

Revised and Simplified Registration Process

By-Law 1 of 2020; Adopted by the Board of the Square Meaters Cattle Association of Australia (Association) on 20 November 2020

This By-Law replaces existing By-Laws on the same subject (some of which have been previously called 'guides' or 'registration regulations'). The Board passes this By-Law pursuant to article 31 of the Articles of Association.

Purpose: *The purpose of this By-Law is to streamline the process for registering Square Meater cattle. The Board aims to remove processes which are no longer necessary or cause undue difficulty to members. Through these simplifications, the Board seeks to encourage higher levels of animal registration, to ensure genetic diversity remains prevalent and the Association grows its membership and herd numbers.*

Simplified Registration Process for Square Meaters Cattle

The revised and simplified registration process allows additional flexibility for members, and recognises the importance of ensuring an easy, simple process for members to register their cattle with the Association.

- 1. Registration requirements:** To register an animal with the Association, the applicant must be a full, youth or school member of the Association and have paid the prescribed annual membership fee. The applicant must also be the breeder of the animal.
- 2. Registration process:** The registration process is now available fully online (www.lbcentre.com.au) Members can still request a manual form at info@lbcentre.com.au or via phone on 02 4232 3333.

The requirements for registration are as follows:

- **Interim (calf) registrations:** These are only required for special circumstances, including where animals are due to be exhibited at an agricultural show; the animal is due to be transferred before the age of 10 months; or the member wishes to record the registration for their own purposes at their discretion.
 - **Full (adult) registrations:** Though ideally animals should be registered at 12 months, a more flexible time range will be permitted, acknowledging the practical requirements associated with height measurements for breeders. Registration will therefore be accepted as follows:
 - Between 10 months and 15 months of age – normal fees will apply
 - Between 16 months and 24 months of age – \$10 late fee per animal will be payable and board approval will be required;
 - Over 24 months of age – by special circumstances only, with late fees payable to be determined by the Board. If granted by the Board, such animals would be Class B only.
 - Progeny recording forms are no longer required.
- 3. Height measurements:** At the time of full registration, animals must be measured as per the Association's Frame Score System (see Diagram 1 and Table 1 below) and submitted with the registration application.
 - Bulls measuring outside these scores cannot be registered.
 - Females measuring outside these scores can be registered as 'Class B', though noting it is not generally in the best interests of the Association to register females who are under-height.

4. **Mannosidosis testing:** Bulls must be Mannosidosis tested before application for registration, and the results of mannosidosis testing should be forwarded to the LBC Centre at the same time as the application for registration. A declaration must be completed and lodged at the same time. Further guidance is provided at Annexure A.
5. **Other requirements**
 - Multiple birth progeny must be identified and male female combinations tested for Freemartin status
 - Calves born by artificial insemination must have an AI Certificate completed by the technician at the time of insemination, with a copy sent to the LBC Centre with the application for full registration.
6. **Removal of previous requirements**
 - Members are no longer required to have an independent witness supervise height measurements or declare height measurements. Members are however, reminded that it is not in the interests of the Association or the genetic diversity of the Square Meaters herd to register animals outside the height requirements, as well as being prohibited.

Table 1 – Square Meaters Cattle Association of Australia
Frame Score System

RICK PISATURO/DON BURKE FRAME SCORE SYSTEM

CLASS “A”

1-5 DESIGNATED PUREBRED

BULLS:	1	2	3	4	5
8 MTHS	98	100	102	105	108
12 MTHS	103	105	107	110	113
18 MTHS	108	110	113	115	120

CLASS “A”

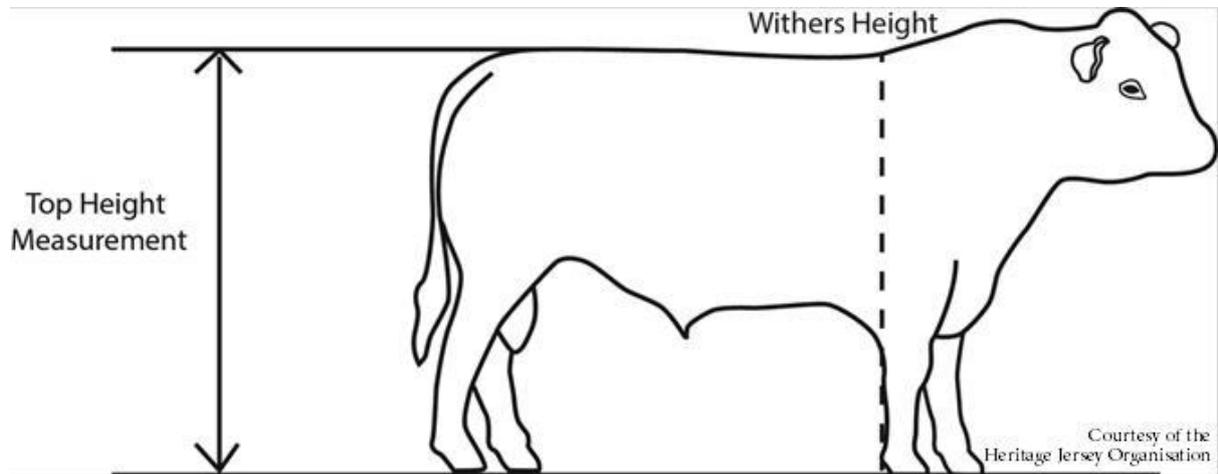
1-5 DESIGNATED PUREBRED

FEMALES:	1	2	3	4	5
8 MTHS	95	97	99	102	105
12 MTHS	100	102	104	107	110
18 MTHS	105	107	109	112	115

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Diagram 1 -

Indicating the placement position of the measurement tool at the shoulder.



Annexure A – Mannosidosis testing guidance

Mannosidosis is a genetically transmitted defect and testing is conducted by pulling hairs from the animal's tail, ensuring that the follicle (root) is intact.

Hair pulls should be conducted in the presence of an independent witness (who should inspect and verify the bull's tattoo).

Breeders may wish to utilise their local state and territory based services to test for mannosidosis. For example, in New South Wales, samples can be sent to: NSW Agriculture, Regional Veterinary Laboratory PMB 8, Camden NSW 2570.

Once results are received, the breeder must forward the results to the LBC Centre, at the same time as the application for registration of the animal.