

# **BAA RULES & REGULATIONS**

## **SECTION I – MEMBERSHIP IN THE BAA**

### **A. Membership Categories**

There are four types of membership in the Braunvieh Association of America:

**1. Active Member**

Any person (individual, partnership, or corporation) who is at least 21 years of age and wishes to register cattle with the BAA should apply to be an Active member. Only Active members have full voting privileges subject to the provisions and limitations set forth in the BAA By-Laws.

**2. Associate Member**

Any individual or organization interested in the advancement of Braunvieh cattle or the purposes of the BAA who does not intend to register cattle should apply to be an Associate member. Associate members do not have voting privileges.

**3. Honorary Member**

Honorary members are recommended by the Board of Directors and elected by the BAA Active members. Any individual or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the development of the Braunvieh breed may be considered for election as an Honorary member. Honorary members do not have voting privileges.

**4. Junior Member**

Persons under 21 years of age who wish to register cattle with the BAA should apply to be a Junior member. Junior members do not have voting privileges in the BAA. BAA Junior members also become members of the Junior Braunvieh Association of America (JBAA) and have voting privileges in the JBAA subject to the provisions and limitations set forth in the JBAA By-Laws.

(Please refer to the BAA By-Laws and JBAA By-Laws for additional membership information)

### **B. Becoming a Member**

**1. Application for Membership**

An Application for Membership form can be obtained from the BAA office or through [www.braunvieh.org](http://www.braunvieh.org). Some of the more important fields on this form include:

**a. Membership Name**

A Membership Name must be designated at the time of application for membership. Cattle owned by any corporation, partnership or firm can be registered only in the name of the BAA membership as issued. A membership name may be changed later upon written request and by payment of a Membership Name Change Fee.

**b. Date of Birth**

Only junior members are required to include their date of birth.

**c. Membership Application Fee**

Active members pay the required Membership Application Fee to initiate the membership, then an annual Membership Maintenance Fee in each subsequent year of membership. Junior members pay JBAA Annual Dues. Associate members pay Associate Member Annual Dues. A current Schedule of Fees is available from the BAA office and accessible through [www.braunvieh.org](http://www.braunvieh.org).

**d. Application Signature**

By signing the application, a membership applicant agrees to abide by the By-Laws, rules, regulations, and policies of the BAA and to release all animal data collected by the BAA for use in breed related programs. All parties constituting the partnership, or at least two officers if a corporation, must sign the application.

**e. Mailing Address / Phone Numbers / E-Mail Address / Website Address**

Please provide the most appropriate contact information for the membership.

**2. Herd Codes**

The Herd Code consists of a unique combination of a maximum of four (4) letters, which are assigned to each Braunvieh Breeder by the BAA office at the breeder's request. Specific herd codes may be requested and will

be assigned as requested, unless the requested herd code has previously been assigned. Herd Codes are not mandatory for membership or registration.

- a. If a membership goes permanently inactive, the recognized representative of that membership may authorize transfer of their herd code to a member of their family (child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc) by submitting written authorization to the BAA office. If a recognized representative of the original membership cannot be located, the family member wishing to use the herd code may submit a request for use of the herd code to the BAA Board of Directors for consideration.
- b. If a member sells their entire herd to a new owner, and does not wish to maintain an active membership, they may authorize the BAA to transfer their herd code to the new buyer's membership. Permission must be submitted in writing to the BAA by the seller.

3. Member Identification Number

A numeric Member Identification Number is assigned to all first time applicants for membership by the BAA office. The Member Identification Number is for BAA record keeping purposes and is not meant to be used as part of an animal's identification.

**C. Member Financial Obligations**

1. It is the policy of the BAA to invoice members for services at the time services are requested.
2. It is the policy of the BAA to send monthly account statements to members listing services invoiced to their account during that statement period.
3. It is the policy of the BAA to not extend credit for monthly statements beyond thirty (30) days.
4. Any member with an overdue account aged 45 days will be sent written notice informing such member:
  - a. that the account is overdue,
  - b. listing the overdue charges on the account, and
  - c. that 15 days from the date of the notice all further services through the BAA will be denied if the account remains overdue. The cost of such written notice shall be charged to the same overdue account at an amount set by the Board of Directors.
5. Any member with an overdue account aged 61 days will immediately forfeit access to BAA registrations, transfers and any other services routinely or specially provided by the BAA, until the account is made current including any fees accrued as a result of the account being overdue.
6. Any member with an overdue account aged 75 days will be sent written notice that 15 days from the date of the notice their membership with the BAA will be suspended if the account remains overdue. The cost of such written notice shall be charged to the same overdue account at an amount set by the Board of Directors.
7. Any member with an overdue account aged 91 days will be suspended as an active member of the BAA until the account is made current including any fees accrued as a result of the account being overdue. During any period of suspension the member will forfeit access to BAA registrations, transfers and any other services routinely or specially provided by the BAA, and will also be denied participation in any and all activities organized, managed, or supported by the BAA.
8. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, any account aged 91 days may be turned over to a third party for collection.
9. Any member has the right to appeal any denial of services and/or suspension of their membership to the Board of Directors pursuant to the procedures set forth in the BAA By-Laws (Articles XIII and XIV)