

C O N S T I T U T I O N

JERSEY CANADA

Amended to July 4, 2017

JERSEY

NOTE:

Honorary Membership entitles the member to all rights and privileges including registration and transfer at member rates.

27 Sep 84
F.G.C.

JERSEY CANADA
INCORPORATED JUNE 11, 1901
APPROVED JUNE 7, 1901
AFFILIATED NOVEMBER 22, 1950

AMENDMENTS

Article 17	June 11, 1914
Constitution Revised	November 19, 1917
Section 17	February 3, 1920
Section 17	April 5, 1921
Article 3, Section 7	February 9, 1922
Article 17	April 4, 1923
Article 15, Section 1	May 12, 1926
Article 17	March 27, 1928
Constitution Revised	May 12, 1930
Article 22	March 7, 1932
Article 22	August 9, 1932
Article 3, Section 5 Article 3, Section 8 Article 7, Section 1 Article 16 Article 17 Article 21, Section 5 Article 21, Section 6 Article 23, Sections 1-4	March 27, 1933
Article 22	October 18, 1933
Article 3, Section 8	March 3, 1934
Article 22	March 16, 1935
Constitution Revised	May 13, 1935
Article 22	June 23, 1937

Article 6, Section 1 Article 6, Section 4	September 20, 1940
Article 22	July 6, 1942
Article 6	April 2, 1941
Article 22	March 12, 1942
Article 3, Section 1	April 1, 1943
Article 15 Article 22	February 17, 1944
Article 6, Section 9 Article 15 Article 22	February 5, 1946
Article 22	February 17, 1947
Article 17 Article 18	May 12, 1948
Article 26, Section 4 Article 6 Article 18 Article 22	April 11, 1950 April 24, 1950
Article 6, Section 5 Article 22	February 25, 1953
Article 19, Paragraph 8 Article 21, Paragraph 4	March 14, 1955
Article 22	February 28, 1956
Article 22	March 6, 1957
Article 19	January 27, 1959
Article 6	March 9, 1962
Article 26	March 7, 1963
Article 6, Section (c)	May 1, 1964
Article 26	June 18, 1965
Article 3 Article 6	April 18, 1967
Article 26	March 13, 1969
Article 3 Article 6 Article 26	May 3, 1971

Article 26	March 30, 1972
Article 7 Article 26	April 17, 1973
Article 6, Section 8	April 5, 1974
Article 26	April 17, 1975
Articles 3, 16, 17, 20 and 26	May 12, 1977
Articles 3 and 6	May 2, 1978
Articles 3 and 26	May 9, 1979
Articles 6, 17, 20 and 26	June 19, 1980
Article 26	May 12, 1981
Articles 6, 7, 20 and 26	May 26, 1982
Articles 20 and 26 (Amendment to last amendment)	July 2, 1982
Articles 3, 15, 16, 17, 20 and 26	June 14, 1983
Articles 15, 20 & 26	July 12, 1985
Articles 3, 6 & 20	March 1, 1988
Constitution Revised	March 21, 1990
Articles 6 & 20	June 27, 1990
Articles 1, 2, 3, 6, 14, 23, 24, 28, 30	May 11, 1994
Revised Constitution	June 26, 1995
Article 16	January 19, 1998
Article 8.6	March 21, 1998
Articles 2, 6.1, 7, 8, 9.9, 14, 16.1, 16.4, 17, 19, 20, 22	August 27, 2012
Article 14	June 24, 2013
Articles 19, 20	July 4, 2017

JERSEY CANADA

CONSTITUTION – INDEX

CONSTITUTION	1
JERSEY CANADA	1
JERSEY CANADA - CONSTITUTION	7
1. NAME	7
2. OBJECTS	7
3. DEFINITIONS	7
4. OFFICES	8
5. FISCAL YEAR	8
6. MEMBERSHIP	8
7. DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES	9
8.1 GOVERNANCE	10
8.2 PRESIDENT	10
8.3 VICE-PRESIDENT	10
8.4 SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT	11
8.5 SECRETARY	11
8.6 TREASURER	11
8.7 SECRETARY-TREASURER	11
8.8 REGISTRAR	11
8.9 PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL JERSEY ASSOCIATIONS	11
8.10 MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ASSOCIATIONS	11
8.11 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	11
9. MEETINGS	12
10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST	12
11. ANNUAL REPORT	12
12. AUDIT	13
13. EXPENSES, INCOME AND PROPERTY	13
14. AMENDMENTS	13
15. CORPORATE SEAL	13
16.1 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES	14
16.2 CERTIFICATION	14
16.3 HERD NAMES	14
16.4.1 NAMING ANIMALS	15
17. PRIVATE BREEDING RECORDS	15
18. CONFORMATION APPRAISAL	15
19. RULES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION	16
20. REGISTRATION	16
21. TRANSFER AND DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES	17
22. FEES & DUES	17
23. GENETIC ABNORMALITIES	17
24. APPEALS	18
25. GENERAL	18

JERSEY CANADA - CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The organization shall be named **JERSEY CANADA**, and here after referred to as the Association. It is governed by the Animal Pedigree Act and shall at all times be in compliance with it.

2. OBJECTS

The Association shall have, as its objects for the Jersey breed in Canada: encouraging the growth of the breed; the genetic improvement of the breed; enhancements of the breed's position and stature in the industry and regulation of the recordation and registration of the breed.

1. By establishing standards for the breed.
2. By sanctioning the systems of testing Jersey cattle for production of milk and its components.
3. By sanctioning the systems of appraising Jersey cattle.
4. By sanctioning the exhibition of Jersey cattle at fairs and exhibitions
5. By sanctioning methods of analysis of such data and by publishing and publicizing the results.
6. By requiring breeders to maintain accurate records and by verifying same.
7. By promoting the Jersey breed and enhancing the number of Jersey breeders both within and outside Canada.

With regard to 2.1 above the following standards for the breed will apply:

Jerseys may exhibit any of the following colours: brown, fawn, golden, gray, dark brown or partially black and may exhibit white markings. They will usually have black hooves and a ring of white or lighter hair around the nose and a black nose. By two years of age Jersey females will usually be within the measurement range of 45 to 56 inches or 115 to 140 centimeters for stature at the withers and will usually be between 700 to 1100 pounds or 315 to 500 kilograms in weight.

3. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall govern this Constitution:

- 1) Association - The Association is composed of the total of all members in good standing, acting in a general meeting. Between meetings, its powers may be exercised to the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.
- 2) Breeder is any person who propagates cattle accepted in the Canadian Jersey Cattle Register.
- 3) Breeder of an animal is the registered owner of its dam at the time she was impregnated.
- 4) Breeding enterprise is a farm or other facility where Jersey cattle are bred and/or raised and may include animals owned by one or more persons.
- 5) Board (of Directors) is composed of members in good standing, duly elected to their position in accordance with the rules of these By-Laws.
- 6) Canadian Jersey Cattle Register is a record of Jersey cattle born in or imported into Canada, which have been accepted by the Association. The Association may provide registration services in any country that does not have a Cattle Register recognized by Jersey Canada and accepted by the Association.
- 7) Pedigree is a chart indicating the ancestry of an animal. It may contain additional information such as production and classification data. The Association may issue pedigrees based on information it believes to be correct and certify such pedigree.
- 8) Owner of an Animal or an Embryo for the purpose of registration in the records of the Association, is the person who owned its dam on the day it was born, or to whom it has subsequently been transferred. The owner at birth of a calf, born the result of an embryo transplant, is the person whose name is recorded as owner of the embryo on the day the calf was born.

- 9) Lessee of an Animal is the temporary owner (as defined), for the period stipulated, in the application for registration of lease submitted to the Association by the registered owner of the animal.
- 10) Registration Certificate is a certificate issued and then certified by or on behalf of the Association, which includes name and number and sex of the animal, identification, date of birth, sire and dam, name of breeder and owner and may contain additional information, in a form approved by the Association and including the name of the Association. By itself, the Registration Certificate does not convey legal title to the animal.

4. OFFICES

Subject to approval of the members, the head office of the Association and the office for registration of certificates shall be at such place, or places, in Canada as determined by the Board.

5. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year and the membership year of the Association shall correspond with the calendar year.

6. MEMBERSHIP

6.1 There shall be the following classes of members:

- A. Honorary Life Member - the Board, may award Honorary Life Membership, to an individual selected for this rare honour on account of distinguished, long-term service to the breed. A committee appointed for the purpose by the Board shall make the selection. Nominations may be made by local, regional, or provincial Jersey Associations, or by individual members of the Association. Honorary Life Members shall have to all rights and privileges including voting, and registration and transfer at member rates. This type of membership shall not convey its membership privileges to any other individual, partner or shareholder. An Honorary Life member may not exercise more than one vote under any circumstance.
- B. Individual Member - Shall be an individual who has paid the prescribed fee for the current year, who shall thereby be entitled to all membership privileges for the current calendar year.
- C. Partnership/Incorporated Company - May become a member by paying the prescribed fee, which shall entitle it to membership privileges for the calendar year. It may designate in writing, one of its partners or shareholders to exercise voting privileges on its behalf. It must designate one or more persons to hold signing powers on its behalf. This type of membership shall not convey membership privileges to any individual, partner or shareholder. No one member shall be allowed to exercise more than one vote.
- D. The Association may establish a membership fee structure to cover periods longer than one year.
- E. Junior Member - shall be an individual who has not reached his or her 22nd birthday on January 1st of the current year and who has paid the prescribed fee. Junior Members shall have all privileges of full members, except voting rights.

6.2 Application for membership shall be in writing.

6.3 A member is in good standing when membership fees have been paid for the current year; when all other accounts with the Association are current; and not in good standing are not entitled to any members' benefits; they may not hold office or vote at meetings of the Association.

6.4.1 The Board shall have power to suspend or expel any person who fails to observe any rule or regulation set forth in these by-laws or whose conduct is, in the opinion of the Board, prejudicial to the interests of the Association.

6.4.2 The Board has the power to deny registration to anyone who:

- 1) is in arrears of any fees owing to the Association, or
- 2) has contravened **a)** a by-law concerning the registration of animals, the individual identification of animals or the keeping of private breeding records or **b)** any provisions of the Animal Pedigree Act or Animal Disease and Protection Act.

7. DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

DIRECTORS: Subject to approval of the general meeting, the affairs of the Association shall be conducted by the Board composed of members in good standing, elected or appointed to their position in accordance with the following rules.

For the purpose of these elections, the membership shall be divided into four (4) districts as follows, each of which shall elect the number of Directors as indicated:

1. Jersey West – two (2) Directors
2. Jersey Ontario – three (3) Directors
3. Jersey Quebec – three (3) Directors
4. Jersey Atlantic – one (1) Director

District 1 shall be known as JERSEY WEST, and shall comprise of the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. District 1 shall elect two (2) Directors hereinafter referred to as Jersey West 1, and Jersey West 2.

District 2 shall be known as JERSEY ONTARIO, and shall comprise of the province of Ontario. District 2 shall elect three (3) Directors hereinafter referred to as Jersey Ontario 1, Jersey Ontario 2, and Jersey Ontario 3.

District 3 shall be known as JERSEY QUEBEC, and shall comprise of the province of Quebec. District 3 shall elect three (3) Directors hereinafter referred to a Jersey Quebec 1, Jersey Quebec 2, and Jersey Quebec 3.

District 4 shall be known as JERSEY ATLANTIC, and shall comprise of the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador. District 4 shall elect one (1) Director, hereinafter referred to as Jersey Atlantic 1.

Directors will be elected for terms of three (3) years as follows: Term commences with the Annual Meetings held in 2013 and every third year thereafter, for Jersey Ontario 1, Jersey Quebec 1, and Jersey Atlantic 1. Term commences with the Annual Meetings held in 2014 and every third year thereafter, Jersey West 1, Jersey Ontario 2, and Jersey Quebec 2. Term commences with the Annual Meetings held in 2015 and every third year thereafter, Jersey West 2, Jersey Ontario 3, and Jersey Quebec 3. No Director shall serve more than 3 full and consecutive three-year terms.

The President shall not be eligible to be a Director for two years after his term as President expires. If the term as President expires prior to the regular term then the person elected for the director from that District would serve to the end of the current 3-year cycle and then stand for regular election cycles thereafter.

To be eligible to become and remain a Director, the person must be a member in good standing, residing in the district for which he/she is elected and be the registered owner of at least ten (10) living females, registered in the Canadian Jersey Cattle Register.

The President shall not be eligible to be a Director after the expiry of his term as President for two years.

Nominations for the office of Director must be made in writing, to be received at the office of the Association prior to the 30th day of September. To be valid, it must be signed by five members in good standing, not including the nominee, all residing in the electoral district. The nominee must be a member in good standing and, by his signature, show his commitment to comply with the Constitution and act in the best interest of the Association.

If, on October 1st, there is only one valid nomination in an electoral district where an election is to be held, the nominee shall be declared elected. If there are 2 or more valid nominations, an election is to be held in said district. If there are no valid nominations on October 1st, the Secretary shall take any necessary measure to obtain one or more nominations.

In each region in which an election is necessary, the Secretary shall, on or before the first day of November, mail to each member of the Association in good standing on the 30th day of September preceding, a ballot addressed to the member's latest address recorded in the books of the Association.

The ballot or an accompanying letter shall indicate the deadline for receipt of the marked ballot by the Secretary, and the address to which it is to be returned.

The voting procedure shall be conducted so as to secure a secret ballot.

Counting shall be supervised by the Manager or an employee of the Association's bank. In the case of a tie, said manager or employee will break the tie by the toss of a coin.

Any vacancy occurring on the Board is to be filled by an election as outlined in this section, except that dates will vary with circumstances, from those listed earlier in the section. The Secretary is authorized to vary these dates if, in his opinion, circumstances so require.

If a Board Member were to miss two consecutive meetings without just cause as determined by those board members present, upon majority vote of the Board Members present the position will be declared vacant and an election held. When the position is filled by election, the new board member completes the current term then continues into the regular cycle of two-year terms.

8.1 GOVERNANCE

Subject to the overriding authority of the general meeting and the Association, the affairs of the Association shall be governed by the Executive Committee, consisting of the President, the First Vice-President and the Second Vice-President. The Board may appoint such other committees as deemed necessary and determine their terms of reference and the period during which the committee will exist.

8.2 PRESIDENT

The Board shall elect the President annually, from among its number, at their first meeting after the Annual General Meeting, to hold office for one year or until a successor is elected. No President shall serve for a term of more than two (2) consecutive years.

The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Association, of the Board and the Executive Committee, to exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Association and generally do all matters, acts and things as are usually done by Presidents of similar organizations. He shall be a member of all committees.

8.3 VICE-PRESIDENT

A Vice-President shall be elected in the same manner, hold office for a similar term and in case the President is unable to act, shall perform all the duties of the President.

8.4 SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

A Second Vice-President shall be elected in the same manner, hold office for a similar term and in case the President and Vice-President are unable to act, shall perform all the duties of the President.

8.5 SECRETARY

The Board shall appoint a Secretary, who shall have the power of Managing Director acting under the control and with the approval of the Executive. The duties of the Secretary shall be to attend all meetings of the Association, the Board, or the Executive Committee, to keep minutes of the proceedings of same, and to do such other things as may be delegated to him by this Constitution, the Board, or the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the by-laws and articles of incorporation of this Association and all amendments thereto, which shall be available for examination by any member, in good standing, during the regular office hours of the Head Office.

8.6 TREASURER

The Board shall appoint a Treasurer. The Treasurer shall deposit or cause to be deposited, all monies received by the Association, in a financial institution to the credit of this Association and shall pay out same again by electronic means or by cheque, signed by the President or other officer, appointed for that purpose by the Board of Directors. He shall deposit for safekeeping all securities owned by this Association in a safety deposit vault as may be approved by the Board of Directors. He shall be bonded in such amount as may be required from time to time by the Board of Directors. He shall keep proper books of account containing entries of all such matters or things as are usually entered in books of account, and shall furnish, from time to time, such statements in detail of the affairs of the Association such other matters as may be directed by the Board or the Executive Committee.

8.7 SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Board may appoint a person to be both Secretary and Treasurer.

8.8 REGISTRAR

The Association shall appoint a Registrar, whose duties include all matters pertaining to the registration and transfer of Certificates.

8.9 PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL JERSEY ASSOCIATIONS

Jersey Canada may assist in the establishment and operations of provincial and local Jersey associations which are in compliance with the by-laws and objects of this Association.

8.10 MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

The Association may become a member of associations that may assist it to achieve its objects.

8.11 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Upon completion of term as President that person shall be known as Immediate Past President and shall serve until their successor is named.

The duties of the Immediate Past President shall be to be a member of the Executive Committee and be eligible to chair any other committee as deemed appropriate by the Board, shall act in an advisory position to the board as a whole. Attendance at meetings is at the discretion of the President and entitled to voting privileges only in the event that the director from that region is absent.

9. MEETINGS

9.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held prior to June 30th of each year, at such time and place as directed by the Board. At least 30 days notice shall be sent by mail, to each member in good standing at the end of the previous fiscal year or at the date of mailing of the notice and to the Minister of Agriculture.

9.2 Special general meetings may be called by the Executive or the Board. They shall be called on written request by twenty (20) members in good standing.

9.3 Notice of special general meetings shall be mailed at least thirty (30) days before the meeting date. They shall list the reason for calling the meeting and the business to be dealt with and no other business shall be permitted.

9.4 The Board of Directors shall meet immediately before and after the Annual General Meeting.

9.5 Notice of all other Board meetings and of Executive meetings shall be sent by mail or by electronic means, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting date.

9.6 Meeting of the Board may be held on shorter notice, by teleconference call or other means, provided each Director gives consent in writing.

9.7 Resolution of the Board may be approved without a meeting, provided each Director indicates approval by signing same.

9.8 Meetings of the Executive may be held on shorter notice, by teleconference call or other means, provided each member of the Executive gives consent in writing.

9.9 For the transaction of business at a Board meeting, a quorum shall be six (6) Directors. For the transaction of business at an Executive meeting, a quorum shall be three (3) Directors. For the transaction of business at a general meeting, a quorum shall be twenty (20) members in good standing.

10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

At the commencement of each meeting of the Board and/or the Executive, any Director who has a personal interest or a conflict of interest in any business to be dealt with during such meeting, shall so declare, and shall remove himself from the room while the item or items are discussed or voted upon. If his/her absence results in a lack of quorum at the meeting, the President shall rule whether the matter shall be postponed to a later time or date or whether the quorum shall be waived. All actions under this rule shall be recorded in the minutes.

11. ANNUAL REPORT

At each Annual meeting, the Board shall submit a report of its acts and of the affairs of the Association, including financial statements and significant disciplinary decisions it has taken.

12. AUDIT

At each Annual General Meeting, a firm of chartered accountants shall be appointed to audit the association's books and report its findings to the next Annual General Meeting.

13. EXPENSES, INCOME AND PROPERTY

The income and property of the Association from whatever source derived shall be applied solely toward the promotion and furtherance of the objects of the Association and no part thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to members of the Association, past, present, or future, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the bona fide payment or remuneration to any employee for services actually rendered the Association whether he or she is a member of the Association or not, and of the expenses the Directors or other officers incurred in doing the business of the Association.

14. AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any general meeting of the Association by a two-thirds majority of votes cast, but no amendment shall be valid until filed with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and approved by the Minister of Agriculture for Canada. The voting procedure shall be conducted by secret ballot or by a show of voting card. Notice of all proposed amendments shall be in writing and signed by two members in good standing and given to the Secretary at least sixty (60) days in advance of a general meeting, and they shall be included in the notice calling such meeting, otherwise the meeting shall have no power to deal with the same.

The Association will consult, in writing, with members, regarding any proposed amendments to the articles of incorporation of the Association. Any amendment to dissolve the Association will be handled in the same manner as those outlined above for amending the articles of incorporation.

By majority vote of those attending a general meeting, a resolution for constitutional amendment may be referred to a mail-in ballot. A ballot to be used in voting on proposed amendments will be circulated to all members in good standing with notice of the proposed amendments. The ballot or any accompanying letter shall indicate the deadline for receipt of the marked ballot by the Secretary, and the address to which it is to be returned. The voting procedure shall be conducted so as to secure a secret ballot. The Manager or an employee of the Association's bank will supervise counting. Twenty-five per cent or more of the members must respond in writing and at least two thirds of those members responding must vote in the affirmative for the proposed amendment to pass. No amendment shall be valid until approved by the Minister of Agriculture for Canada and filed with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Articles of amendment submitted to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada must

- (a) be in the prescribed form;
- (b) set out the proposed amendment;
- (c) contain a statutory declaration attesting that the members of the association have been consulted in writing in the prescribed manner in relation to the proposed amendment, that twenty-five per cent or more of the members have responded in writing to the consultation and that at least two thirds of the members who responded have approved the proposed amendment.

15. CORPORATE SEAL

The seal, as stamped in the margin hereof, shall be the corporate seal of the Association.

16.1 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Prior to registration, and before reaching the age of six (6) months, each animal must be completely and permanently identified by tattoo markings. Alternatively, identification can be done by means of electronic identification devices or tags in both ears of the animal, whose use has been approved by the Board of Directors.

Upon application and payment of the prescribed fee, the Association will allot to any owner of one or more Jersey females, a set of identification letters and/or numbers for his exclusive use. Only one such set may be issued to any one owner. This identification is to be tattooed in the right ear of each animal born to his property. Subject to approval of the Association, the same herd letters may be used for all animals, born in a breeding enterprise or transferred to another party on termination of a breeding enterprise.

In addition, each animal is to be identified by a tattoo in its left ear, consisting of a consecutive number (allotted by the owner at birth) followed by the unique year letter, allocated by the Association. Alternatively, the herd letters, individual number and year letter may all be tattooed in one ear.

Once an animal has been identified, the same identification may not be used for any other animal of the same breed.

16.2 CERTIFICATION

1. Upon submission of a written application, on a form approved by the Association, bearing signature of the applicant, including appropriate documents verifying service information, and upon payment of the prescribed fee and subject to approval of the Association, a certificate shall be issued in the form approved by the Association. Alternatively, applications may be submitted by electronic means or by telephone, provided the applicant has signed an agreement assuming responsibility for the accuracy of such applications and has established credit with the Association.
2. Upon submission of a written application, on a form approved by the Association, bearing signature of the applicant, including appropriate documents verifying service information, and upon payment of the prescribed fee and subject to approval of the Association, a registration certificate will be transferred to each subsequent owner.
3. The Association shall verify the information on all applications submitted by means it considers appropriate. Only certificates with correct information will be issued. If errors are subsequently discovered, certificates may be cancelled. If correct information can be established they may be reissued. Upon approval by the Executive Committee, the Registrar may suspend registration of an animal and all its descendants, for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days.
4. The Association shall keep a permanent record of the information contained in all certificates. The Association may publish this information in the form of herd books or in any form it decides.

16.3 HERD NAMES

Upon proper application and payment of the prescribed fee, the Association will allocate a name or combination of letters and/or numbers for the use of a breeder. The Association reserves the right not to allocate names that are identical or similar to names already allocated or that are misleading or inappropriate.

Owners of allocated names may authorize other members of their breeding enterprise to use their herd name.

When discontinuing their breeding enterprise, owners of registered names may transfer their registered name to another breeder.

16.4.1 NAMING ANIMALS

The name of every animal must have as a prefix the registered herd name of its breeder. Where the breeder of an animal does not have a registered herd name, the first owner's herd name may be used. Breeders may choose not to have a registered herd name.

16.4.2 The identification number and year letter may be used as a suffix for each animal. Where an animal is the result of an embryo transplant, the letters ET must be used as a suffix.

16.4.3 Registration Certificates and Pedigrees shall indicate the level of purity, as a percentage. This percentage shall appear as part of the animal's name.

Names must not contain more than 30 letters, characters and/or spaces, including prefix and suffix.

17. PRIVATE BREEDING RECORDS

Each breeder shall keep a private record which shall contain full particulars of his breeding operations, including name and number of sire and dam of each calf, date of service or exposure to service of each female animal on the farm, identification and date of birth of calf. Each breeder shall retain his breeding record for a minimum of ten (10) years. This record shall at all times be open to the inspection of officials of this Association and officials of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada or their designate. The Association shall conduct an inspection of breeding records belonging to Jersey breeders, as necessary. If such inspection indicates errors, they will be dealt with according to 16.2.3

18. CONFORMATION APPRAISAL

Upon proper application and payment of the prescribed fee, owners may have their cattle appraised, under regulations established by this Association.

19. RULES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION

The Association recognizes the Jersey Breeders' Associations of all member countries of the World Jersey Cattle Bureau. Upon importation, the Association shall review the rules of eligibility for the foreign registry to verify conformity with the Association's eligibility requirements.

The Association defines "purebred" to be any Jersey male or female which is typical of the Jersey breed, as defined in Article 2, and is determined to be at least 31/32 (96.87%) Jersey.

The following animals qualify for registration by the Association as outlined in Article 20, provided they are properly identified and documented:

1. Animals born in Canada whose sires and dams are registered in the Canadian Jersey Cattle Register.
2. Imported animals registered in a herd book recognized by Jersey Canada. An extended pedigree must be supplied for the imported animal, if requested by the Association. The extended pedigree for all imported males must have five (5) or more continuous generations of registered Jerseys, including no fewer than 31 of 32 registered Jerseys in the fifth generation of the pedigree.
3. Animals born in Canada whose dam is registered in the Canadian Jersey Cattle Register and whose sire is registered in a herd book recognized by the Association, provided the sire's extended pedigree includes five (5) or more continuous generations of registered Jerseys.
4. Animals imported into Canada as embryos (frozen or in vivo), whose sire and dam are registered in a herd book recognized by the Association, provided the sire's extended pedigree includes five (5) or more continuous generations of registered Jerseys.

20. REGISTRATION

1. Properly identified females may be recorded as a base animal if they are of unknown parentage but exhibit characteristics of the Jersey breed as defined in Article 2. Base animals will be assigned a purity of 0% by the Association.
2. Properly identified females which are the product of a percentage Jersey female and a purebred Jersey male shall be eligible for registration at the arithmetic average of the sire and dam's Jersey percentages.
3. When sired by a Jersey male which is not eligible for registration in the Canadian Jersey Cattle Register, properly identified females shall be eligible for registration at the arithmetic average of the sire and dam's Jersey percentages.
4. Properly identified Jersey males may be registered only if they are considered purebred as defined in Article 19.
5. All males must have their parentage confirmed through DNA testing (microsatellite or genomic profile) by a laboratory approved by the Association at the time of registration in order to be included in the Jersey Canada Herd Register.

21. TRANSFER AND DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES

When an animal, registered in the Canadian Jersey Cattle Register, is sold, the seller is responsible for having its Registration Certificate transferred into the new owner's name, in the books of the Association, within sixty (60) days following completion of the sale. Failure to do so may be dealt with by the Association, in the manner it deems appropriate.

Application for transfer must be made in the form approved by the Association. In case of bred females, the artificial insemination certificate must be furnished. In the case of naturally bred females the owner of the female and the owner of the service sire must sign the application.

When the transferred certificate is returned to the seller, he/she shall forthwith furnish it to the buyer.

The owner may return a Registration Certificate to the Association for cancellation, if the animal is sold as not a purebred or under any other circumstances.

When an animal is leased, the owner must return the Registration Certificate to the office for the registration of certificates, together with a properly completed application form and appropriate fees. The lease will then be endorsed on the Certificate, to be returned to the owner. The registration certificate must show the transaction.

A duplicate Registration Certificate may be issued upon presentation of satisfactory documentation that the original is lost or unobtainable.

22. FEES & DUES

Membership dues and fees charged for registration, transfers and other services of the Association shall be as established by the Board.

At least thirty (30) days before new fees come into effect, a notice explaining the changes proposed and reasons for the same shall be sent to each member in good standing.

The Association may accept payment by cheque, cash, money order or acceptable credit card and may delay processing applications until payment in full has been received.

23. GENETIC ABNORMALITIES

Under circumstances when the Board has concluded an animal is a carrier of detrimental genetic abnormalities, it may require it to be identified by the addition of the appropriate letter or letters as a suffix to its name.

Such identification is to be included under all circumstances when the name is used, including registration certificate, pedigrees, advertisements and other references.

24. APPEALS

Decisions of the Association, its Executive Committee, Board or Staff may be appealed. All appeals shall be in writing, clearly stating the matter being appealed and the basis for the appeal.

The appellant will be given reasonable notice of the date when the appeal will be heard. He may make an oral presentation of no more than fifteen minutes. The appeal may be made to the Executive, who shall give due consideration to the information submitted and issue a decision, in writing, with reasons, within three (3) weeks after receipt of the appeal.

Alternatively, the appeal may be made to the Board, who shall give due consideration to the information submitted, at the next Board meeting, and issue a decision, in writing, within six (6) months after receipt of the appeal.

Alternatively, the appeal may be made to the Association which shall give due consideration to the information submitted, at its next general meeting and issue a decision in writing within two (2) weeks after the meeting.

25. GENERAL

These rules apply to all owners of cattle registered in the Canadian Jersey Cattle Register, whether or not they are members of Jersey Canada. These rules apply to all animals registered in the Canadian Jersey Cattle Register.

In case of error or fraud, the Association may take any action considered appropriate.

In this Constitution, words importing the masculine shall include the feminine or neutral gender. Words imported persons, shall include partnerships, corporations and other legal entities. Words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice-versa.

In the event of a discrepancy between the English and French versions of this document, the English shall take precedence.