

## **MOTIONS**

**MOTION 1 VICTORIAN BRANCH MOTION - to stop a goat being registered in two different breeds at the same time.**

**That the Definitions which reads**

“Registered” in relation to an animal denotes entered or registered in the Herd Book or in the case of a doe, or a buck, of a breed with a complying Appendix system, in Appendixes A to E (both inclusive) of the Herd Book, or in the Identification Record of the Herd Book or the Experimental listing of the Herd Book, should it be in place.

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**MOTION 3 VICTORIAN BRANCH MOTION**

**That Regulation 16 which reads**

- 16 a) No animal shall be eligible for registration in the Herd Book unless:
  - i) The applicant is a member of the Society or such other person as approved by the Council.
  - ii) It conforms to the breed standard of the following accepted breeds: SAANEN, TOGGENBURG, BRITISH ALPINE, ANGLO NUBIAN, AUSTRALIAN MELAAN, AUSTRALIAN BROWN, NIGERIAN DWARF, LAMANCHA, ALPINE, SABLE or the requirements of the Identification Record or Experimental Section, and meets any assigned Appendix system.

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**MOTION 4 VICTORIAN BRANCH MOTION – Importation of Semen and Embryos**

**That Regulation 56 which reads**

The DGSA recognises and accepts any future semen or embryo imports from the USA which are recognised in their Herd Book. The semen or embryos are to be from pure dairy animals, with four generations of lineage and from one of the DGSA recognised dairy breeds. Such semen or embryos are automatically eligible for registration in our Herd Book. Documented proof of the semen or embryo importation and USA registration would be required to be sent to the Federal Secretary before any registration in the DGSA Herd Book could be finalised.

**Be changed to read**

The DGSA recognises and accepts semen or embryo **imports from overseas on the proviso that they are from a Herd Book that the DGSA recognises.** The semen or embryos are to be from pure dairy animals, with four generations of lineage, and from one of the DGSA recognised dairy breeds. **Importation and primary registration documentation must be provided.**

**Reason** USA alone is too limiting, and unnecessary.

**MOTION 5 VICTORIAN BRANCH MOTION**

**That Regulation 2d) which reads**

2. d) Goats may be registered that are bred by non-members when those goats are purebred, registered with the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) and of a DGSA recognised breed. Such goats can be transferred to a DGSA member upon registration when they are live animals in Australia and the DGSA member has proof of ownership. DGSA member to pay registration and transfer fees.

### **Be changed to read**

- 2 d) Goats may be registered that are bred by non-members when those goats are **of a DGSA recognised breed, and**
- i) **purebred, and registered with an overseas Herd Book that the DGSA recognises.**
  - ii) **if Nigerian Dwarf, complying with Regulation 83g).**  
If the animal is a live animal in Australia, it can be transferred to the DGSA member upon proof of ownership.

**Reason** Ties in with Motion 4. i) covers any semen/embryo imports coming from any Herd Book overseas that the DGSA recognises. ii) covers recognised Nigerian Dwarf certificates. The live animal wording covers both sections - recognised certificate animals and also if a live animal is imported to Australia.

### **MOTION 6 VICTORIAN BRANCH MOTION - This motion has come from the Nigerian Working Party – Unified Show Schedule**

Federal Council to establish a Working Party to further explore the possibility of the same show schedule being used across different States (members from each State represented, with a Nigerian subsection to consider how the Nigerian is dealt with within this with regards to height – should over-height animals be allowed to be shown, and how should the Nigerian Dwarf be dealt with within T&P classes). Working party findings to be presented at 2027 Federal Council meeting

### **MOTION 7 VICTORIAN BRANCH MOTION This motion has come from the Nigerian Working Party – Removal of Appendix X, and also to change the age of measurement from four to three years of age.**

**That the Nigerian Dwarf Breed Standard - size and disqualification section - which reads**

- **SIZE:** Does – maximum 57cm (22.5”), minimum 43cm (17”). Bucks – max 60cm (23.5”), minimum 43cm (17”). Measurement to be taken after reaching 4 years of age.
- **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Wry face. Double or supernumerary teats. Double orifices. Blind teats. Spurs/sprigs on teats. Pendulous ears, La Mancha ears. Undescended testicles in bucks, or one testicle only. Obviously undershot or overshot jaw (side profile). Intersex. Over breed standard recommended maximum height or under the breed standard minimum height when measured at 4 years of age (or older) disqualifies animals from registration in Purebred Section.

### **Be changed to read**

- **SIZE:** Does – maximum 57cm (22.5”), minimum 43cm (17”). Bucks – max 60cm (23.5”), minimum 43cm (17”). Measurement **can** to be taken after reaching **4 3** years of age.
- **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Wry face. Double or supernumerary teats. Double orifices. Blind teats. Spurs/sprigs on teats. Pendulous ears, La Mancha ears. Undescended testicles in bucks, or one testicle only. Obviously undershot or overshot jaw (side profile). Intersex.

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**Reason/further information** (4 has a line through it in above size section – computer can't pick this up). Reasoning - purebred is purebred – animals should not be in a 'holding appendix' awaiting height verification as purebred is purebred – height is irrelevant. Not many members are height verifying their animals anyway. To be noted this is not related to how height is dealt with in the show ring – ie should over-height animals be allowed to be shown or not. Any Nigerians that are height verified – height can still be added to official records, at owner's discretion. Also changed age at measurement – 4 years to 3 years to be more consistent with other societies.

### **MOTION 8 VICTORIAN BRANCH MOTION - This motion has come from Nigerian Working Party – Removal of Appendix X**

#### **That the Nigerian Dwarf Appendix which reads**

- a) Nigerian Dwarf Doe and Buck progeny of differing Appendix genitors are eligible for registration one (1) grade higher than the lesser Appendix.
- b) Nigerian Dwarf Doe and Buck progeny of the same Nigerian Dwarf Appendix genitors are eligible for registration one (1) grade higher than the genitors Appendix.
- c) A Buck or a Doe may be registered in Appendix D of the Nigerian Dwarf Section of the Herd Book provided it has a minimum of one parent registered as a Nigerian Dwarf and inspection requirements in 1 (a) have been met.
- d) Registration into the Purebred Section (Grade P) is not automatic. All animals eligible for Purebred Section registration are initially placed in a holding appendix, Appendix X, pending official height verification.
- e) Any animal with a parent of the Nigerian Breed cannot be registered into the Appendix system of any other breed.
- f) Further specific Regulations regarding Nigerian Dwarfs include:
  - i) Regulation 83 (Official measurement. Recognising other Society service certificates. Recognising other Society certificates).
  - ii) Regulation 96 (List of recognised Societies).

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- c) A Buck or a Doe may be registered in Appendix D of the Nigerian Dwarf Section of the Herd Book provided it has a minimum of one parent registered as a Nigerian Dwarf and inspection requirements in 1 (a) have been met.
- d) **Prior to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**, registration into the Purebred Section (Grade P) **is was** not automatic. All animals eligible for Purebred Section registration **are were** initially placed in a holding appendix, Appendix X, pending official height verification. **On 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 Appendix X was made obsolete. This means any animals that are eligible for purebred registration on or after this date will be registered as**

**Purebred, Grade P. The need for official measurement to qualify for Purebred registration has also been removed. Owners of existing animals registered as Appendix X can apply to have their animal/s certificates upgraded, upon payment of prescribed fee.**

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  - iv) Regulation 96 (List of recognised Societies).

**MOTION 9 VICTORIAN BRANCH MOTION - This motion has come from Nigerian Working Party – Removal of Appendix X, also dealing with measurement/age of measurement**

**That Regulation 83, Measurement, and Recognising other Society Certificates section, which reads**

#### **MEASUREMENT**

- a) Nigerian Dwarfs can be height verified any time after reaching four years of age. Application, with payment of prescribed fee, can be made to the Federal Secretary for animals meeting the recommended breed height specification for transferral from Appendix X to the Purebred Section (Grade P).
- b) Height is to be verified by an official measurer – a Dairy Goat Panel Judge or an appointed Branch Inspector.
- c) Animals need to be officially measured only once. The official height, upon application, will be transcribed onto their pedigree and registration level updated/papers reissued. Goats not measured and/or not applied to be upgraded will remain in Appendix X. Goats measured and found to be over height (OH) or under height (UH) will be transferred back to Appendix A with their pedigree amended to include their measured height along with the code OH or UH respectively. It will be the duty of the official measurer to notify the Federal Secretary of all goats officially measured and found to be OH or UH.
- d) Measurement Definitions
  - i) Official Measuring Device – DGSA approved measuring device (check with State Branch for more information).
  - ii) Official Measurer: Appointed Branch Inspector or Dairy Goat Panel Judge.
- e) Procedure for Official Measuring
  - i) The goat is to stand with its head in a relaxed position, and stand squarely on all four hooves with legs in a vertical line to the ground. The goat is not to lean forwards or backwards. The goat must be standing on a firm surface that is flat and level. Surface to be solid ground, wood, or preferably, concrete. Hooves are to be neatly trimmed.
  - ii) The height is measured in centimetres or inches using an official measuring device.
    - a) Height measurement to be taken at the highest point of the wither to the ground.

- b) A total of three measurements must be taken, then added together and divided by three. This will give an overall average, with the result being the height of the goat.
- c) Upon measurement, the official measurer to record the date, name of goat, registration number and height on the D.G.S.A. prescribed form and sign their name.

### RECOGNISING OTHER SOCIETY CERTIFICATES

- a) vi) Nigerian Dwarfs registered outside DGSA and applied to be recognised for registration with DGSA will be placed into the appropriate Appendix depending upon the percentage of Nigerian Dwarf breeding as outlined below:
  - 25 – 50% Nigerian Dwarf                      Appendix D.
  - 51 – 75%    Appendix C.
  - 76 – 87.5%    Appendix B.
  - 87.6% - 93.75%                                  Appendix A.
  - 93.76 – 100%                                      Appendix X (holding appendix for animals awaiting height verification)
  - Fullblood / Purebred                              Height verified animals

### Be changed to read

### 83. SPECIFIC NIGERIAN DWARF REGULATIONS

#### MEASUREMENT

- a) Nigerian Dwarfs can be height verified any time after reaching **three** ~~four~~ years of age. Application, with payment of prescribed fee, can be made to the Federal Secretary. ~~for animals meeting the recommended breed height specification for transferral from Appendix X to the Purebred Section (Grade P).~~
- b) Height is to be verified by an official measurer – a Dairy Goat Panel Judge or an appointed Branch Inspector.
- c) **An animal** ~~Animals~~ needs to be officially measured only once. The official height, upon application, **can be** ~~will be~~ transcribed onto their pedigree. ~~and registration level updated/papers reissued. Goats not measured and/or not applied to be upgraded will remain in Appendix X. Goats measured and found to be over height (OH) or under height (UH) will be transferred back to Appendix A with their pedigree amended to include their measured height along with the code OH or UH respectively. It will be the duty of the official measurer to notify the Federal Secretary of all goats officially measured and found to be OH or UH.~~
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  - 93.76 – 100%                                      **Purebred Appendix X (holding appendix for animals awaiting height verification)**
  - ~~Fullblood / Purebred~~                      ~~Height verified animals~~

### **MOTION 10 NIGERIAN WORKING PARTY – recognised certificates**

**That Regulation 83 a) i) -v) which reads**

### **RECOGNISING OTHER SOCIETY CERTIFICATES**

- a) The following points relate to the recognising of other society certificates.
  - i) The DGSA will not recognise another society’s certificate for an animal that has been bred by a DGSA member. Such animals must be direct registered with the DGSA – if not direct registered with the DGSA another society’s certificate will only be recognised if said animal has been sold.
  - ii) The animal must conform to the DGSA Nigerian Dwarf Breed Standard.
  - iii) The applicant must be shown as the owner on the animal’s certificate (or a receipt/waybill included to authenticate the purchase of the animal). A copy of the registration certificate must be forwarded to the Federal Secretary.
  - iv) The certificate must contain DNA parent verification for that animal.
  - v) Application must be accompanied by payment of applicable registration and transfer fees.

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- v) Application must be accompanied by payment of applicable registration and transfer fees.

**Reason** To be more open with letting members register animals they may have registered elsewhere, but now want to register with us, and to bring dna requirements in line with our own requirements.

#### **MOTION 11 NIGERIAN WORKING PARTY**

**That Regulation 16g) which reads**

16 g) The DGSA accepts registrations of DNA parent verified goats at triple the fee, providing a minimum of three generations are registered. This Regulation is exempt from 1 (a) and 1 (b).

**Be changed to read**

16 g)

- i)The DGSA accepts registrations of DNA parent verified goats at triple the fee, providing a minimum of three generations are registered – **such goats are** exempt from 1 (a) and 1 (b).
- ii) **Nigerian Dwarf goats conforming with Regulation 83 - Recognising Other Society Certificates - are exempt from age limit restrictions.**

**Reason** Tying in with Regulation change to 83a) above - just making an age-related exemption for Nigerians coming in on recognised certificates.

#### **MOTION 12 VICTORIAN BRANCH MOTION – removed Colonial Percy Island Goats from Experimental Section**

**That Regulation 18 which reads**

##### **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION (Colonial Percy Island Goats)**

The purpose of the Experimental Section is to provide recognition of Dairy Goats, which are not eligible for registration in the breed sections and are being used to create a new breed.

- a) Animals must be distinctly dairy type.
- b) DNA verification must be submitted with the application for registration, showing that the animal is purebred – only containing Colonial Percy Island genetics.

- c) Animals must be free from the following faults – under shot or over shot jaw, wry face, double teats, double orifice, intersex, supernumerary teats, undescended testicles in bucks or one testicle only.
- d) Listing in this Section is as required for registration in Appendix E of the Breed Section except that no inspection is required and the listing certificates must be stamped with “For E.B. only, Experimental Breed”. There shall be no age limit on the listing of goats (bucks or does) in this section.
- e) Animals must be tattooed. The recorded number will be preceded by the letters EB. The tattoo requirement is the same as for the breed sections (i.e. owner’s registered tattoo mark in the right ear and a serial number in the left ear).
- f) They shall not be eligible to compete in general show classes against the recognised dairy breeds. They may however compete in Best Udder classes against the recognised breeds. They may also participate in lactation and 24-hour testing and the Special Awards for this testing: e.g. \*, Q\*, \*Q\*, R or F figures, †, Section Mark (§), Double Section Mark (§§), etc. These milking awards shall be documented in the same manner as exists for both bucks and does of the recognised dairy breeds.
- g) Progeny of goats in this section may only be listed in this section.
- h) Service certificates issued in respect of any buck, in this section must be stamped “For E.B. only, Experimental Breed” will only be recognised if accompanied by written acknowledgment signed by both the owner of the buck and the owner of the doe served that the listing of the buck and of any resultant offspring is clearly understood.
- i) Transfer certificates issued in respect of any goat (buck or doe) in this section must be stamped “For E.B. only, Experimental Breed”, will only be recognised if they are accompanied by written acknowledgment signed by both the owner and the purchaser that the listing of such goat and future offspring is clearly understood.
- j) No goat listed in the Experimental Section may be identified in any publication, advertisement or pedigree as being of a recognised dairy breed.
- k) An Appendix system does not and will not exist for Colonial Percy Island Goats, as the only animals registered will be DNA verified as being pure.
- l) A Breed Standard does not currently exist for Colonial Percy Island Goats, as the only animals registered will be DNA verified as being pure.

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- ~~f) Progeny of goats in this section may only be listed in this section.~~
- f) The male progeny of goats (bucks or does) in this section may only be listed in this section.**
- g) The female progeny of goats (bucks or does) in this section are eligible for listing in this section and may be eligible for registration in Appendix E of the breed section under Regulation 1 (b) at the discretion of the owner.**
- h) Service certificates issued in respect of any buck, in this section must be stamped “For E.B. only, Experimental Breed” will only be recognised if accompanied by written acknowledgment signed by both the owner of the buck and the owner of the doe served that the listing of the buck and of any resultant offspring is clearly understood.
- i) Transfer certificates issued in respect of any goat (buck or doe) in this section must be stamped “For E.B. only, Experimental Breed”, will only be recognised if they are accompanied by written acknowledgment signed by both the owner and the purchaser that the listing of such goat and future offspring is clearly understood.
- j) No goat listed in the Experimental Section may be identified in any publication, advertisement or pedigree as being of a recognised dairy breed.
- ~~k) An Appendix system does not and will not exist for Colonial Percy Island Goats, as the only animals registered will be DNA verified as being pure.~~
- ~~l) A Breed Standard does not currently exist for Colonial Percy Island Goats, as the only animals registered will be DNA verified as being pure.~~

**Reason** No application for registration has ever been made, neither of the people that requested the CPIG be registrable by the DGSA are members any longer. Note that f) and g) have been reinstated to match what was there prior.

**MOTION 13 APPENDIX WORKING PARTY MOTION – returning to colour descriptions only with registrations**

That the DGSA recognises colour only, and not patterns, with its registration system. The following are current colours available for selection, with a line put through those proposed to be removed.

<del>2-TONE CHAMOISEE</del>
APRICOT
BISCUIT

DARK BROWN
DARK FAWN
DARK GREY

LIGHT TAN
MAHOGANY
MINIMAL WHITE

BLACK
BLACK BROWN WHITE
BLACK MARKINGS
BLACK MARKINGS
BLACK MOTTLED
BLACK ROAN
BLACK SPOTTED
BLACK, BROWN
BLACK, FAWN
BLACK, GREY
BLACK, TAN
BLACK, WHITE
BLK,TAN,SILVER
BLK,TAN,WHITE
BLUE
BLUE BLACK
BLUE MOTTLED
BLUE ROAN
BRINDLE
BROKEN
CHAMOISE
BROWN
BROWN GREY
BROWN MOTTLED
BROWN ROAN
BROWN SPOTTED
BROWN, WHITE
BUCKSKIN
CARAMEL
CHAMOISEE
CHESTNUT
CHOCOLATE
CHOCOLATE & WHITE
CINNAMON
COU-BLANC
COU-CLAIR
COU-NOIR
CREAM
DARK BLUE

WHITE BLACK
WHITE BROWN
WHITE FAWN
WHITE FAWN SILVER
WHITE GREY
WHITE MARKINGS

FAWN
FAWN MARKINGS
FAWN MOTTLED
FAWN SPOTTED
FAWN WHITE SILVER
FAWN, BLACK
FAWN, GREY
FAWN, SILVER
FAWN, TAN
FAWN, TAN SILVER
FAWN, WHITE
FROSTED
GINGER
GOLD
GREY
GREY FAWN
GREY MARKINGS
GREY MOTTLED
GREY ROAN
GREY SPOTTED
GREY TAN
GREY TAN SILVER
GREY WH. MOTTLED
GREY WHITE
HONEY
LIGHT BLUE
LIGHT BRINDLE
LIGHT BROWN
LIGHT FAWN
LIGHT GREY
LIGHT RED
LIGHT TAN

MOTTLED
MUSHROOM
MUSHROOM BROWN
MUSHROOM MOTTLED
<del>NIGGER</del>
OYSTER
<del>PIED</del>
PLAIN
RED
RED BLACK
RED ROAN
RED SILVER
RED WHITE
ROAN
SILVER
SILVER MARKINGS
SILVER MOTTLED
SILVER SPOTTED
SILVER, BLACK
SILVER, FAWN
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SILVER, TAN
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SPOTTED
<del>SUNDGAU</del>
TAN
TAN MARKINGS
TAN MOTTLED
TAN SPOTTED
TAN, BROWN
TAN, SILVER
TAN, WHITE
TAN,BLK, SILVER
TAN,BLK,WHITE
WHITE

WHITE MOTTLED
WHITE RED
WHITE ROAN
WHITE SILVER
WHITE SPOTTED

Advertising to take place in AGW magazines defining how a colour description is arrived at (start with the most dominant colour) with accompanying photos. Also, a recommendation for there to be a colour chart created for the DGSA website which consists of photos of goats with accompanying colour descriptions underneath.

**Reason** The DGSA has always used a colour-based system. Traditional breeds such as the British Alpine are simply described as black and white. The introduction of patterns has meant that, particularly with the newer breeds, some members are describing goats using colours, some using patterns. Patterns do not necessarily indicate the colour and can be quite complex to define when registering an animal. It was felt that a simple colour system, starting by listing the most dominant colour (ie a goat that is mostly tan followed by some black then a little white would be described as Tan, Black, White. If that goat had more white than black as the second and third colours it would be Tan, White, Black.

**MOTION 14 APPENDIX WORKING PARTY MOTION - removing references to pattern.**

**That the Nigerian Dwarf Breed standard, colour section, which reads**

- **COLOUR:** Any colour & pattern. Skin tan to black.

**Be changed to read**

- **COLOUR:** Any colour ~~& pattern~~. Skin tan to black.

**MOTION 15 APPENDIX WORKING PARTY MOTION – removing references to pattern.**

**That the Alpine Breed standard, skin colour and supplementary descriptions section that reads**

**ALPINE BREED STANDARD**

- **SUPPLEMENTARY DESCRIPTIONS:** To assist with identified varieties.  
MAIN IDENTIFIED VARIETIES
  - Cou Blanc. White forequarters, black hindquarters, black / grey markings on head.
  - Cou Clair. Cream to tan or grey forequarters, black hindquarters.
  - Cou Noir. Black forequarters, white hindquarters.
  - Pied. Spotted or mottled.
  - Chamoisee. Cream to Brown with black face, dorsal stripe, legs & hooves; sometimes has a black “martingale” over the withers & down to the chest.
  - Two-tone Chamoisee. Light forequarters with brown or grey hindquarters.
  - Sundgau. Black body colour with white swiss markings, may have white to grey under the belly. May also have white splash on side or forehead.

- Broken. The term placed as a prefix to the colour type of any colour being banded, splashed, etc.
- **SKIN COLOUR INCLUDING THE UDDER.**
  - Cou Clair, Cou Blanc, Cou Noir, Pied tan to black.
  - Chamoisee tan or dark brown or black.
  - Sundgau dark grey to black.

**Be changed to read**

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- ~~MAIN IDENTIFIED VARIETIES~~
  - ~~Cou Blanc. White forequarters, black hindquarters, black / grey markings on head.~~
  - ~~Cou Clair. Cream to tan or grey forequarters, black hindquarters.~~
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  - ~~Chamoisee. Cream to Brown with black face, dorsal stripe, legs & hooves; sometimes has a black “martingale” over the withers & down to the chest.~~
  - ~~Two-tone Chamoisee. Light forequarters with brown or grey hindquarters.~~
  - ~~Sundgau. Black body colour with white swiss markings, may have white to grey under the belly. May also have white splash on side or forehead.~~
  - ~~Broken. The term placed as a prefix to the colour type of any colour being banded, splashed, etc.~~
- **SKIN COLOUR INCLUDING THE UDDER.**
  - **Skin colour tan to dark brown or grey to black, and softly textured.**
  - ~~Cou Clair, Cou Blanc, Cou Noir, Pied tan to black.~~
  - ~~Chamoisee tan or dark brown or black.~~
  - ~~Sundgau dark grey to black.~~

**Reason** In line with motion to remove pattern descriptions. ‘Including the udder’ has been removed as the colours are already listed under the udder section.

## MOTION 16 QUEENSLAND BRANCH MOTION

**That Regulation 53 which reads**

### CONFORMITY TO BREED

The Council may at any time appoint at least two (2) inspectors to inspect or count the goats in any herd, and the council shall use its discretion thereafter in taking action on the inspector’s report.

**Be changed to read**

### CONFORMITY TO BREED

- a) **It is the responsibility for every breeder/owner to regularly inspect their goats for any disqualifying faults that may develop as the goat matures.**

- b) **The breeder/owner of a goat which develops a disqualifying fault must not intentionally breed from that goat, and must have that goat culled immediately.**
- c) The Council may at any time appoint at least two (2) inspectors to inspect or count the goats in any herd, and the council shall use its discretion thereafter in taking action on the inspector's report.

**Reason** This is to ensure that goats which do not conform with the breed standard are not used for breeding and are not sold for breeding purposes.

#### **MOTION 17 FEDERAL MILK AWARDS OFFICER MOTION**

##### **That Regulation 65 which reads**

It is recommended but not compulsory that at least 10 recordings occur during a 365-day lactation.

##### **Be changed to read**

A minimum of 2 recordings 30 days apart must be conducted in lactation.

**Reason** There is no benefit in describing a 'recommended but not compulsory' number of recordings, because as long as regulations 63 and 64 are met the award stands. There is however, benefit in describing the minimum number of recordings needed to define a lactation recording. Currently, a animal can be tested once and claim a herd recording award because regulation 63 has been met in regards to when the first test is held and 64 has been met as there are no consecutive recordings that can't fall outside 70 days apart. If an applicant has applied to a herd recording facility/lab and done only one test, a lactation can still be calculated. Amending regulation 65 will mean that all herd recording awards will have at least 2 recordings in them. Including the '30 days apart' time description means there is a reasonable time between tests and the animal has been milking for a minimum of 37 days.

#### **MOTION 18 NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH MOTION**

That the Appendix buck system in the traditional Breeds and Nigerian Dwarfs be phased out within the next 2 years with the exception of British Alpines. We feel, in accordance with the aims of the DGSA being to promote the Purebred breeding of Dairy goats that this is necessary.

**Reason** The period of where it has been opened should have provided any necessary Genetic benefits and that it is necessary to reward those that have maintained purity and those that have spent substantial amounts of money on importation of genetics.

As it stands those already registered in the appendix buck system will have to be recognised possibly for the next ten years being the lifetime of the goat. Collection of AI from appendix bucks needs to be discussed to prevent this from continuing for the rest of time

#### **MOTION 21 TASMANIAN BRANCH MOTION**

**To amend the Motion that appeared as Item 4 on the July 2025 Postal Ballot.**

Item 4 that was passed as a standalone Motion on the July 2025 Postal Ballot that reads:

#### DAIRY GOAT SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA JUDGES' CONTRACT

I hereby abide by the following DGSA Judges Dress Code and Judging guidelines.

##### Dress Code

##### General Dress Code

Judges should be neatly and appropriately attired at all times with closed in shoes (sweatpants, tank tops and cloth shoes are not appropriate).

##### Royal Shows

Men: Suit and tie or sports pants tie and Blazer.

Ladies: low heeled clothes in shoes, slacks/skirt with blouse and jacket or dress (Dress and skirt must be respectable length to bend and check teats).

##### Judges' Code of Ethics

Judges Should arrive at least 15 minutes before judging commences and report to chief steward.

Judges should refrain from any conversation with exhibitors before and during judging.

Judges are to judge all exhibits on merit regardless of ownership.

Judges should direct any questions about an exhibit to the steward.

Judges are to adhere to bio security measures, ask exhibitors to open mouths and sanitize hands between all milking does.

Judges should comment after each class justifying their decisions with the use of a microphone if one is available, if not just verbally.

Judges should ensure that the 2<sup>nd</sup> place to the champion is included in the judging for reserve champion.

Judges should judge BOB in the ring.

The Judges' Licence will not be issued until this Judges' contract has been signed and forwarded to the National Judges Co Ordinator. Judges' contracts are to be renewed each year.

Judges Name \_\_\_\_\_

Judges Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \ \

#### **Be changed to read**

#### DAIRY GOAT SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA JUDGE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Dairy Goat Society of Australia Judge, I shall aim to inspire confidence in my abilities, through my presentation, my evaluations and my interactions with show officials, exhibitors, and spectators throughout my judging career.

I will give oral comments and give justifications for placings at a standard expected of a judge, using a microphone when available.

I hereby agree to abide by the following Regulations:

##### 90.2.v

Dress and presentation to be a standard expected of a judge.

##### 90.10.f

That a judge must not knowingly judge an exhibit that they have bred, and an exhibitor must not knowingly enter exhibits for a show where they know that the judge has bred the goats.

The Judge's Licence will not be issued until this Judge's Code of Conduct has been signed and forwarded to the National Judge's Coordinator. Judges' Code of Conduct is to be renewed annually.

Judges Name:

Judges Signature:

Date:

**Reason:** The Tas Branch has been contacted by several judges who were unhappy with the original wording of the contract and felt it lacked professionalism. Some have refused to sign as is, but would be willing to sign a modified version such as the above. As an organisation we cannot afford to alienate judges.

## **MOTION 22 TASMANIAN BRANCH MOTION**

### **That Regulation 90.10.e) which reads**

All DGSA Panel judges must hold a Judges Licence of Currency card. The card is to be issued annually after the following requirements have been met: Membership requirements (Regulation 90 10d), Working with Children accreditation/authorised State government equivalent requirements (Regulation 88), and judges refresher course requirements (Regulation 90 9). Card will have expiry date of WWC accreditation or 31/12 of the current year, whichever comes first, with judges being unable to judge with an expired card date.

### **Be changed to read**

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## **MOTION 23 FEDERAL TREASURER MOTION**

In accordance with Regulation 85n, as DGSA Ltd did not make a profit there will be no distribution of surplus.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **DISCUSSION ITEM 1 NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH**

As we now have a Dress code for DGSA Judges could we discuss a suggested dress code for exhibitors, we note that some States already have this.

### **DISCUSSION ITEM 2 TASMANIAN BRANCH**

How Can We Provide Guidance and Support to the Junior Member Liaison Officer(s)?

This role is a positive one to have, but ultimately ineffective if we do not mentor and encourage the young member/s in this position. While they have a Guide to Duties to refer to, it doesn't teach them how to accomplish those important goals.

One day they will hopefully take on other positions at Federal Council, so what are we doing now to prepare them for the future and promote younger voices at our meetings?

What resources can we provide for them to draw on to become more effective in the role?

Should we put a mentorship program in place?

Do we consider a sponsorship for the position bearer/s to attend Federal Council Meetings?

### **DISCUSSION ITEM 3 TASMANIAN BRANCH**

Encouraging Junior Members

Many other breed organisations have major programs for their junior members or equivalent, aimed towards developing the next generation and securing the future of the organisation. Is this something we should look at doing?

### **DISCUSSION ITEM 4 QUEENSLAND BRANCH**

**Inclusion of Wethers in the DGSA inc. Registry Herd Book.**

**Submitted by:** Queensland Branch Dairy Goat Society of Australia Inc. **Date:** 26.2.2026

#### **Purpose of Submission**

The Queensland Branch respectfully submits this discussion item for consideration by Federal Council regarding the potential inclusion of wethers (castrated male goats) within the official DGSA registry framework. The intent of this proposal is to:

- Increase animal registrations nationally
- Encourage greater membership participation
- Expand show ring entries and public engagement
- Strengthen the long-term sustainability of the Society

#### **Background**

Currently, DGSA registration focuses on breeding animals, does and bucks, consistent with the Society's historical objective of genetic advancement and breed preservation. However, a significant proportion of quality dairy male kids are wethered and therefore excluded from formal registration pathways. Many of these animals:

- Come from registered parents
- Possess strong breed characteristics

- Are retained as companions, youth projects, therapy animals, or show wethers
- Represent an untapped participation base

Across Australia, there is increasing interest in wether classes at agricultural shows and youth development programs. The absence of a formal registration pathway may be limiting both engagement and revenue opportunities.

## **Potential Benefits**

### **1. Increased Registrations**

Allowing wethers to be registered (possibly under a distinct classification such as “Registered Wether”) would likely result in:

- Additional kid registrations
- Retrospective registration of existing eligible animals
- Improved tracking of bloodlines even where males are not retained intact

### **2. Membership Growth**

Many families and small scale goat owners:

- Do not breed
- Keep goats as companions or for youth involvement
- Participate primarily in showing

Providing a pathway for wether registration may encourage:

- New memberships
- Retention of junior members
- Transition of pet owners into active Society participants

### **3. Increased Show Participation**

Recognised registered wethers could:

- Strengthen classes at DGSA affiliated shows
- Encourage broader exhibitor participation
- Improve public engagement with ring numbers

This has positive effects for:

- Show societies
- Sponsorship
- Public perception of dairy goats

#### **4. Financial Sustainability**

Additional registration fees and membership growth would contribute positively to:

- Branch revenue
- Federal revenue
- Long term financial resilience of the DGSA **Possible Registration Framework (For Discussion)**

The Queensland Branch suggests Federal Council consider:

- A separate wether classification within the registry
- Registration permitted only where:
  - Both sire and dam are registered
  - Parentage is verifiable
- Clear notation of “Wether” status
- Reduced registration fee (optional consideration)
- Eligibility for specific wether show classes

This would preserve the integrity of the breeding registry while expanding participation.

#### **Considerations**

The Branch acknowledges the need to consider:

- Administrative workload
- Software/database capability
- Registry integrity
- Consistency across branches

We propose that a working group be formed, if Federal Council sees merit in the concept, to examine practical implementation.

#### **Strategic Alignment**

This proposal aligns with broader objectives of:

- Membership growth
- Youth engagement
- Breed promotion
- Financial sustainability
- Modernisation of registry services

Encouraging inclusivity while maintaining breeding standards strengthens the federal organisation.

### **Recommendation**

The Queensland Branch respectfully requests that Federal Council:

1. Open formal discussion on the inclusion of wethers within the DGSA registry.
2. Consider in-principal support for a “Registered Wether” classification.
3. Establish a small working group to develop a practical implementation proposal for presentation at a future Council meeting.

### **Closing Statement**

The Queensland Branch believes that inclusion of wethers represents a low-risk, high opportunity initiative that could broaden participation, increase revenue, and enhance the visibility of dairy goats across Australia. We submit this proposal in the spirit of progressive development and long-term sustainability of the Dairy Goat Society of Australia Inc..

Respectfully submitted,

### **Queensland Branch**

Dairy Goat Society of Australia Inc.

## **DISCUSSION ITEM 5 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH**

Dear Federal Council

In concurrence with hosting federal council meetings in person, additionally, the committee members of the DGSWA request that DGSA members nationwide have the option to join federal council meetings online. This could be as simply linking the meeting to Microsoft teams or another platform of the council’s choosing, using technology that reasonably allows members to hear and take part in discussions and engage in voting.

Post covid, video conferencing has become a minimum offering in communications in 2026 and has been widely used in businesses for many years. DGSA must remain technologically relevant and not be left behind. There are many businesses that can assist with consultation and the initial setup for people who may not feel comfortable setting up video conferencing themselves. This would not be a significant outlay considering the ROI.

We as a committee feel that this would encourage membership participation and engagement and make members feel more involved in federal decisions, especially people who live rural and regionally and other committee members who live in another state and cannot afford to attend or are time poor.

Thankyou for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

The DGSWA Committee

## **DISCUSSION ITEM 6 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH**

For the Judges' Licence card to include the expiry date for the WWC/Stat Dec, and also for the cards to be signed by the National Judges' Co-Ordinator.

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