or herd management practices are inadequate to assure the accurate identification of animals in a herd, then the Board may require periodic reports of the current herd status until such time as the Board is satisfied that compliance with the rules of the Association is assured.

**B. Expenses.** Any expense incurred by the Association in the process of examination and verification may be charged to the owner of the herd.

**C. Violations.** If, upon investigation, the Board of Directors shall determine that the herd records or management practices relating to such records of either a member or nonmember of the Association are such that the purity of the Corriente breed may be impaired, or has been impaired, then the Board may, in their discretion, take action under the provisions of Article VI of the Bylaws.

#### **SECTION 8. HARDSHIP**

##### **RULES 8.1 WAIVING RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

The Board of Directors reserves the right to waive compliance with any rule or regulation in cases of hardship where compliance is not reasonably possible.

#### **SECTION 9. MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **RULE 9.1 USE OF ASSOCIATION LOGO.**

The logos of the Association are copyrighted and may not be used for any purpose by any NACA member or nonmember without permission from the Association office.

##### **RULE 9.2 USE OF MEMBERSHIP LOGO**

NACA members may use the membership logo, a copy of which is available from the Association office.

#### **FOR FEES FOR SERVICES SEE TRANSMITTAL FORM OR NACA WEBSITE**

