

BY-LAWS OF THE HEREFORD HOG RECORD ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE 1: Name. The name of the corporation shall be the National Hereford Record Association.

ARTICLE 2: Principal Office as of 1/1/2017. Principal office shall be P.O. Box 9758 Peoria, Il. 61612

ARTICLE 3: Purpose. The object for which this corporation is formed is the establishment, maintenance, and publication of a pedigree record of the Hereford Hog breed, and the performance of such other acts incidental and supplementary thereto, as will in the judgement of the corporation encourage the breeding, promotion and improvement of the Hereford Hog breed.

ARTICLE 4: Delegation of Powers. The Hereford Hog Record Assn. hereby does not delegate any of its powers necessary to achieve the goals and purposes of these By-Laws at this time.

ARTICLE 5: Membership.

5.1 Membership. Any individual, firm or corporation engaged in or interested in the breeding of purebred. Entities can include more than one individual. However, only one vote is allowed per Entity or (Farm Name) in good standing With the National Hereford Hog Record Assn.

Hereford swine may be admitted into membership in this corporation upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the breed Assoc. Secretary upon filing an application and registration fee with the breed Association Secretary. Membership in this corporation shall be evidenced by a membership certificate in such form and design as the breed board of directors and secretary shall prescribe.

5.2 Classes. Memberships shall be divided into two classes, namely, Senior and Junior.

5.3 Senior Membership. Senior members shall be all members over 21 years of age who meet such terms and conditions as set forth by the HHRA Board of Directors. All senior members will be classified with a status of active once life time membership fees are paid.

- a) Active Membership. Senior memberships considered active are those who maintain an annual membership maintenance fee paid up through the fiscal year.
- b) Memberships will be deemed active with all membership privileges 90 days after postmark date of an acceptable application

5.4 Junior Membership. Anyone, 21 years of age or younger, as of January 1st of the current fiscal year, who has an interest in swine production, shall be entitled to a Junior Membership upon the terms and conditions prescribed by the By-Laws or the Executive Committee. Junior Membership shall, automatically and without notice, terminate when the Junior Member reaches the maximum age outlined above.

5.5 Membership Fees.

- a) Membership (Lifetime). A fee shall accompany each membership application. The NHHRA board of directors will set membership fees in the Hereford Hog Record Association.
- b) Annual Maintenance Fee. A maintenance fee will be assessed on a calendar year basis for each active member. This fee will be established by the NHHRA board of directors and will entitle the membership to membership recording rates, as well as other benefits. Such maintenance fee will be assessed on each active adult member with that member's first application for recording after January 1st of each year. In the event the member has not registered pigs for that year the Annual Maintenance fees may be paid at any time. Members will have voting privileges once Maintenance fee is paid.

5.6 Issuance. Upon receipt of an application for membership accompanied by the required fee, the NHHRA Secretary shall make an investigation to determine the eligibility of such applicant for membership. If the applicant is found to be eligible, a certificate of

membership shall be issued and the name of the member shall thereupon be enrolled upon the membership rolls of the National Hereford Hog Record Assn.. In the event the Secretary is in doubt as to the eligibility of any applicant for membership, the application shall be referred to the NHHRA Board of Directors whose decision thereon shall be final.

5.7 Duties of Members and Non-Members. It shall be the duty of members and of non-members using the privileges granted by the NHHRA, to at all times comply with the By-Laws of the National Hereford Hog Record Assn. as they now exist, or may hereafter be amended; to keep adequate herd records sufficient to provide unquestionable identity of all Hereford Hogs in the herd, or sold from the herd for breeding purposes; to so conduct his or her Hereford Hog business as not to endanger, or adversely affect the reputation, welfare or credit of the NHHRA by or on the part of any other member or non-member using the privileges granted by the National Hereford Hog Record Assn.

5.8 Discipline of Members. Members who sell swine not eligible to be shown in Purebred Hereford Swine Classes are responsible for the reimbursement of cost paid for the purchase of the said Non-Showable Hereford Swine after review by the board of directors and a majority vote. Swine sifted out of a show or sale due to markings with no current board member present are not eligible for any refund without the approval of board.

A) All members shall comply with rulings from the National Hereford Hog Record Assn. Board of Directors to remain a member in good standings

5.9 Discipline Duties of NHHRA Employees. With a majority vote of the Board of Directors Representing the National Hereford Hog Record Assn. can relinquish the duties of any employee and collect all property belonging to The NHHRA.

5.10 No member shall be entitled to or deserve any refund of the membership fee or any part thereof, originally paid by such member, upon termination, cancellation, surrender, or transfer of his certificate of membership, except upon termination of membership as provided in Section 7 of the operating agreement, a refund of the fee paid for such membership shall be paid upon surrender to the breed organization of the certificate or certificates representing the membership terminated.

ARTICLE 6: Board of Directors.

6.1 A Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) members shall manage the affairs of the National Hereford Hog Record Assn. At no time shall more than three directors be elected in the same year. No more than three members of one state can serve on the Board at one time. The breed Secretary can be a voting member of the Board of Directors if elected to the Board of Directors by the membership.

A) If Secretary is appointed by the Board of Directors and is not a member of the Board of Directors he or she has no vote in the Directors meetings

6.2 Tenure and Qualifications. Directors shall serve a term of three years or until their successors are elected or are appointed. The members of the Board of Directors must be active members of the National Hereford Hog Record Assn. in good standing and registered Hereford Hogs for the past 3 years to include the year of the meeting. No director elected shall serve a term of more than two consecutive three-year terms and must be off the Board for one year before being re-elected to the Board.

6.3 Nominations and Voting Procedure. The President and Board of Directors are responsible for conducting voting procedure. Also, including a nominating committee with the President as Chairman and 4 additional Board members

a) The Membership body may select nominees for the board at the annual NHHRA Hereford National Show during the annual meeting. All eligible-voting members will vote for all candidates.

b) There will be ballots given to members in good standing and registered at the National meeting

c) Ballots will be collected and read aloud during the process of the meeting. Written ballots must be clean, clear and legible

d) In order to vote in the election, members must be present and an active member must have paid their maintenance fee for the same period.

- e) Ballots will not be mailed out or received by mail at this time

- f) The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as director.

- g) Newly elected directors' term will take effect following the first annual meeting after the election.

6.4 Powers and Responsibilities. The Board of Directors has the authority to enforce breed purity guidelines and set other standards pertaining to breed specific issues for the NHHRA. It may refer breed-specific disciplinary issues to no other association or agency at this time.

6.5 Dismissal. Failure of any Director to attend three consecutive regular, conference calls or special meetings of the Board can create a vacancy of such Director with a majority vote from the Board, except in cases where the absence of the Director was due to illness. A director shall be automatically dismissed and his position shall be deemed vacant, if at any time during the term, the Director is no longer an active member of the National Hereford Hog Record Assn as defined by the By-laws.

6.6 Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors, whether by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by a majority vote of at least 5 or more of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. That person so chosen shall serve until the next annual meeting, at which time a successor will be chosen in a qualifying election by the eligible voting members, to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the directorship.

6.7 Notice. Written notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given not less than ten (10) days before the proposed meeting. The notice may be delivered personally or mailed to each Director at their business address or by electronic transmission. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States Mail, so long as it is properly addressed, with postage paid.

6.8 Quorum. A majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any Director's meeting, a majority of the directors must also adjourn the meeting to another day or hour or place.

ARTICLE 7: Fiscal Year. The fiscal year for the NHHRA will be from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

ARTICLE 8: Rules of Order. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings.

ARTICLE 9: Amendment of By-Laws. The By-Laws of the National Hereford Hog Record Assn may be modified, amended or repealed at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors by affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, provided that such modification, amendment or repeal shall have an effective date set forth by the Board at the time of the vote. The membership shall be notified of any modification, amendment or repeal.

ARTICLE 10: Indemnification. The NHHRA shall indemnify any and all persons who may serve or have served at any time as officers or committee members, and their respective heirs, administrators, successor and assign, against any and all expenses including amounts paid upon judgements, counsel fees and amounts paid in settlement (before or after suit is commenced), actually and necessarily incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of any claim, action, suit or proceeding in which they, or any of them by reason of being or having been an officer or committee member of the NHHRA, in relation to matters as to which any such officer, or director, committee member, current or former, shall be adjudged by any action, suite or proceeding to be liable for his or her own negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty. Such indemnification shall be in addition to any other rights which those indemnified may be entitled under law, by-law, agreement or otherwise.

ARTICLE 11: General Recording Requirements. No pedigree certificate shall be issued until the following requirements have been complied with:

11.1 Form. Applications shall be submitted on forms prescribed by a legitimate swine registry firm and shall contain all information required by such forms.

11.2 Signature. Each application shall be signed by the breeder of the animal sought to be registered, unless purchased in dam, in which case the application shall be signed by the owner of the dam on the date of farrowing of the animal sought to be registered.

11.3 Fees. The registry fee to be charged for each pedigree recorded by members and non-members and transfers thereof shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

11.4 Recorded Ancestry. Sire and dam shall be recorded within 24 months from their date of birth

- 11.5 Recorded Ownership of Dam. No animal shall be admitted to record unless the dam is shown on the record of the Association as having been bred by or transferred to the name of the person owning her at the time of farrowing the litter in question.
- 11.6 Certificate of Service. When sire of animal to be recorded is not owned by the breeder of the animal at the time of that service, a certificate of breeding service or A.I. certificate signed by the owner of the sire must be supplied upon a form prescribed by NHHRA.
- 11.7 Additional Information. All additional information, data, and supporting evidence required by NHHRA has been furnished.
- 11.8 Forfeiture of Fees. Whenever any fees are paid to the NHHRA in connection with an application for registration or transfer, and the certificate shall not be issued on account of the failure of the applicant to provide all information and data required by the Association, within a reasonable time, such fees shall be forfeited to the Association.
- 11.9 Certificate of Registration to Buyer. In every change of ownership, the seller shall, at their own expense, furnish to the buyer a certificate of registration, and cause to be recorded, a certificate showing transfer of ownership, and the date of sale, unless the right to such certificate is specifically waived in writing by the buyer at the time of completion of sale.
- 11.10 Date of Transfer. For the purpose of the NHHRA, the actual date of delivery of the animal to the buyer or the date of delivery of such animal to a carrier for shipment to the buyer, shall be considered to be the date of sale.
- 11.11 Recognizing Foreign or Domestic Registry Firms. The NHHRA is not excepting swine documented by foreign firms at this time
- 11.12 Breeding Certificate. Should the change of ownership of a Hereford Hog involve a bred sow or bred gilt, a certificate of breeding service, on a form prescribed by the NHHRA, must be furnished by the seller to the buyer.

ARTICLE 12: Non-Liability of Association. All pedigrees are based upon applications made to the NHHRA therefore and are recorded in reliance upon the information contained therein, and neither the NHHRA nor any of its Officers, Directors, or employees shall be held liable for any loss or damage incurred by any person, firm, or corporation, including members or non-members, arising from any act of the NHHRA in striking from the record any registration or transfer certificate issued in error or cancelled as a result of information subsequently obtained by the NHHRA, or the refusal of the NHHRA to record pedigrees based upon a registration which has been cancelled from the record.

ARTICLE 13: Hereford Marking, Identification and Other Requirements.

13.1 Ideal Color Markings. The ideal color marking of all Hereford breeding hogs eligible for registration shall be red, light or dark however, deep red is preferred with a white head, ears and 4 white legs Whether the underline of the animal is white or red is breeder preference. Ears must be at least broke forward.

13.2 Breed definitions.

Splash or drip of white – small spot of white not connected to any other patch of white on the body.

The face of the animal – starting at the top of the forehead extending down to and including the nose, mouth, eyes, and jaw bone line.

Blaze Face – small narrow strip of white running in between the eyes

White foot – 1" Above the hoof with the white extending over that entire area at sale or show age. The white must go all the way around the foot

13.3 Altering natural markings of animal: Altering natural markings of an animal in any way such as using paint, dye, freeze branding, or other methods in attempt to make an animal eligible for registration is prohibited. Accusations must be proven. If so, violators of this rule are subject to expulsion from events and pedigree of the animal in question to be removed. Decisions made by board of directors are final and not open for recourse.

13.4 Minimum and maximum amount of white allowed for breeding stock registration eligibility with the intent to be shown or sold as a show or breeding animal. Body shall be at least 2/3 red, there shall be no white on the back beyond the crest of loin edge behind the shoulder blade with exception of a splash or drip, with no connecting belt anywhere on the body this

does not include the neck. Herefords fitting this category must also have white on at least 2/3 of their face, ears broke forward and possess at least 3 white feet.

13.5 Marking and Other Disqualifications for breeding animals. Other disqualifications are more than 5 black spots larger a U.S. minted .50ct piece on any part of the animal or any 1 black spot Larger than 4 inches at any point of measurement, erect ears; or where an animal shows evidence of an extra dewclaw, boars with one testicle, less than 6 functional teats on each side of underline, permanent deformities of any kind.

13.6 Hereford Market Animals. Market animals shall be eligible for registration as off-marked with these requirements: At least 50% of a white face, at least 50% red body, at least 2 white feet. This will be known as the "50-50-50 rule"

- A) Off marked boars must be registered as barrows. No off marked males are permitted for breeding purposes of making purebred swine.
- B) Off marked females must be registered with an OM in front of the registration # or animals name
- C) Off marked females are only allowed in market swine classes where females are permitted and are in no way eligible to be shown in purebred breeding classes
- D) Off marked females must be registered as market animals. Thus, these markets animals must be declared at the time of registration and will receive a pedigree stating. "This animal is a Purebred Hereford Hog meeting minimal requirements governed by The National Hereford Hog Record Assn. to be shown or sold as a market animal only and is not eligible for breeding or breeding swine shows as a purebred Hereford Hog. Due to ineligible color markings or other purebred breeding swine classifications.

13.7 Reporting of belts and black spots in breeding animals offspring. Belts and black spots do appear occasionally. It is the job of the breeders and members to do their best to eliminate this from their herds. The National Hereford Hog Record Assn needs to be informed of any swine producing belted or black spotted off spring.

13.8 Identification Requirements. No litter or animal in any herd shall be eligible to record unless each pig in the litter is distinctly ear notched at farrowing time for litter and individual pig identification by the NHHRA litter and pigs system also known as the 1-3-9-27 system; each litter to be ear notched in consecutive order as farrowed and with no repeating of this order in less than six months or during any one farrowing season. The six-month period shall start

January 1st and July 1st to begin with litter number one (1). Key to this litter-pig system is as follows: A pig's right ear is on his own right and the left ear on his own left. Notches in the right ear serve for litter identification while notches in the left ear serve for individual pig identification. In placing notches, picture the ear as divided into halves; thus providing four sections in which to place notches, plus the tip of the right ear. Never use more than two notches in any one section. Never more than one in the tip of the right ear. Place notches carefully in each section as each notch in a section has a point value. These values are added together to get the litter or pig number. In herds farrowing more than 161 litters a season, special permission may be granted upon request for use of the inner and upper half of the left ear as an additional litter number notch. Be it further provided that if and when a person making application to record a litter, ear notches said litter incorrectly through ignorance of required system, said litters may be accepted for registration at the discretion of the Breed Secretary/ Board of Directors, provided said party can provide proof acceptable to the NHHRA that said litters and pigs can be positively identified.

ARTICLE 14: Distribution of Assets. The corporation is not organized for profit. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any member, officer, director or other private individual except the corporation shall be authorized to and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the National Hereford Hog Record Assn.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation may carry on any other activities permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States of America.

In the event of liquidation or dissolution of the corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, no member shall be entitled to any distribution or division of its remaining property or its proceeds and the remaining assets of the corporation, including monies and other property received by the Corporation from any source after the payment of all debts and obligations of the Corporation, shall be distributed to one or more agricultural associations which are exempt under IRC Section 501 (C) (5) or exempt as educational, scientific or charitable organization under IRC Section 501 (C) (3) or the corresponding provisions of any future Internal Revenue Code of the United States of America.