AMERICAN BRAHMAN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
EXHIBITOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS
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PURPOSE

The American Brahman Breeders Association ("ABBA") is committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity, sportsmanship, and ethical treatment of Animals in ABBA Approved Shows and related events. This *Exhibitor's Code of Conduct and Ethics* serves as a guide for all participants, including, but not limited to, ABBA/AJBA Members, Breeders, Owners, Exhibitors, Showmen, and Fitters (collectively "Participants), to ensure a fair, respectful, and professional environment and experience.

PRIVILEGE

Attending and/or participating in an ABBA Approved Show (which shall be deemed to include the AJBA All American solely for purposes of applicability of this *Exhibitor's Code of Conduct and Ethics*) as an ABBA/AJBA Member, Breeder, Owner, Exhibitor, Showman or Fitter is a privilege, not a right. This privilege shall be open to individuals and entities deemed suitable by the ABBA and/or Show Management of an ABBA Approved Show to fairly and positively represent the Brahman breed in the livestock industry. The ABBA and/or Show Management of an ABBA Approved Show shall have the unrestricted right to revoke such privilege at any time. As such, the ABBA has established the following Guidelines that Participants are requested to conform with in connection with their conduct at an ABBA Approved Show or event.

PARTICIPATION

By participation in an ABBA Approved Show, Participants agree to conduct themselves in such a manner so as to uphold the values of integrity, fairness and respect within the ABBA and the Brahman cattle industry. Participants at an ABBA Approved Show or event shall by their participation in such event be deemed subject to compliance with this *Exhibitor's Code of Conduct and Ethics.*

GUIDELINES

A. <u>TREATMENT OF ANIMALS</u>

1. Participants must ensure the humane treatment of all Animals, prioritizing the Animal's health, safety, and welfare at all times.

2. Participants are prohibited from the use of performance-enhancing substances, engaging in unethical fitting practices, or any other form of manipulation that alters the appearance or compromises the well being of the Animal.

3. Participants are prohibited from use or exercise of artificial alterations or enhancements that are prohibited by any ABBA rules or regulations.

B. <u>SHOWING AND COMPETITION</u>

1. Participants must present Animals in an honest and ethical manner, refraining from any misleading, deceptive or fraudulent practices.

2. Participants are reminded that decisions of the Judge are final and that Participants are expected to demonstrate and extend proper respect toward Judges and their decisions at all times to uphold the integrity of the judging process.

C. COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Participants must adhere to the current ABBA Official Show Rules, any rules of Show Management for an ABBA Approved Show, and any other applicable rules or regulations as may have been established from time to time.

2. Participants are responsible for ensuring that Animals meet all eligibility requirements established by the ABBA and/or Show Management, including, but not limited to, age, registration status, color status, DNA status, pregnancy status, fertility status, and required health certifications.

D. SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

1. Participants must conduct themselves with professionalism, honesty and respect toward Judges, Show Management/Officials, other Participants, and spectators.

2. Participants shall not demonstrate any form of unsportsmanlike behavior, including, but not limited to, physical or verbal abuse, harassment, or intimidation.

3. Participants must address any concerns or disputes in a respectful manner through proper channels established by the ABBA or Show Management.

4. Participants shall dress in attire that is professional, acceptable, appropriate, and comfortable under the circumstances.

5. Participants shall be punctual and available as may be requested or required during an ABBA Approved Show or event.

E. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

1. Participants shall make every attempt possible to refrain from conducting business or otherwise engaging with a Judge who is judging and ABBA Approved Show in any manner which would give rise to the appearance of bias or favoritism between the Participant and the Judge.

2. Participants should not present an Animal to a Judge if: [1] the Judge is the breeder of the animal or [2] the Judge has at any time been the owner, exhibitor, fitter or agent of that animal.

3. Participants should not present an Animal to a Judge if: [1] the Animal is or has been shown by a member (including any spouse of such member) of the Judge's family or [2] if the Animal is or has been shown by an employer/employee (including their respective spouses) of the Judge.

F. REPORTING VIOLATIONS/CONSEQUENCES

1. Any Violations of this *Exhibitor's Code of Conduct and Ethics* should be timely reported to an appropriate ABBA official and/or Show Management of the ABBA Approved Show.

2. In the event of an alleged violation of this *Exhibitor's Code of Conduct and Ethics*, the ABBA shall conduct a thorough investigation into the matter. If the violation is substantiated, any parties involved, including, but not limited to, ABBA/AJBA Members, Breeders, Owners, Exhibitors, Showmen, and Fitters may be subject to disciplinary action(s) as deemed appropriate at the sole, exclusive and final discretion of the ABBA.