

Barbados Blackbelly Sheep Association International



<http://www.blackbellysheep.org>

STANDING RULES

Nothing in these Standing Rules is meant to override the provisions of the BBSAI bylaws, which at all times are to be regarded as the prime source of guidance

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP FEES

The name of the association shall be Barbados Blackbelly Sheep Association International and shall, when required, be abbreviated as BBSAI.

The three types of membership defined in the bylaws shall be charged the following fees:

- A. Family membership will be offered for two people who join yearly as a team for \$45 annually.
- B. Regular membership will be offered for \$30 annually.
- C. Youth membership will be offered for \$15 annually.

ARTICLE II. REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER FEES

- A. There shall be a \$5.00 fee for the online registration of any sheep. There shall be a \$7.00 fee for the mail in registration of any sheep.
- B. There shall be a \$5.00 fee for each tracking registration of any sheep.
- C. A fee commensurate with current bank charges will be placed on checks returned for insufficient funds.
- D. There shall be a \$5.00 fee for each transfer of registration.
- E. Registerability
 - 1. Registrar should send photographs of questionable sheep to the board for determination of registerability.
 - 2. If board determines the sheep ineligible for registration, an explanation of the reasons for rejection will be sent to the association member. There will be no refund of registration fees.

ARTICLE III. MEMBER OUTREACH

BBSAI provides a number of educational resources to its members through the blackbellysheep.org website, including an online Blog, Email Group and a repository of previously published quarterly newsletters.

ARTICLE IV. BOOKS OF REGISTRY

Exceptions Policy for Barbados Blackbelly Sheep

- B. Application for sheep registration under the BBSAI Exceptions Policy will require the following:
1. Clear photographs, showing beyond a doubt that this animal meets the BBSAI breed standards for the applicable breed of sheep.
 2. Statement certifying that, to the best of applicant's knowledge, this sheep is a purebred Barbados Blackbelly sheep, meeting all breed standards for the applicable breed.
 3. Background information concerning this sheep (may include history of flock, previous ownership(s), geographic location and movement of flock, known parentage, size of flock, relationship to other known bloodlines, phenotypical and/or genotypical traits of this flock, etc.).
 4. Circumstances surrounding applicant's acquisition of the sheep.
 5. Statement of applicant's breeding philosophy, farm husbandry practices, record keeping techniques, and main distribution routes (breeding stock, slaughter, etc.).
 6. Statement of applicant's plans for this sheep or group of sheep.
- C. Fees for the Application for Sheep Registration under the BBSAI Exceptions Policy shall be \$10.00 for each registration of any sheep. This fee is not refundable.

Open Registration Process for American Blackbelly Sheep

- A. Application for American Blackbelly sheep registration under the BBSAI Open Registration Process will require the following:
1. Completion and submission of a BBSAI American Blackbelly Open Registration Application Form, including clear photographs of the candidate sheep from the front, rear, and both sides (4 photos), demonstrating that this animal meets the current BBSAI breed standards at a level of IDEAL or ACCEPTABLE for American Blackbelly sheep.
 2. A statement certifying that, to the best of applicant's knowledge and belief, this sheep is a purebred American Blackbelly sheep, meeting all current BBSAI breed standards for the American Blackbelly breed.
 3. Inclusion of any known background information concerning this sheep (may include history of flock, previous ownership(s), known parentage, relationship to other known bloodlines, etc.).
 4. Completion of at least one generation of progeny testing adhering to the protocols set forth by the American Blackbelly Open Registration Committee as listed in the Committee's Policy and Procedures and on the Progeny Testing Data Form.
 5. Submission of a completed Progeny Testing Data Form and inclusion of clear photographs showing the front, rear, and both sides (4 photographs) of all lambs produced during progeny testing.

6. That the characteristics and traits of the candidate sheep and all of its progeny produced during testing must be considered to be “Ideal” or “Acceptable”, according to the current version of the BBSAI American Blackbelly Breed Standards, as determined by the American Blackbelly Open Registration Committee.
- B. Fees for the Application for Sheep Registration under the BBSAI American Blackbelly Open Registration Process shall be \$10.00 for each registration of any sheep. The fee is not refundable.
- C. The operating policies and procedures of the American Blackbelly Open Registration Committee shall conform to those adopted by the BBSAI Board of Directors on April 27, 2022, available on the BBSAI website, and may only be amended by approval of the Board.