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SECTION I--AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The American Tarentaise Association has as its primary objectives the development, registration and promotion of the Tarentaise breed of cattle in the United States of America. Subject to the rules governing membership, the Association is open to all cattle breeders who wish to import purebreds and/or engage in a supervised upgrading program, and shall endeavor to establish an efficient system of registration and recording. It is the intention of the Association to maintain high breeding standards with emphasis placed on production.

SECTION 2--RULES GOVERNING MEMBERSHIP

- A. Application for membership must be made in writing to the office of the Association.
- B. The Board of Directors shall have the power to accept or reject any applications for membership. The Board of Directors shall also have the power to suspend or expel any member who conducts himself in a manner detrimental to the Association, or fails to comply with the rules and regulations, without the refund of membership fee.
- C. A member whose membership has been revoked must make a written application for reinstatement and can be reinstated only after having received two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Board of Directors.
- D. Legal partnerships or incorporated companies shall specify the person(s) authorized to vote or act on their behalf at any meeting of the Association or to sign registration and transfer applications. Any member may have more than one authorized signature, but all such authorizations must be notarized on the official ATA Authorization form and be on file with the ATA office.
- E. Membership may be transferred from one name to another, maintaining the same number and date, provided that application is made in writing and an appropriate transfer fee is paid, and provided that the transferee is a legal entity in which the transferor of the certificate is part owner, or the transferee is an heir or successor of the transferor.
- F. To transfer from associate or junior membership to lifetime membership, the difference in the membership fees must be paid.

SECTION 3--CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS

- A. "Active Members" shall be owners or breeders of cattle who pay the membership fee of \$75.00 and annual dues of \$75.00 due January 1st of each year. Annual dues must be paid in order to register or transfer cattle, vote, or participate in any American Tarentaise sanctioned event. Annual dues are not paid the first year of membership. If a member is inactive for a period of time, paying dues for the current year would reactivate the membership. Active membership will apply to the estate of a deceased member for one (1) year after death.
- B. "Active Junior Members" shall be those under twenty-one (21) years of age on December 31 who have paid the prescribed fee. Junior Members are not entitled to vote or to hold office in the Association except involving Junior issues. Junior memberships will not be issued in the ranch or corporation name, but only in the junior applicant's name. Junior applicants must submit their birth date along with the Application for Membership. During their 21st year of age, Junior members may apply their \$25.00 Junior Membership fee to an Active Membership.
- C. "Associate/Commercial Members" shall be all who applied for and were accepted for membership by January 1, 1974.

SECTION 4--OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

A. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- 1. The ATA President shall be Chief Executive Officer of the Association. The ATA President shall preside at the meetings and shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors. The ATA President shall issue a call for all Board meetings. The ATA President shall carry on the business of the Association under the Constitution, the By-Laws, and the instructions of the Board of Directors.
- 2. Vice President: In the absence of the President or at the ATA President's request, the Vice-President will perform the duties of said office.
- 3. Treasurer: Under the direction of the Board of Directors, they shall oversee the financial affairs of the Association and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to the treasurer by the President of the Board of Directors.
- 4. Secretary: Responsible for minutes of membership and Board meetings.

OFFICE PRIORITIES

1. Maintain the herdbook (process registrations and transfers).
2. Communication (mainly by mail). Purpose: To maintain and increase membership.
 - A. Prompt correspondence in response to requests for service from members.
 - B. Immediate follow up with promotional materials and information to requests about our breed from potential new members or users of Tarentaise bulls.
 - C. Release official items of interest to our newsletter and social media outlets.
3. Functions of lesser significance, not in order of importance.
 - A. Promote the breed - new releases.
 - B. Coordinate the production of promotional materials.
 - C. Compile performance data.
 - D. Coordinate meetings and events.
 - E. Coordinate activities of our members and regional associates.
4. The Office Manager is an employee of the Association, working for and at the pleasure of the Board with the immediate superior being the President. The Office Manager is responsible for the day to day operation of the office and has the authority to make decisions and spend money on our behalf as necessary to accomplish priorities #1 and #2. It is also the Office Manager's job to carry out decisions and follow up on policies made by the Board of Directors. The Office Manager is not the main spokesperson for our breed and does not have the authority to make policy, produce new promotional information, or spend money on items other than that necessary for the day to day operation of the office and those expenses needed to accomplish priorities #1 and #2 without the approval of the President. In a sentence the Office Manager's job is to register the cattle, answer the mail, and let the members know what is happening. Time and money should not be spent on other areas until these priority items are taken care of.

B. DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

1. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors consisting of seven (7) members. Only Active paid up members in good standing, may be Directors.

The Board of Directors is nominated as follows:

- A. The President of the American Tarentaise Association will appoint a nomination committee that shall consist of the following people: The ATA President; the President of each state and regional association or their representative; any other active members the ATA President may choose.

- B. The nomination committee, either by meeting or conference calls, would have 2 nominations for each vacancy submitted to the ATA office no later than sixty (60) days before the annual membership meeting.
- C. The nomination committee is to consider geographic distribution.
- D. Nominations at large from the membership would have to be submitted to the ATA office no later than sixty (60) days before the annual membership meeting on an application obtained from the ATA office. The returned application must show the name of the nominee and be signed by six active ATA members.
- E. Prior to returning the ballot, all nominees will be contacted by the ATA office to confirm they are available for election and to request a brief resume that may be sent out with the ballots.
- F. The ballots will be mailed from the ATA office. The completed ballots are to be returned to the ATA office for counting no later than two (2) weeks before the annual membership meeting.
- G. The nominees receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected.

These persons would be notified immediately following the counting of the ballots.

2. Ballots will be mailed to the active members with the following:

- A. Blank white envelopes to be used to return ballot in.
- B. An envelope in which to insert the blank envelope. This envelope must be signed by an authorized signature and membership number noted thereon.
- C. Pre-addressed envelope for mailing sealed ballot to the ATA office.
- D. Resumes for each nominee. The nominees receiving the most membership votes for the places to be filled shall be elected and be installed at the ensuing membership meeting. The Office Manager shall canvass these returns and any appeal from his/her decision shall be directed to the Board of Directors.

- 3. All Directors shall be for a three (3) year term of office. Each Director shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms. They shall be again eligible for re-election after a one (1) year absence.
- 4. The Directors shall elect from among their own members a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary whose term of office shall be or one (1) year. This election shall be at the annual membership meeting. All officers may succeed themselves. Said officers are to be elected and introduced to members at said meeting.

5. Vacancies in the Board of Directors resulting from the death, resignation, removal, incapacity or disqualification of any of the members of the Board shall be appointed by the remaining Directors for the balance of the year. The remainder of the term of the vacant directorship will be filled at the next general election.
6. Any Board member missing two consecutive meetings will be automatically removed from the Board, providing they have no justifiable cause.
7. In the event of a tie for the election of Directors at large as voted on by the membership, the tie will be broken by a special election to be held at the next general membership meeting. The election will be by written ballot-signed by the voting member and containing the membership number.

C. INDEMNIFICATION

Each person who shall serve as a Director or Officer of the ATA shall be indemnified against all costs and expenses incurred by or imposed upon them, in connection with or resulting from any action, suit or proceeding, or having been a Director of the Association.

Such indemnification shall include settlements made in amounts approved by the Board of Directors at the time such settlement is effected, whether or not such person is a Director or Officer at the time such costs are incurred by or imposed upon them.

Except, the indemnification shall not apply where they shall be finally adjudged to be liable by reason of having been negligent or guilty of misconduct or otherwise derelict in the performance of his duty as an Officer or Director.

The rights of indemnification herein provided shall be exclusive of other rights to which such person may be entitled as a matter of law.

SECTION 5: COMMITTEES

A. APPOINTMENT, COMPOSITION AND DUTIES:

The Association shall have the following standing committees, appointed by the President, and in addition, such other committees as the President may appoint from time to time. Each committee shall consist of a Chairman and as many members as shall be considered necessary by the President. Each committee, through the Chairman, shall report verbally or in writing to each member of the Board of Directors, and annually to the annual membership meeting.

1. **Executive Committee:** This committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, with the President as Chairman. It shall be their duty to conduct the affairs of the ATA between Director's meetings and carry the instructions of the Board of Directors. The Office Manager is considered an ex officio member of this committee.

2. **The President** will appoint two (2) Board members of each of the Executive Committee members for them to consult on any major decisions.
3. **Rules Committee:** It shall be the duty of this committee to interpret all rules and regulations, and to recommend such changes as they deem necessary to the Board of Directors for their approval.
4. **Performance Committee:** It shall be the duty of the Performance Committee to encourage, promote and evaluate breed performance testing.
5. **Finance Committee:** The Treasurer shall be the Chairman and the Office Manager a non-voting member of this committee. Their purpose shall be to prepare a budget and submit it to the Board of Directors for their approval. They shall also make recommendations to the Board of Directors for the investment of available funds.
6. **Promotion Committee:** This committee shall make recommendations concerning the advertising and promotion of Tarentaise, including displays of live animals and carcasses.
7. **Membership Committee:** This committee shall promote membership in the ATA.
8. **Show Committee:** Subject to Board approval, set up rules and guidelines for national Tarentaise shows to monitor and report any violations. Responsible for setting place, time and date of show; to hire judge(s) and make arrangements for facilities.
9. **Sale Committee:** Set up rules and guidelines for national sale. Be responsible for registration and transfer papers. Appoint a sales manager and hire auctioneer; make arrangements for facilities, setting time, place and date. Preceding should be subject to Board approval.
10. **Grievance Committee:** The responsibility of the Grievance Committee is to investigate and recommend action to the Board of Directors on problems brought to its attention. See Rule VIII.

SECTION 6: MEETINGS

A. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1. An annual membership meeting shall be held once in every calendar year with a maximum time of fifteen (15) months between meetings. The time and place shall be designated by the Board of Directors. All members will be notified either by letter or in the official organ of the ATA at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting. Special business shall be mentioned in the notice of the meeting.
2. A quorum for an annual membership meeting shall consist of the active board members in good standing present.
3. Standard Parliamentary procedure will be followed at all meetings of the association membership and at all meetings of the Board of Directors.
4. Special membership meetings may be held at the discretion of the Board of Directors. All members will be notified by letter or in the official organ of the ATA at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date. The special business shall be mentioned in the notice of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted.
5. Only members in good standing and whose annual dues are paid for the current year are entitled to vote at any ATA meeting.
6. Members may vote by mail at any general membership meeting or special general meeting. Those votes will count as if the member is in attendance. All proposed By-laws changes, or Board rule changes to be ratified by the membership, will be mailed to members, along with ballots for Board of Directors, no less than 30 days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Combination ballot forms may be mailed to the ATA office and must be received no later than 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

1. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held each year in conjunction with and at the same place as the annual membership meeting. Notice of the membership meeting shall contain a notice of the Director's meeting.
2. In addition to the meeting provided for in the above paragraph, the Directors shall meet annually at a time and place to be selected by the Board of Directors, which meeting shall occur approximately six months prior to the next membership meeting.

3. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held on call of the President by giving ten (10) days notice in writing of the time, place and purpose.
4. A majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any Director's meeting.
5. Meetings by Conference telephone or similar communication.

Members of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board through the use of a conference telephone or interactive technology, including but not limited to electronic transmission, internet usage, or remote communication, by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other. Participation in such a meeting shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting of the person or persons participating.

SECTION 7: AMENDMENTS

A. BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS:

The By-Laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a majority of the members present at any annual or special meeting thereof.

All proposed Bylaw changes must be sent to the ATA office in writing and posted not less than 60 days prior to the annual meeting. These proposed changes will be published or mailed to members 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

B. RULES AMENDMENTS:

The Board of Directors shall have the power to amend the rules of this organization by a majority vote of the Directors, with two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors present.

1. Any amendments to the rules by the Board of Directors shall become effective immediately.
2. Any such action of this Board must be subject to the approval of the membership at the next regular annual membership meeting.
3. All rules proposed by members must be sent to the ATA office in writing and postmarked not less than 60 days prior to the annual meeting. The membership must be notified of the proposed changes 30 days prior to the general membership meeting.
4. All rule changes by the Board of Directors will be published or sent to the membership at least 30 days prior to the general membership meeting to be ratified at that meeting.

SECTION 8: STATE AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

- A. State or regional organizations of the members of the American Tarentaise Association may be approved by the Board of Directors for the purpose of engaging in local activities for the promotion of the Tarentaise breed of cattle.
- B. Members of the American Tarentaise Association desiring to have a state or regional Tarentaise organization shall submit to the American Tarentaise Association Directors in writing, an application for charter, accompanied by:
 - Articles of Incorporation
 - Rules and By-Laws
 - Names of Directors and Officers
 - A list of members
 - A statement of the plan of organization and proposed activities of the state or regional association.
- C. State or regional Tarentaise associations shall be confined solely to their own state or regional interests and shall in no way conflict with the aims and objectives of the American Tarentaise Association.
- D. No more than one state or regional Tarentaise association will be recognized in any state without authorization of the American Tarentaise Association Board of Directors.

GENERAL RULES:

RULE I -- TARENDAISE REGISTRY

A. GENERAL:

The Association shall maintain a complete set of records, which shall be placed into a permanent file and properly indexed. This file shall be known as the "Tarentaise Registry". It shall contain copies of Applications for Registration, Certificates of Registration, Applications for Transfer of title, plus all other incidental record or documents pertaining to the registration of fullblood, purebred Tarentaise cattle or the registration of Tarentaise-cross cattle having less than 87.5% Tarentaise blood for bulls and females. Established beef and dairy breeds or crosses thereof may be used as foundation cows.

1. Fullblood, Purebred and Tarentaise-cross Registry: The Office Manager shall cause to be kept and preserved in the office of the association a full and complete record known as the American Tarentaise Association Registry, hereinafter referred to as ATA Registry containing a record of:
 - a. Permanent private herd number (permanent identification such as: tattoo, DNA or brand), breeder, owner, date of birth, sex, sire and dam (including their breeding) of every animal, accepted for entry in said American Tarentaise Association Fullblood, Purebred Registry and Tarentaise Cross Registry in accordance with the rules and regulations governing entries herein; and
 - b. All subsequent transfers of ownership of animals so registered.

RULE II -- STANDARDS FOR REGISTRATION

A. ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION OF PUREBRED TARENDAISE:

Purebred registration shall extend to and be available to all Tarentaise having not less than 87.5% Tarentaise blood, providing that:

1. The sire and dam are registered.
2. Imported Tarentaise in other herd books are registered with the respective breed association herd book of the country of origin and the owner of the animal to be registered shall file a copy of registration certificate of the country of origin with the American Tarentaise Association office.

3. Proof of origin satisfactory to the Board of Directors must be furnished for imported Tarentaise when no herd book exists in the exporting country.
4. Sufficient proof of parentage shall be filed with the American Tarentaise Association office in all purebreds resulting from embryo transplants. It is required that all donor females and service sires are to have DNA through the American Tarentaise Association's approved serology laboratory.
5. The American Tarentaise Association will recognize Canadian Tarentaise Association papers on all sires of a fetus conceived in Canada, carried in cows imported into the United States, and registered with the ATA providing a certified copy of the registration papers of the sire of the calf be submitted at the time of application for registration of the calf.

B. ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION OF TARENDAISE-CROSS CATTLE:

Tarentaise-cross registration shall extend to all females having less than 87.5% but no less than 46.875% Tarentaise blood. To be eligible for registration, each individual case must conform to the rules and standards set forth by the ATA.

1. To be eligible for registration, an animal must be the progeny of a registered ATA sire or dam. For animals 75% blood or higher, both the sire and dam must be registered in the ATA.
2. All progeny resulting from percentage matings will be registered at the actual percentage of progeny is 46.875% or higher.

3. PERCENTAGE CHART

SIRE	DAM	CALF
0	93.75%	46.875%
0	Fullblood 100%	50%
50%	50%	50%
50%	75%	62.5%
50%	87.5%	68.75%
50%	93.75%	71.88%
50%	Fullblood 100%	75%
75%	50%	62.5%
75%	75%	75%
75%	87.5%	81.25%
75%	93.75%	84.38%
75%	Fullblood 100%	87.5% Purebred
87.5% Purebred	50%	68.75%
87.5% Purebred	75%	81.25%
87.5% Purebred	87.5%	87.5% Purebred
87.5% Purebred	93.75%	90.63% Purebred
87.5% Purebred	Fullblood 100%	93.75% Purebred
93.75% Purebred	0	46.875%
93.75% Purebred	50%	71.88%
93.75% Purebred	75%	84.38%
93.75% Purebred	87.5% Purebred	90.63% Purebred
93.75% Purebred	Fullblood 100%	96.88% Purebred
Fullblood 100%	0	50%
Fullblood 100%	50%	75%
Fullblood 100%	75%	87.5% Purebred
Fullblood 100%	87.5% Purebred	93.75% Purebred
Fullblood 100%	93.75% Purebred	96.88% Purebred
Fullblood 100%	Fullblood 100%	Fullblood 100%

C. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

Registration will be accomplished under the same requirements whether the individual to be registered is the result of artificial or natural breeding. A breeder does not have to own any interest in the bull in order to register his progeny.

1. A blood type record or DNA type record of all sires used in artificial insemination must be on file with the ATA.
2. A blood type record or DNA type record of all donor cows used in embryo transplant must be on file with the ATA.
3. DNA typing kits may be obtained from the office. Blood must be drawn by a licensed veterinarian.

D. MULTIPLE SIRES

Fullblood or purebred Tarentaise bulls may be used. The bulls must be registered individually and each bull in the multiple sire group must be DNA typed. All progeny to be registered must be DNA typed to identify the actual sire prior to completion of registration or indexing.

E. REGISTRATION OF FULLBLOOD, PUREBRED, & TARENDAISE-CROSS CATTLE

Application for registration must be typed or printed legibly in ink on official "Application for Registration" forms furnished by the American Tarentaise Association or shall be on a signed computer printout or directly entered into the Tarentaise online Registration system and shall give:

- Name, address, city, state, zip code, phone, authorized signature, pasture date in and pasture date out, and date of application.
- Member number.
- Herd I.D.

The management group within the herd. If calves are given different pre- weaning treatment, this should be arbitrarily coded. Example: calves on irrigated pasture (1), on dry-land pasture (2). Codes are 1-digit only.

Spring or fall calves should also be coded separately.

- 1-DAM ONLY -no creep fed
- 2-DAM PLUS creep fed (≥ 6 weeks)
- 3-Irregular -no ratio
- 4-Embryo transfer

4. CALF PERMANENT I.D.

Before a Tarentaise calf can be registered, it must have a permanent, individual number tattooed, branded or DNA sample with tag on the animal. This identification consists of two parts: First, the breeders ID - This may be a breeder's member number or registered brand or herd prefix that has been reported and approved by the ATA office. In case of non-members, they will need to contact the ATA office who will assign them a number for herd identification. Non-members could also use their brand/herd prefix if it is approved by the ATA office. Second, each animal must have its own unique identifying number plus the international year letter designation which denotes the calendar year of birth as follows: N=2025, P=2026, R=2027, S=2028, T=2029, U=2030, W=2031, X=2032, Y=2033, Z=2034 etc...(The letters "I", "O", "Q" and "V" are not used.)

Thus, a member whose member number is 888 and who uses his member number to identify his herd and identifies the individual animal as 32, and C" indicating that 2015 was the year of birth - this calf's permanent ID would be 888 32C.

DO NOT USE THE SAME ID NUMBER TWICE. Location of the brand or tattoo must be listed on the application for registration.

5. DAM'S ATA NUMBER

When the dam is registered in the ATA herd book, the registration number as shown on her ATA certificate must be listed. When the dam is registered, do **not** list items 6, 7 and 8. The dam must be registered with ATA before her progeny of 46.875% or higher percentage may be registered.

6. DAM'S PERMANENT ID NO.

This is the cow's ID given by the person who first registered her. This is not necessary for the Application for Registration if you refer to the animal by registration number.

7. YEAR DAM BORN

List the last two digits of the year in which the cow was born. If you do not know the exact age of the foundation cow, make an estimate.

8. DAM'S % BREEDS

List all breeds in each dam; the dam's percentage of breeds **must** equal 100%. If a percentage is less than 25%, list as mixed breeds. Do not use fractions less than 25%. Use the listed breed codes only.

9. ACTUAL BREEDING DATES

List the actual A.I. breeding date only. If more than one A.I. service, list all service dates.

10. SIRE'S ATA NUMBER

A sire must be registered in the ATA herd book before his progeny may be registered. List only the sire's ATA registration number. Names or other numbers will not be accepted. If a registered cow was bred by a non- Tarentaise bull and you wish the calf **computed** for the cow's permanent record, so state in the sire's column of the application.

11. List the actual date of birth of the animal.

12. Use listed sex codes only. C = cow, B = bull, or S = steer.

13. The percent Tarentaise must be shown. Listed percentages examples:
25%, 50%, 75%, 87.5% PB, 93.75%, 100%.

14. The name of the animal may not exceed twenty-four (24) numbers or alphabetical letters. Member/non-member numbers, if used, must come after the name. Herd prefix letters may be used preceding the name. Short names, which correspond with the permanent ID are best.

15. CALVING EASE

Use listed calving ease codes only. Calving ease codes are:

1. Unassisted
2. Easy pull (Management decision)
3. Hard pull
4. Caesarian
5. Abnormal presentation (Malpresentation)
6. Stillborn

16. Actual birth weight must be recorded on all calves.

17. MULTIPLE BIRTHS

a) In multiple births, the number born and sex of the other calf must be listed. If a heifer is born twin to a bull, the heifer will not be eligible for registration until proven a breeder, or the heifer may be DNA typed after 90 days of age to determine fertility. (Contact the ATA office for a DNA kit) All animals born in a multiple birth must be entered on the form.

b) Multiple Birth Codes:

1 - Single

2 - Twin

3 - Triplets

18. Horned, polled or scurred: If left blank on the application, it will be assumed horned.

Codes are:

- H - Horned
- P - Polled
- S – Scurred

19. Weaning Weight: Weaning weights must be reported and should be taken between 160 and 250 days of age. Weaning weights are adjusted to 205 days. Actual weaning weights are preferred, but taped weights will be accepted and must be indicated on the application. Please note either actual or taped on the front of the application.

20. Date Weighed: List actual month, day and year weight was taken.

21. Yearling Weight: Bulls can be registered with 205-day weight. A Yearling weight is optional for the registration. Yearling weights are adjusted to 365 days. Yearling weights must be taken between 330 and 400 days of age. Taped weights will be accepted and must be indicated on the application.

22. Date Weighed: List actual month, day and year weight was taken.

23. Register, transfer or index -Codes:

- R - Register only
- UNR -Hold paper for online Transfer OR Compute Information

24. Computer printouts containing the application information will also be accepted as long as it is the exact same format as the ATA Application for Registration form, or registration applications may be submitted by an ATA member using the online ATA Cattle Registration System. Online Registry applications shall be considered to have a member's electronic signature, by means of a member's unique and private access code to the online registry system. The proper ATA transfer form must accompany animals marked with "T" to be transferred.
25. Leased Cattle: When registering calves out of animals not owned by you, a statement from the owner must accompany the registration.

F. SALE OF CALF AT SIDE OF COW:

A member of the ATA who sells a calf eligible for registration and at the side of the cow, must permanently identify such calf before it is sold and delivered.

Only the owner of a registered female can register her calves.

The seller must furnish the purchaser at the time of the sale, an application for registration and transfer of the calf so sold, duly filled out and signed, in order that the purchaser can complete registration of the calf. The buyer must then complete the necessary weaning and/or yearling data and pay for the registration of the calf.

G. MULTIPLE BIRTHS:

When applying for registration of twins, or one member of twins, the word "twin" must be written following the animal's name on the application, and the sex of the other twin must be given. Unless this is done, no application for registration of the other twin will be accepted. In births of twins or multiple births, a separate application must be submitted for each animal. The word "twin" or whatever multiple birth should appear on each pedigree.

- In case of twins of opposite sex, the female cannot be registered until proven as a breeder, at which time the extra fee for age shall be waived. The fertility of the heifer may be determined by DNA typing after 90 days of age.

H. NAMES OF ANIMALS:

1. The names of animals being registered shall not be more than twenty-four (24) letters, numbers and spaces. This may include the member or non- member number, prefixes, dashes and slashes.
2. Names of imported animals shall be the same as shown on the certificate of registry from the country of origin. To change the name, the name must be changed in both countries.

3. As long as no progeny has been registered, by written consent of the first owner (person registering the animal), a new owner may change the name of the animal.

I. BREEDER'S RECORDS:

Each active member shall keep a private book, in which all entries concerning his herd shall be kept current, covering all Tarentaise animals registered in this Association.

J. CORRECTION OF CERTIFICATES:

When new certificates are received from the association, they should be checked immediately to determine if they are correct. If an error is found or correction found necessary, it should be returned to the association office for correction. Any writing on the certificate not made in the ATA office will invalidate the certificate and necessitate the issuance of a duplicate at regular fee to the holder. No alteration of any kind should be made on a certificate except in the association office because it will not then conform to the copy kept on file by the association. Errors made by the office will be corrected free of charge, but if made by the breeder or owner, the regular correction charge will be made.

K. DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES:

Duplicate certificates can be obtained by contacting the ATA office. Once a duplicate certificate is issued, the original is then null and void and cannot be used. Transfer of the animal must be done on the duplicate certificate.

L. DETERMINATION OF PARENTAGE:

1. Where parentage is questioned by the association, DNA typing will be required and the ATA will stand the cost. In other cases, the breeder will pay the DNA typing fee. (An example would be a bull used for artificial insemination.) DNA typing may be processed at the DNA laboratory approved by the American Tarentaise Association Board of Directors. Blood must be drawn by a licensed veterinarian.
2. ATA will initiate a program of DNA typing on a random sampling basis from a Specified number of animals registered each year. The number to be sampled will be determined by the ATA Board of Directors annually.

M. DEFINITION OF BREEDER ON REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

The breeder is defined as the owner of the cow at the time of conception.

RULE III -- TRANSFER OF ANIMALS

A. APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER:

1. Application for Transfer shall be signed by the seller and submitted to the ATA for processing. The signer shall be the same as the authorized signature for the membership.
2. The application must give the printed name and address of the new owner and date of sale.
3. For a registered animal the registration certificate is used for the Application for Transfer by completing information on the back of the certificate. For females, breeding information must be completed. The breeding status of transferred females will show on the new certificate issued.
4. For the circumstance of "transfer at the time of Online Registration" where a registration certificate has yet to be printed, a transfer request sent to the ATA office by (FAX) or by an email attachment will be accepted as long as it contains all required information for the transfer and the seller's signature.

RULE IV -- BREED PROMOTION

- A. In breed promotion, the American Tarentaise Association will place emphasis on performance, fertility, maternal characteristics and profitability.

NOTE: The steer must be sired by a registered Tarentaise bull.

RULE V -- FEES

- A. It will be the policy of the American Tarentaise Association that the seller will pay the registration and transfer fees, except in the case of a calf sold at the side of the dam.
- B. Fees may be changed at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
 - 1. Membership Fees:
 - Active Member \$75.00
 - Associate/ Commercial Member \$50.00
 - Junior Member \$25.00 (one time fee)
 - 2. Registration Fees: All fees for non-members are double the fees for members, except registering a calf from a non-CHR enrolled female will cost \$25 for a member, or \$50 for a non-member. See attached schedule for registration fees.
 - 3. The American Tarentaise Association will recognize Canadian Tarentaise Association registration certificates and register these animals in the ATA registry based on the lowest fees providing registration is applied for within 90 days of receipt of the CTA registration certificate. Registration fees will be doubled after 90 days. No transfer fee will be charged.

RULE VI -- ERRONEOUS ENTRY

- A. Should any animal be admitted or transferred through error, fraud or misrepresentation, the Executive Committee, on discovery of the same, shall declare the entry or transfer void, together with any entries that may have been made of descendants of such animal. When an animal shall have been transferred or entered through misrepresentation or fraud, the Executive Committee may direct the Office Manager to refute for record any subsequent entry or transfer dependent upon the signature of any person implicated in such fraudulent entry or transfer.
- B. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the association assumes no responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any loss or damage that may be sustained by any individual, partnership, firm or corporation by reason of the suspension, cancellation or correction of any registration, transfer or other documents or by reason of the rejection of any application of membership in the association.

RULE VII -- NATIONAL TARENDAISE SIRE SUMMARY

- A. The ATA shall publish at regular intervals, a National Sire Summary indicating the performance records of progeny of the registered Tarentaise bulls with sufficient number of progeny.

RULE VIII -- MEMBERSHIP DISCIPLINE AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

A. MEMBERSHIP DISCIPLINE;

Any member may be suspended or expelled and any member or non- member may be denied any or all of the privileges and rights of the ATA by the Grievance Committee of the ATA for cause after a hearing. Written notice of the date, time and location of the hearing shall be given to the member or non-member not less than fifteen days prior to the hearing. (A summary of the complete disciplinary procedures can be obtained upon request from the American Tarentaise Association office.)

B. GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE AND PROCEDURES:

The Grievance Committee of the American Tarentaise Association shall be appointed by the President of the American Tarentaise Association. (A summary of the grievance procedures for the ATA can be obtained upon request from the ATA office.) A copy of the grievance procedures shall accompany any letter of grievance.

****FEE SCHEDULE: EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023**

ANNUAL DUES:

Active Membership Dues- \$75.00

Associate/Commercial Membership Dues- \$50.00

Junior Members Dues – one time - \$25.00

ANNUAL CHR FEE \$20.00

Covers registration/compute of calf/calves produced that year, and first transfer of calf/calves.

<u>Register/compute eligible animal, CHR dam</u>	<u>- Free</u>
<u>Register halfblood animal with Tarentaise Sire</u>	<u>- \$20.00</u>
<u>Register Tarentaise import (CA & EU)</u>	<u>-\$25.00</u>
<u>Register animal from non-CHR dam</u>	<u>-\$25.00</u>
<u>Embryo Transfer animal registration</u>	<u>-\$20.00</u>
<u>Late fee CHR (after Mar 1 Spring calvers, after Sept. 1 fall calvers)</u>	<u>-\$5.00</u>

TRANSFER FEES of previously registered animals

1 st transfer, dam enrolled in CHR	- Free
2 nd transfer or more	- \$10.00

Note: transfer requires signature of the seller
Sale of cow w/calf at side - no added fee

Multiple Sire Group Fee \$10.00

(Each bull must be registered as an individual at the normal fee.)

ADDITIONAL SERVICE FEES

Duplicate Certificate \$ 5.00
Correction of Certificate \$ 5.00
Name change - Animal \$ 5.00
Name change - Membership \$10.00

****Non-member Fees: double that of ATA Members**

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