



# **South Poll Grass Cattle Association Rules & Regulations**

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# **SOUTH POLL GRASS CATTLE ASSOCIATION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **Membership**

1. Regular Membership
2. Junior 8 to 21 years of age
  - a. Juniors will pay regular cattle registration fees
  - b. Parents do not have to be a member for Junior to be a member
3. Membership Name
  - a. Name, Farm/Ranch name, Corporation
4. Membership Application
  - a. Must be filled out for each new member
5. Fees
  - a. Membership fees are \$100/annually and expire December 31st each year. If not received by December 31st, this results in an inactive membership, see 6a.
  - b. Membership fees are non-refundable
6. Inactive Members
  - a. For dues not paid within six months, SPGCA will inactivate account

## **Registration Fees**

1. Members: Percentage, Purebred, Fullblood
  - a. \$20 under 2 years of age
  - b. \$35 over 2 years of age
2. Non-members: Percentage, Purebred, Fullblood Cattle
  - a. Registration \$40 (any age)
3. Registration Certificate Correction \$5.00/each. Which includes animal name changes and errors made by members.
4. A fee of \$45 per hour will be billed for cattle registrations, transfers, or DNA, that take an extensive (shall be determined by registration personnel) amount of time to process.
5. Registration fees may be changed from time to time at the discretion of the Board

## **Transfer Fees**

1. Members: percentage, purebred and fullblood transfers.
  - a. \$20 per animal
2. Non-members: percentage, purebred and fullblood transfers.
  - a. \$40 per animal
3. It is the responsibility of the seller (or sales agent) to apply for and pay for the transfer of all animals. The Association will no longer process any transfer requests from the buyer. Additionally, failure to transfer and(or) transfer applications made after 6 months from the date of sale are subject to temporarily revoked membership rights
4. A seller (or sales agent) that fails to provide the Association with application for transfer of a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale and upon written notice to the Association by the buyer on or after 6 months of failure of transfer by the seller, will be contacted as to the basis for the failure and to seek resolution. If the seller does not timely respond to the Association's request, the seller is subject to temporary suspension of the rights and privileges of membership including processing registration or transfer applications. The temporary suspension will expire upon receipt of the transfer application(s) and full payment.

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The South Poll breed is designed to be slick haired, gentle, fertile, heat tolerant and small to moderate framed.

The South Poll breed consists of equal percentages of Red Angus/Black Angus, Senepol, Hereford and Barzona.

All Fullblood, Purebred and Percentage cattle (see below) must descend from foundation Bent Tree Farms animals.

Hoof color - Black preferred

Horned and scurred cattle will not be discriminated against, but will be noted on the registration papers.

Eye pigmentation is preferred but "white eyed" animals are accepted.

## **Fullblood, Purebred & Percentage Cattle**

### **Fullblood**

1. Fullblood designated animals are four-way crosses consisting of  $\frac{1}{4}$  Red Angus,  $\frac{1}{4}$  Hereford,  $\frac{1}{4}$  Barzona and  $\frac{1}{4}$  Senepol and must be descendants of foundation Bent Tree Farms animals
2. Fullblood status will NOT be designated for animals that are bred up (see below)
3. Fullblood status will NOT be designated for 1<sup>st</sup> generation crosses (i.e. Barzona/Hereford x Senepol/Red Angus)
4. Fullblood designation/registration requires the following to be recorded
  - a. Sire
  - b. Dam
  - c. Birthdate
  - d. Birth weight
  - e. Calving ease
5. Fullblood cattle must be red or red white face in color
6. If an animal is registered with a Multiple Registered Sire (MRS) and/or Dam, it is not eligible to be registered as a fullblood
7. For calves born after June 1, 2025, sire verification via DNA will be required on fullblood, purebred, and percentage animals prior to registration. See submission guidelines on South Poll website.

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## **Purebred**

1. Purebred designation can be obtained from animals that are 'bred up' –assuming one parent descend from foundation Bent Tree stock
  - a. For Females 7/8 is considered Purebred South Poll
  - b. For Bulls 15/16 is considered Purebred South Poll
2. Purebred status will be designated for 1<sup>st</sup> generation crosses (i.e. Barzona/Hereford x Senepol/Red Angus. Subsequent offspring (male or female) of 1<sup>st</sup> generation individuals may be registered as Fullbloods
3. Purebred designation/registration requires the following to be recorded
  - Sire
  - Dam
  - Birthdate
  - Birth weight (Optional)
  - Calving ease
4. Purebred cattle can be any color, including black
5. For calves born after June 1, 2025, sire verification via DNA will be required on fullblood, purebred, and percentage animals prior to registration. See submission guidelines on South Poll website

## **Percentage**

1. Percentage designation shall be extended to all males and females that are as much  $\frac{1}{4}$  and less than  $\frac{7}{8}$  South Poll for females and  $\frac{15}{16}$  South Poll for males
2. To be eligible for registration at least one parent of percentage cattle must descend from foundation Bent Tree Farms animals and be registered with the Association
3. Percentage designation/registration requires the following to be recorded
  - Sire
  - Dam
  - Birthdate
  - Birth weight (Optional)
  - Calving ease
4. For calves born after June 1, 2025, sire verification via DNA will be required on fullblood, purebred, and percentage animals prior to registration. See submission guidelines on South Poll website.

## **Ownership of Sire**

1. A breeder does not have to own any interest in a sire in order to register progeny

## **Calves of Multiple Births**

1. Calves of multiple births must be indicated on the application for registration

## **Embryo Transfer/Cloning**

1. No embryo transfer or cloning is allowed

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## **Identification Requirements**

1. All animals must be uniquely identified with one of the following BEFORE applying for registration
  - a. Fire brand
  - b. Freeze brand
  - c. Metal brucellosis tag or state tag
  - d. EID
  - e. 2 ear tags
  - f. Tattoo
2. No two calves, regardless of sex, can be identified with the same number in the same herd in the same year
3. Once an animal is registered with the SPGCA, the animal's permanent identification cannot be changed on the individual animal.
4. Herd Prefix must be between 2-6 letters and/or numbers.
5. The herd prefix cannot be changed on any historically registered animals.
6. Animal must be named in this order: Herd prefix, sire identification number, dam identification number, animal's identification number.
7. If you choose to add a descriptive name to the animal, the name will be as follows: Herd prefix, sire identification number, dam identification number, name, animal's identification number.

## **Whole Herd Reporting**

1. Whole Herd Reporting is mandatory for members and due annually. Whole Herd reports are available through your member profile. Whole Herd Reports must be submitted by December 31st. Members will not be able to register cattle until the report has been received by the SPGCA office.

## **DNA Testing**

1. For calves born after June 1, 2025, sire verification via DNA will be required on fullblood, purebred, and percentage animals prior to registration. See submission guidelines on South Poll website.