

***BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL HEREFORD HOG  
ASSOCIATION***

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*Article VII: Hereford Markings and Other Requirements will be effective for pigs farrowed  
November 1, 2022 and after.*

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## **ARTICLE I NAME, LOCATION AND OBJECTS**

Section 1. NAME. This organization shall be known as THE NATIONAL HEREFORD HOG ASSOCIATION, a corporation not for pecuniary gain.

Section 2. LOCATION. The National Hereford Hog Association (hereinafter referred to as NHHA) shall maintain a general business office within the United States of America and shall be with the office of Certified Pedigreed Swine (hereinafter referred to as CPS) with a mailing address of P.O. Box 9758, Peoria, IL 61612.

Section 3. OBJECTS AND PURPOSE. The objects and purpose of the NHHA shall be the establishment and maintenance of a pedigree recording system of purebred Hereford swine, the issuance of Certificates of Registry for purebred Hereford swine, and such other business and activities deemed necessary and proper in the judgement of the Board of Directors whom are appointed to protect, promote, and advance the Hereford breed and the interests of its members. Such other objects and purposes may be lawfully provided in the rules and regulations of the NHHA.

Section 4. DELEGATION OF POWERS. The NHHA does not hereby delegate any of its powers necessary to achieve the goals and purposes of these by-laws at this time.

Section 5. FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year of the Association shall be concurrent with the fiscal year of Certified Pedigreed Swine which currently runs from October 1 - September 30.

## **ARTICLE II MANAGEMENT & DIRECTORS**

Section 1. MANAGEMENT. The property and business of the NHHA shall be controlled and managed by a board of seven (7) directors.

Section 2. TENURE AND QUALIFICATIONS. Directors shall serve a term of three years or until their successors are elected or appointed. Directors must be active members of the NHHA, in good standing, and have registered Hereford hogs for the past three years, including the year of the election meeting. No director elected shall serve more than two consecutive, three-year terms and must be off the board for one year before being re-elected to the board, unless serving as an interim in the event of a director vacancy. No director may succeed himself or herself more than once. No state shall have more than three (3) directors residing therein at any one time.

Section 3. OFFICERS. The officers of the NHHA shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as the board deems necessary. Officers shall be elected and perform such duties as prescribed in the NHHA by-laws.

- The President is responsible for running the business of the NHHA and acting consistently with Board policies.

- The President is a member of the voting body and has the same rights and privileges as all other Directors, including the right to make motions, speak in debate, and vote on all questions.
- The President will chair and set the agenda for board meetings.
- The President may represent the Board to outside parties.
- The President may delegate any duties to other Directors and Officers as deemed necessary.
- The Vice President will preside at meetings of the Board of Directors in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall perform other duties as requested and assigned by the President, subject to the control of the Board of Directors.
- The Secretary is responsible for fully and accurately recording and distributing board meeting minutes.
- The Treasurer is responsible for reconciling the bank account and producing financial statements. The Treasurer must ensure tax-related documents and legal forms are filed on time, such as the documents required to maintain the organization's tax-exempt status.

Section 4. COMMITTEES. The Board of Directors may form committees as deemed necessary, including ad hoc committees or task forces to carry out specific tasks.

Section 5. ELECTIONS. Directors will be elected by certified ballot mailed to active senior members at least thirty (30) days prior to the NHHA annual meeting. The Chairman or President of the Board shall appoint a nominating committee of four (4) additional Directors who shall nominate the names of candidates to fill director vacancies occurring at each annual meeting.

5.1. Nominees will be introduced to the NHHA membership prior to the annual meeting by mail or electronically.

5.2. Certified ballots will be provided to qualifying members in-person at the annual NHHA meeting and by mail at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. Members may cast certified ballots in-person at the annual meeting or by mail to the address and date provided on ballot.

5.3. In order to vote, members must hold active senior memberships and be in good standing, having paid their annual maintenance fee for that same period. Only one vote per membership will be counted.

5.4. Nominated candidates must be present at the annual NHHA meeting in order to be elected onto the Board of Directors. The nominated candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as a Director.

5.5. The term of a newly-elected Director takes immediate effect after the election.

Section 6. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The Board has the authority to enforce Hereford breed purity guidelines and set other standards pertaining to breed-specific issues for the NHHA.

Section 7. DISMISSAL. Failure of any Director to consecutively attend three regular meetings, 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 or her position shall be deemed vacant, if at any time during the term, the Director is no longer an active member of the NHHA as defined by its by-laws.

Section 8. MEETING NOTICE. Notice of any Director meeting shall be provided 24 hours in advance of the proposed meeting. The notice may be delivered electronically, by phone, or by mail to each Director.

Section 9. VACANCIES. Any vacancies occurring on the Board, whether by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by a majority vote of at least four or more of the remaining members of the Board. The person chosen shall serve until the next annual meeting, at which time a successor will be chosen in a qualifying election by eligible voting members and serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the directorship.

Section 10. QUORUM. A majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Directors. A majority of Directors must also adjourn the meeting to another day or hour or place.

Section 11. BY-LAW AMENDMENTS. The NHHA by-laws may be modified, amended, or repealed at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors by affirmative vote of a majority 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.

Section 12. INDEMNIFICATION. The NHHA shall indemnify any and all persons who may serve or have served at any time as officers or directors, and their respective heirs, administrators, successors and assigns, against any and all expenses including amounts paid upon judgements, counsel fees, and amounts paid in settlement (before or after suit is commenced). Expenses actually and necessarily incurred by such officer, director, or committee member of the NHHA, current or former, in connection with the defense or settlement of any claim, action, suit, 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 III MEMBERSHIP**

Section I. APPLICATION. Any individual, firm, or corporation engaged in or interested in the breeding of purebred Hereford swine may file an application for membership upon a prescribed form. Entities can include more than one individual. However, only one vote is allowed per membership entity or (Herdmark) and must be in good standing with the NHHA.

Section 2. FEE. Each membership application, including Junior, must be accompanied by the required fee.

Section 3. CLASSES. Memberships shall be divided into two classes, namely Senior and Junior.

3.1 Senior Membership. Senior members must be over 21 years of age and meet such terms and conditions as set forth by the NHHA Board of Directors. All senior members will be classified with a status of active once membership fees are paid.

- a) Active Membership. Senior memberships are considered active by maintaining an annual membership maintenance fee through the fiscal year.
- b) Memberships are deemed active, with all membership privileges, 90 days after postmark date of an acceptable application.
- c) New lifetime memberships will no longer be issued, and existing lifetime memberships will no longer be honored.

3.2 Junior Membership. Anyone 21 years of age or younger, as of January 1 in 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. Junior members do not have voting privileges.

Section 4. TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP. Membership in the Association shall not be transferable. No member shall be entitled to or receive any refund of the membership fee or any part thereof, and paid by such member, upon termination, cancellation, surrender, or transfer of his certificate of membership.

Section 5. ANNUAL CPS MAINTENANCE FEE. A maintenance fee will be assessed per calendar year for each active member. This fee will be established by the Certified Pedigreed Swine and will entitle the member 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 1 of each year. In the event the member has not registered pigs for that year the annual maintenance fee may be paid at any time. Members will have voting privileges once their annual CPS maintenance fee is paid.

## **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

Section 1. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual member meeting of the NHHA shall be held at the CPS Summer Type Conference to elect the Board of Directors and conduct other business.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETING. Special meetings of the members may be held upon call and issued by the President or Vice-President. The President shall give notice of such special meeting to each member of at least 15 days prior to the date of such meeting. No business shall be transacted at such meeting except that stated in the notice.

Section 3. NOTICES. Notice of member meetings shall be published on the Certified Pedigree Swine's website.

Section 4. VOTE. In order to vote in the election, members must be an active senior member, having paid their maintenance fee for the same period. Members may vote in-person at the annual meeting or by mail to the address and date provided on certified ballots.

## **ARTICLE V DUTIES OF MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS**

Section 1. DUTIES OF MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS. It shall be the duty of members and non-members to use the privileges granted by the NHHA to, at all times, comply with the NHHA's By-Laws as they now exist, or may hereafter be amended: to keep adequate and sufficient herd records to provide unquestionable identity of all purebred Herefords in the member's herd, or sold from the herd; to require DNA banking at the NHHA office on all boars used for breeding purposes; and to conduct NHHA business as not to endanger, reflect upon, or adversely affect the reputation, welfare, or credit of the NHHA and the Hereford breed at large. All boars must have a DNA banking sent to the office prior to litter registration. The NHHA Board of Directors reserves the right to obtain a new hair or blood sample from any Hereford animal and conduct parentage testing at any time.

Section 2. CODE OF INTEGRITY AND CONDUCT. It is the responsibility of members and non-members who raise purebred Hereford animals to uphold the integrity of the breed and adhere carefully to the guidelines, goals, and principles outlined by the NHHA. The NHHA Board of Directors shall not assume all liability of the Hereford breed, as it is also the duty of its members and non-members to adhere to these bylaws.

- 2.1 Classification prior to exhibition. It is NOT the responsibility of the NHHA Directors to classify Hereford hogs sold online or through private treaty. It is the responsibility of each breeder to classify their own weanlings per the NHHA bylaws.
- 2.2 Conduct and Anti-Harassment. Harassment in any form is strictly prohibited. Examples of harassment include, but are not limited to: epithets; threatening, intimidating or hostile acts; and circulating written or graphic material that unfairly criticizes a member or NHHA Director.
- 2.3 Punishment. NHHA Directors reserve the right to take any necessary and appropriate action against a member or non-member who engages in any form of harassment or inappropriate behavior that is in violation of these guidelines.

Section 3. NON-MEMBER RECORDS. Persons, firms, and corporations who are not members of the NHHA may record pedigrees and transfers of ownership on terms prescribed by the Board of Directors. An application for registry or transfer by a non-member shall constitute an agreement to observe and be bound by the NHHA By-Laws as they now exist, or may hereafter be amended, and to conduct Hereford business as not to endanger or reflect upon the reputation, welfare, or credit of the association and the Hereford breed at large.

Section 4. FALSIFICATION. No member or non-member, using privileges granted by the NHHA, shall in any way misrepresent any fact in connection with Hereford hogs as to breeding, farrowing, ear notches, parentage, or DNA; or in any other way cause false information to be placed upon the NHHA records or presented to the public. Such misrepresentation shall be punishable, but not limited to, denial of NHHA and/or CPS service to the offending party.

Section 5. MEMBER DISCIPLINE. Members and non-members who sell registered Hereford swine to exhibitors who are later disqualified, by review of the NHHA Directors, due to failure to meet breed markings and other requirements as outlined in the By-Laws, are responsible for full reimbursement of the cost paid for the purchase of said non-showable swine. Swine disqualified from a show or sale due to breed markings, without approval by the Board of Directors, are not eligible for full reimbursement.

## **ARTICLE VI POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**The Board of Directors shall have, in addition to all other powers granted to them by law and by the By-Laws of the Association, the following powers and duties, namely:**

Section 1. GENERAL. General supervision of NHHA affairs; management and control of all property; to fix the reimbursement of NHHA officers: to remove any officer elected by the Directors when in their opinion the best interest of the NHHA will be served thereby, such removal to be by a two-thirds vote of all members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. CPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Board of Directors shall vote to appoint Director(s) to sit on the CPS Executive Committee.

Section 3. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS. To make appropriations for breed promotion, publicity and advertising, and special premiums at Fairs and Expositions.

Section 4. APPEAL OF COMPLAINTS. To hear, investigate, and act upon all complaints or charges made by any member or non-member regarding violation of the NHHA By-Laws, which includes member or non-member conduct adversely affecting the reputation, welfare, or credit of the NHHA. To suspend or reinstate such member or non-member complained against. To direct the CEO of CPS to deny all privileges of the NHHA to any member or non-member who owes the association fees, or who has been guilty of failure to complete registration and transfer of ownership for animals sold or misrepresentation of registration.

4.1 Appeal of complaints regarding disqualifications at shows and exhibitions. All decisions

on animal disqualifications made by Director(s) are final and not up for verbal discussion or argument. Any complaint and appeal made in regard to disqualifications at a show or exhibition must be submitted in written form to the CPS CEO and include a \$500 check payable to the National Hereford Hog Show Association 12 hours before the start of the show/exhibition at which the animal has been disqualified (See also Section 3 in Grievances). A majority vote of the Board of Directors will take place.

If decision is overturned, the Board of Directors will reimburse the \$500 paid.

Section 5. CANCELLATION. To direct the CEO of CPS to cancel any registration or transfer certificate when it has been determined that such certificate was issued on the basis of incorrect statements of data, DNA, farrowing dates, ear notches, or altered ear notches, in support thereof or in said applications, and to refuse to make further entries on the record based upon such incorrect certificates of registration or transfer.

## **ARTICLE VII HEREFORD MARKINGS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

*Effective for pigs farrowed November 1, 2022 and thereafter*

*Hereford marking requirements for pigs born before November 1, 2022 can be referenced by clicking [here](#).*

Section 1. IDEAL COLOR MARKINGS. The ideal color marking of all Hereford breeding hogs eligible for registration shall be a deep red or light red with a white head, white ears and four white legs. Ears must break forward.

Section 2. REQUIRED MARKINGS FOR BREEDING ANIMALS.

2.1 Face. The majority (51%) of the face must be WHITE; both skin pigment and hair. The face starts at the top of the forehead, extending down to the back of the jawline to include the eyes, mouth and nose.

2.2 Ears. The ears may be white or red but must break forward.

2.3 Legs. The animal must have at least three white legs where both skin pigment and hair encircle the entire leg above the hoof.

2.4 Body. The body must be at least two-thirds RED; both skin pigment and hair. The body starts at the front of the shoulder and extends back to the rump, excluding the legs. There shall be no white touching the spine of the animal from the back of the shoulder blade to the ham-loin junction.

2.5 Underline. All breeding animals must possess at least six functional teats on BOTH sides of the underline. Pin nipples and inverted nipples are not considered functional.



### Section 3. OTHER MARKINGS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR BREEDING ANIMALS.

3.1 Belt. There shall be no connecting belt anywhere on the body. An occasional spot, splash or drip of white is allowed as long as the two-thirds RED body requirement is met. Belt is defined as a connecting white band that encircles the top and two sides of the animal. It is only considered a belt when red hair is on both sides of the white band and continuously encircles the animal.

3.2 Ears. Erect ears will be disqualified.

3.3 Black spots. Any animal having five black spots larger than one inch in diameter, or any one spot exceeding three inches in diameter will be disqualified.

3.4 Skin Pigment. Yellow skin pigment and hair, as well as a predominately roan color pattern and gray/silver hair on the body will be disqualified.

3.5 Underline. Any breeding animal that does not possess six functional teats on BOTH sides of the underline will be disqualified. Pin teats and inverted nipples are not considered functional.

3.6 Extra dewclaw. Any animal showing evidence of an extra dewclaw; boars with one testicle, or any other deformities will be disqualified and are ineligible for registration.

Section 4. ALTERING NATURAL MARKINGS. Altering natural markings of a Hereford animal in any way, including but not limited to the use of paint, dye or freeze branding to make an animal eligible for registration is prohibited. If proven, violators are subject to expulsion from exhibition, sales, events and removal of the pedigree of said animal in question. Decisions made by the NHHA Directors are final and not open for appeal.

Section 5. HEREFORD MARKET ANIMALS. Market animals shall be eligible for registration with these MINIMUM requirements: at least 50% of a red body, at least two white feet, and must have traces of white on its face.

The face starts at the top of the forehead, extending down to the back of the jawline to include the eyes, mouth and nose.

5.1. Off-marked boars must be registered as barrows. No off-marked males are permitted for breeding purposes or to produce purebred swine.

5.2. 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.

5.3 Off-marked animals and market animals must have ears that break forward.

Section 6. DISQUALIFICATIONS AND PEDIGREE SUSPENSION. Any Hereford breeding animal possessing a short underline, belt, erect ears, a solid white or red color pattern, or that

does not meet minimum market animal requirements (outlined in Section 5) will be disqualified and pedigreed papers will be terminated.

All other off-marked females meeting the market requirements (outlined in Section 5) that are disqualified at CPS events and shows will have their pedigrees suspended until the said animal is of one year of age. This will disqualify them from any further exhibition.

Section 7. **DIAGRAM.** The NHHA Board of Directors has created a diagram to help members and non-members properly identify qualifying animals for registration and exhibition. Said diagram is attached hereto and may be used as a reference. The diagram may be amended by the Directors at any time by a majority vote.

Section 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 according to the NHHA litter-pig system, also known as the 1-3-9-27 system. This means each litter shall 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 1 and July 1 to begin with litter number one (1). A key to this litter-pig system is as follows: a pig's right ear is on its own right and the left ear on its own left. Notches in the pig's right ear serve as litter identification while notches in the left ear serve as individual pig identification. Picture the ear as divided into halves when placing notches, thus providing four sections to place notches, as well as the tip of the right ear. Never use more than two notches in any one section and never more than one notch in the tip of the right ear. Place notches carefully in each section as each notch in a particular section has a point value. These values are added together to identify the litter or pig number. In herds farrowing more than 161 litters a season, special permission for use of the inner and upper half of the left ear as an additional litter number notch may be granted upon request. If and when a person applying to record a litter ear-notches said litter incorrectly due to ignorance of required system, said litters and pigs may be accepted for registration at the discretion of the Breed Secretary/Board of Directors, provided said party can provide acceptable proof that said litters and pigs can be positively identified.

## **ARTICLE VIII RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING RECORDING AND TRANSFER OR PEDIGREES**

Section 1. All patrons of the NHHA, non-members as well as members, shall comply with the following rules and regulations governing the recording of pedigrees and transfers thereof and the filing of breeding certificates per CPS guidelines. Failure to comply with any of said rules shall be subject to the provisions and penalty thereafter prescribed.

Section 2. **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRY TO BUYER.** The NHHA holds the Certificate of Registry to be an integral part of every purebred transaction. In every change of ownership of a Hereford breeding animal, the seller shall, at their own expense, furnish the

buyer a RECORDED PEDIGREE. This pedigree must show transfer of ownership and date of sale unless the right to such certificate is specially waived by the buyer at the time of sale.

Section 3. FORFEITURE OF FEES. Whenever any fees are paid to the NHHA or CPS in connection with an application for registration or transfer, and the Certificate shall not be issued on account of failure of the applicant to provide all information and data required by the NHHA and CPS, such fees may be forfeited.

## **ARTICLE IX GRIEVANCES**

Section 1. FRAUDULENT PEDIGREES. Should any member knowingly impose a fraudulent pedigree upon this Association, or knowingly misrepresent any material fact as to age, breeding or ownership, of any animal the same is being exhibited at any fair exhibition, or offered for sale at any place, including farm, and sworn written charges against him or her are filed, said member shall be tried by the Board of Directors upon due notice, and if found guilty shall thereupon be expelled from membership in this Association, and all his or her rights herein forfeited on the repayment of tender to him or her of the par value of his or her membership in this Association by registered mail and demand return receipt, and said member shall not thereafter be allowed to record another animal in National Hereford Hog Record Association. Said trial shall be conducted under the regulations hereinafter set forth and the result thereof shall be published in the proceedings of the Association for the protection of its members.

Section 2. HEARING. Whenever sworn written complaints are filed with the CPS or NHHA, it shall be the duty of the President to set the hearing for the next meeting of the Board of Directors. The President and/or CEO of the CPS shall notify the member against whom charges shall have been alleged, of the time and place of such hearing. The evidence and/or testimony shall be heard by the Board of Directors, and it shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board to expel a member so charged and tried.

Section 3. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS REGARDING DISQUALIFICATIONS AT SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS. All decisions on animal disqualifications made by Director(s) are final and not up for verbal discussion or argument. Any complaint and appeal made in regard to disqualifications at a show or exhibition must be submitted in written form to the CPS CEO and include a \$500 check payable to the National Hereford Hog Show Association 12 hours before the start of the show/exhibition at which the animal has been disqualified. A majority vote of the Board of Directors will take place.

If decision is overturned, the Board of Directors will reimburse the \$500 paid.

Section 4. RIGHT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS PENDING DECISION. The Board of Directors shall have the right, during the time any complaint is pending against a member or non-member, to deny to such member or non-member any or all the privileges of the Association.

Section 5. RIGHT TO INSPECT HERD AND HERD RECORDS. The Board of Directors shall have the right to inspect or cause to be inspected, the herd and the herd records of any member or non-member, using the privileges of this Association, which could include but not limited to breeding dates, farrowing dates, ear notches, DNA comparison of animals to DNA banked animals on record with the NHHA. Upon demand made by the Board of Directors of the Association any member or non-member, using the privileges of the Association, shall exhibit his or her herd, or shall exhibit his or her records to the Board of Directors or any person or persons designated by the Board of Directors to inspect such herd or herd records, or shall exhibit his or her herd records at such time and place as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors. Should sufficient evidence be found that herd records are inadequate to provide identification of or are incorrect, or that the animals in the herd do not correspond with the pedigrees or DNA on file, the Board of Directors shall, thereupon set a date for the conduct of a hearing on such charge or charges as are justified.

Section 6. CIVIL ACTION. All Members, Non-Members, and persons availing themselves to the services of this organization, including but not limited to registering, transferring, issuing breed certificates, participating in sanctioned shows, shall not commence any civil action, whether in law or in equity, against Certified Pedigree Swine and its member breed associations in any courts other than those Federal or State courts located in the State of Illinois.

Section 7. REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGAL EXPENSES. Following judicial review of any final decision, action or Rule of the Association contested by said members, non-members, and persons availing themselves to the services of this organization, whereby the person fails to have the Association's decision, action or rule reversed or overturned, said member shall reimburse the Association for the reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and other expenses incurred by the Certified Pedigree Swine and its member breed associations in defense of the lawsuit.

Section 8. ERRORS. Upon the discovery of an error in the recorded pedigree or any fact bearing upon it which would have rendered that pedigree ineligible to record, the same shall be cancelled and stricken from the record.

Section 9. FAILURE TO FURNISH PEDIGREES. Should any member file written charges against any breeder who neglects or refuses to furnish necessary pedigrees or other papers for Herefords sold, such charges shall be investigated by the Board of Directors and if sustained, the person convicted, shall be refused the right thereafter to record any pedigrees in this Association until the Board votes to reinstate active membership status.

## **ARTICLE X NON-LIABILITY OF ASSOCIATION**

Section 1. All pedigrees are based upon applications made to CPS and are recorded in reliance upon the information contained therein. Neither the NHHA 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 acts of the NHHA in striking any registration or transfer from the record.

## **ARTICLE XI SUNDRY PROVISIONS**

Section 1. FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year of the Association shall be concurrent with the fiscal year of Certified Pedigreed Swine which currently runs from October 1 - September 30.

Section 2. ORDER OF BUSINESS. Robert's Rule of Order shall govern all meetings. The order of business at all meetings of members so far as possible shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of minutes
4. Report of President
5. Report of committees
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Election and appointments
9. Adjournment

Section 3. USE OF PROXY. Is not allowed.

Section 4. 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 Certified Pedigreed Swine.

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 said 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.

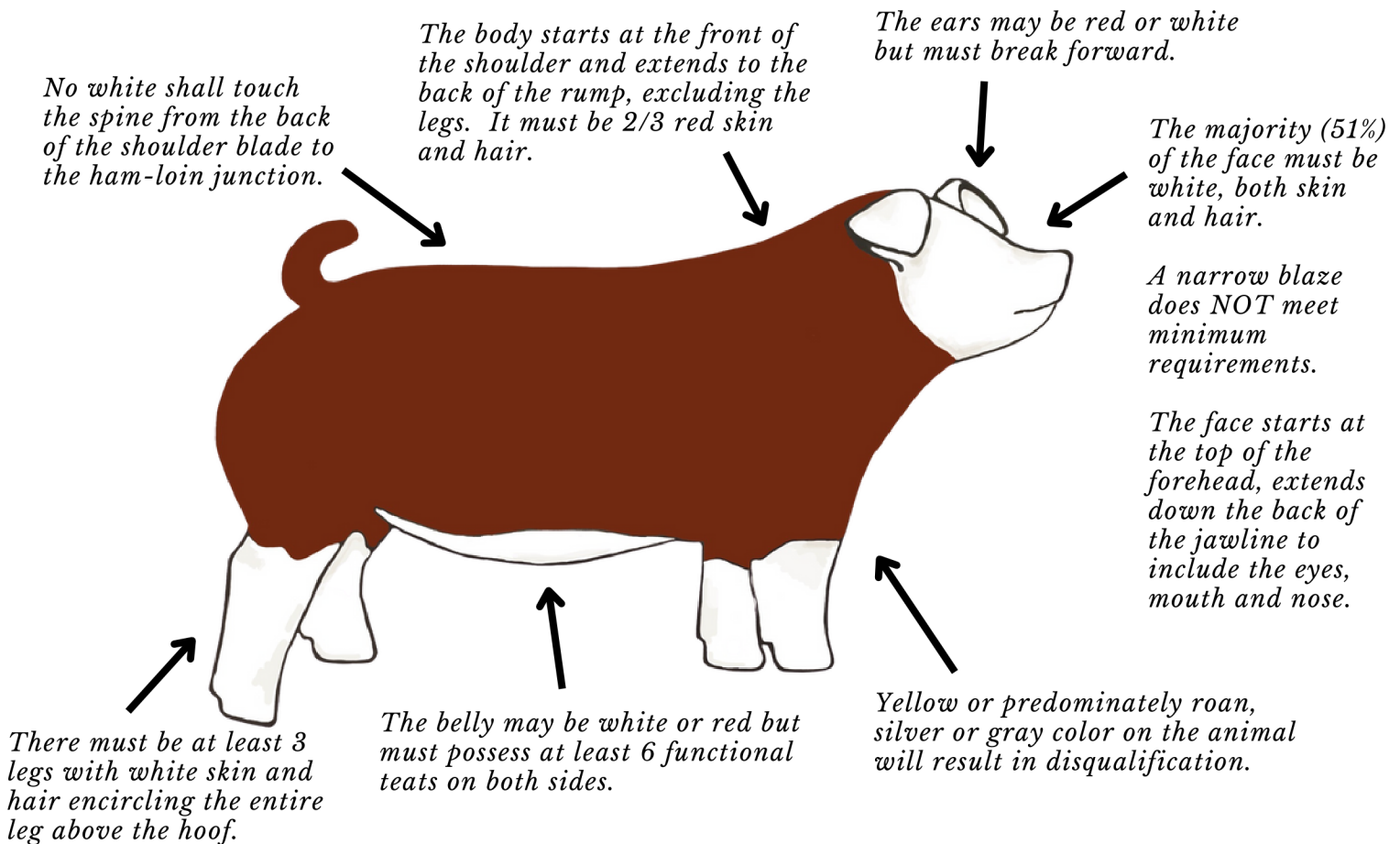
## IDEAL COLOR MARKINGS

*Light or dark red body with a white head, four white legs and white ears that break forward.*

FOR FULL NHHA BYLAWS:



## REQUIRED MARKINGS FOR BREEDING ANIMALS



## REQUIRED MARKINGS FOR MARKET ANIMALS

*At least 50% red body (skin and hair), 2 legs with white skin and hair that completely encircle the leg above the hoof, traces of white skin and hair on the face, and ears that break forward*

**ANIMALS NOT MEETING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO PEDIGREE TERMINATION/SUSPENSION (SEE ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6).**



## ARTICLE VII. HEREFORD MARKINGS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS



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### **Section 2. REQUIRED MARKINGS FOR BREEDING ANIMALS.**

- 2.1 Face. The majority (51%) of the face must be WHITE; both skin pigment and hair. The face starts at the top of the forehead, extending down to the back of the jawline to include the eyes, mouth and nose.
- 2.2 Ears. The ears may be white or red but must break forward.
- 2.3 Legs. The animal must have at least three white legs where both skin pigment and hair encircle the entire leg above the hoof.
- 2.4 Body. The body must be at least two-thirds RED; both skin pigment and hair. The body starts at the front of the shoulder and extends back to the rump, excluding the legs. There shall be no white touching the spine of the animal from the back of the shoulder blade to the ham-loin junction.
- 2.5 Underline. All breeding animals must possess at least six functional teats on BOTH sides of the underline. Pin nipples and inverted nipples are not considered functional.

### **Section 3. OTHER MARKINGS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR BREEDING ANIMALS.**

- 3.1 Belt. There shall be no connecting belt anywhere on the body. An occasional spot, splash or drip of white is allowed as long as the two-thirds RED body requirement is met. Belt is defined as a connecting white band that encircles the top and two sides of the animal. It is only considered a belt when red hair is on both sides of the white band and continuously encircles the animal.
- 3.2 Ears. Erect ears will be disqualified.
- 3.3 Black spots. Any animal having five black spots larger than one inch in diameter, or any one spot exceeding three inches in diameter will be disqualified.
- 3.4 Skin Pigment. Yellow skin pigment and hair, as well as a predominately roan color pattern and gray/silver hair on the body will be disqualified.
- 3.5 Underline. Any breeding animal that does not possess six functional teats on BOTH sides of the underline will be disqualified. Pin teats and inverted nipples are not considered functional.
- 3.6 Extra dewclaw. Any animal showing evidence of an extra dewclaw; boars with one testicle, or any other deformities will be disqualified and are ineligible for registration.

**Section 4. ALTERING NATURAL MARKINGS.** Altering natural markings of a Hereford animal in any way, including but not limited to the use of paint, dye or freeze branding to make an animal eligible for registration is prohibited. If proven, violators are subject to expulsion from exhibition, sales, events and removal of the pedigree of said animal in question. Decisions made by the NHHA Directors are final and not open for appeal.

**Section 5. HEREFORD MARKET ANIMALS.** Market animals shall be eligible for registration with these MINIMUM requirements: at least 50% of a red body, at least two white feet, and must have traces of white on its face. The face starts at the top of the forehead, extending down to the back of the jawline to include the eyes, mouth and nose.

- 5.1. Off-marked boars must be registered as barrows. No off-marked males are permitted for breeding purposes or to produce purebred swine.
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3 Off-marked animals and market animals must have ears that break forward.

**Section 6. DISQUALIFICATIONS AND PEDIGREE SUSPENSION.** Any Hereford breeding animal possessing a short underline, belt, erect ears, a solid white or red color pattern, or that does not meet minimum market animal requirements (outlined in Section 5) will be disqualified and pedigreed papers will be terminated.

All other off-marked females meeting the market requirements (outlined in Section 5) that are disqualified at CPS events and shows will have their pedigrees suspended until the said animal is of one year of age. This will disqualify them from any further exhibition.



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