

# Salers Association of Canada Membership Handbook



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# Pedigrees - A Valuable Tool

National Pedigree Livestock Council

Breed Associations provide many valuable services to their membership, one of the most important being the recording of ancestry or pedigrees. Pedigrees are a valuable tool in livestock breeding because these ancestral records provide knowledge necessary for predicting progeny performance.

More value can be added by recording performance records of each individual and its progeny. Each domestic animal species has traits that are of economic value. Examples would be speed and athletic ability in horses, milk production in dairy cattle and goats, meat production in swine and beef, wool and meat production in sheep. These and other production traits are heritable and can be improved through selection. A permanent record of ancestors and their comparative productions traits is an indispensable tool if breeders are to make wise breeding decisions that lead to improved production and efficiency.

Pedigrees are of value to all segments of the industry. Commercial producers purchasing seed stock will dramatically decrease their chance of error if they use pedigree and progeny of proof in making their selection decisions. Breeding programs can be directed toward goals by selecting seed stock that excel in those traits for which the herds need improvement. Information contained as part of a registration certificate consists of individual animal identification, parentage (sire and dam) and performance. With that knowledge and previous information stored in the breed association data bank, a pedigree or ancestral record can be produced for the breeder. The breeder provides every piece of raw data used in the production of pedigrees and records, bringing to surface the importance of breeder integrity. Few, if any, industries are more dependent upon individual integrity than the pedigreed livestock industry.

The pedigreed livestock industry has traditionally attracted independent and innovative thinking people of the highest integrity. Since most people enjoy associating with people of high character, the pedigreed livestock industry can be and generally is an enjoyable, satisfying business.

In summary, a pedigree is an ancestral record of an individual animal. A pedigree has value because it is a recording of knowledge. That knowledge can be promoted into additional value because knowledge can contribute to the earning power of future progeny from an individual animal.

The registered livestock business can be highly rewarding as you form and mold highly predictable genetic packages of breed-improving material into superior animals. Self-satisfaction comes through the accomplishment of producing genetically superior animals which you made possible through wise breeding decisions. To top it all off, there is the satisfaction of working through your association with people of integrity who has similar interests, ambitions and goals.

**SALEERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**  
INCORPORATED UNDER THE ANIMAL PEDIGREE ACT  
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

P-G00000-B  
Purebred (CP)

ANIMAL NAME **AA JANUARY 1J**  
DATE OF BIRTH 01-JAN-21 SEX MALE TATTOO AA 1J  
RFID  
BIRTH WT. 100 205 ADJ. WT. 500

Sire: ANIMAL NAME PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE  
Dam: ANIMAL NAME PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE PEDIGREE

BREEDER  
ORIGINAL OWNER  
CURRENT OWNER(S)

01-JAN-21  
REGISTRAR

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ANIMAL HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ENTRY IN THE RECORDS OF THE SALEERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

# Introduction

## The Origin of the Salers Breed

### The Salers Breed comes to Canada



Salers are considered to be one of the oldest European breeds, whose roots can be traced to 16,500 year-old cave drawings found near the town of Salers in the South Central region of France, the Auvergne, in the heart of the volcanic area of the Massif Central.

The rough terrain, poor soil and harsh climate combined with the area's isolation contributed to a genetically pure breed of cattle with bred in rangeability to thrive almost entirely on native grasses in the summer and roughage diet in winter.

The Salers breed in North America has evolved into an outstanding maternal breed. The cattle are usually solid red or black. Bulls are usually heterozygous polled with some being homozygous polled.

Salers females possess a larger than average pelvic area and calve easily to the service of larger terminal cross sires. They are excellent mothers with good milk production, are very fertile and re-breed quickly.

Salers bulls are aggressive breeders and sire calves of moderate birth weight, with a strong will to live and good growth. Salers cross steers perform well in feedlots and have exceptional carcass yield and quality.

These traits have made Salers the choice of many commercial cattlemen striving to maximize production without increasing management or labour. Salers are a balanced breed, which is optimum in all aspects of beef production.

Salers were first imported into Canada in 1972 with the Salers Association of Canada being established in 1973. Canada continues to be an excellent source for Salers genetics worldwide.

# The Salers Association of Canada Objects

The Association shall have for its objects the encouragement, development and regulation of the breeding of Salers cattle in Canada. The terms, “Salers cattle” or “Salers breed”, wherever used herein refer to registered Salers cattle. To realize the achievement of such objects, the Association shall:

Keep a record of the breeding and origin of all Salers cattle and collect, preserve and publish data and documents relating to the same;

Maintain standards of breeding for traits of economic importance to beef production;

Provide for the registration of Salers cattle in Canada under the Salers Association of Canada system;

Adopt means from time to time to protect and assist breeders engaged in propagation and breeding of Salers cattle;

Maintain efficient supervision of breeders of Salers cattle to detect, prevent and punish fraud;

Compile statistics of the industry and furnish official and authentic information thereto;

In order to implement and achieve the foregoing, to make all necessary contracts and agreements and to make, alter and repeal regulations subject to the provisions of the By-Laws.

The Salers Association of Canada will encourage and endeavor to facilitate the importation into Canada of those Salers cattle, semen or embryos that would qualify for entry into its registry.



# Membership

There shall be seven classes of members:

## **Honorary Member:**

The Association by ordinary resolution at a general meeting may appoint an Honorary Member of the Association, if the Board of Directors had by prior resolution named the proposed member and recommended that such appointment be made for life, or for a fixed term. An Honorary Member shall take no part in the management of the Association's affairs, shall have no vote, and shall not be entitled to hold office in the Association. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, any Honorary Membership may at any time be revoked by an ordinary resolution at a general meeting.

## **Active Annual Member:**

An Active Annual Member is an individual, a partnership, or a company actively engaged in the breeding of registered Salers cattle who applies for Active Annual Membership and is accepted by the Association and who pays the prescribed Association fee annually.

## **Active Life Member:**

An Active Life Member is an individual, a partnership, or a company actively engaged in the breeding of registered Salers cattle who applies for Active Life Membership and is accepted by the Association and who pays the prescribed Association fee annually.

## **Automatic Life Member:**

After an Active Annual Member has purchased his annual membership for six (6) consecutive calendar years that member shall become an Automatic Life Member, and that member shall pay the prescribed service fee annually.

## **Active Junior Member:**

An Active Junior Member is an individual who has not attained the age of 25 years who applies for Active Junior Membership and is accepted by the Association and who pays the prescribed Association fee annually. A Junior Member shall have no vote and shall not be entitled to hold office in the Association. Junior Membership shall lapse on the 25th birthday of the member.

## **Joint Membership:**

Two or more members in good standing with the Salers Association of Canada may be allowed to obtain joint tattoo letters and register cattle on the lower membership fee schedule, without forming or applying for a new membership in the Salers Association of Canada, allowing all names on the certificate. The Joint Membership does not possess the right to take part in the management of the Association's affairs nor shall the Joint Membership have voting privileges at Association meetings. The Joint Membership requires that all parties be members of the Association. Since each one of these Joint Members already has the right to cast a vote and take part in the management (Director) of the Association, there is no necessity to grant further rights to these members. It is for this reason that the word partnership is deleted from 3.1 (f) and the section on voting rights is added.

## **Associate Member:**

An Associate Member is an individual, partnership, association, society, company or any other affiliation engaged in any industry that supports the breeding of registered Salers cattle and who applies for an Associate Membership and is accepted by the Association and who pays the prescribed Association fee annually. An Associate Member shall have no vote, shall take no part in the management of the Association and shall not be entitled to hold office in the Association.

# Membership

Application for membership shall be in writing and each applicant on becoming a member is then deemed bound by the By-Laws and amendments thereto and all the rules of the Association. The Association shall have the power to reject any application for membership.

Application for partnership or incorporated company membership shall specify the person authorized to vote, act or sign for the partnership or company. A partner of the partnership or officers of the company other than the person so specified may be authorized to vote at any meeting of the Association provided this notification in writing is delivered to the Secretary of the Association three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting.

All members in good standing shall, as a matter of contract and except as herein provided, enjoy the same rights and privileges and be subject to the same liabilities as the original incorporators of this Association. That the Board of Directors are empowered to revoke the rights and privileges of the Association should a member owe the Association money.

A member in good standing is a member who has complied with the regulations as hereinafter set forth of the Salers Association of Canada and the applicable regulations of the provincial Salers Association(s) to which he belongs, and who is not in arrears of membership or other fees or dues or suspended by the Salers Association of Canada or the provincial Salers Association(s) to which he belongs.

Financial liability of a member of the Association shall be limited to the amount due from him in respect to his membership, registration and transfer fees, advertising and any other fees owed to the Association.

No member shall be entitled to any of the rights and privileges of the Salers Association of Canada during any year until has met his/her financial liability(S) as a member as outlined in the previous clause (section 3-2-5). Annual fees as determined by the Board of Directors are due and payable as at January 1st of each year and are payable on receipt of such invoice from the Salers Association of Canada.

No member shall be entitled to vote or give notice to amend this Constitution who is in arrears of membership dues or other fees. No member or authorized representative thereof, shall hold office who is not both a Canadian resident and a Canadian citizen at the time of the election. No applicant shall be entitled to vote until his membership has been accepted.

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



# REGISTRY

## CLASSIFICATIONS

**Fullblood Salers:** Animals registered in the French Salers Herd- book as 100% Salers and the progeny of 100% registered Salers parents are classified as Fullblood Salers animals.

**Purebred Salers:** Progeny of registered Salers sires and dams with a minimum percentage of Salers blood of at least 93.75%, with the exception of females born before January 1, 2012 which are accepted into the "Purebred Registry" with a minimum of 87.5% Salers blood. No animal may enter the "Purebred Registry" until it has an individual sire verified and the designated amount of Salers blood. The letter G will precede the registration number of all animals reaching purebred status through grading up.

**Percentage Salers:** Progeny of registered Salers sires or registered Salers dams are "Percentage Salers". The percentage of Salers blood is the "simple average" of percentages of Salers blood of the sire and the dam as recorded on the SAC registration certificate. To enter the "Percentage Registry" females must have at least 50% Salers blood and males at least 75% Salers blood. When a registered purebred or fullblood Salers sire is used for a first cross, the dam does not have to be registered in the SAC registry. The letter R will precede the registration numbers of all animals in the Percentage Salers Registry.

**Optimizer:** Females and males having at least 12.5% Salers blood but not more than 75% Salers blood may enter the "Optimizer Registry". The non-Salers portion of the pedigree must be registered in the respective breed association as either "Purebred or Fullblood". Registered Optimizers must have birth weights and weaning weights reported to the Association.

# REGISTRATIONS

## OF PEDIGREES

There shall be furnished by the Salers Association of Canada for all living animals registered, a certificate in the form adopted by the Salers Association of Canada Committee. The certificate shall be in such form as decided on by the Board of Directors of this Association.

All certificates of registration shall be submitted for the approval of the officer appointed for that purpose by the Minister of Agriculture of Canada.

Any persons suspended or expelled from membership shall not be allowed the privilege of registering pedigrees in the records of the Association.

Any persons prohibited from registering pedigrees by any other organization incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act shall not be allowed to register pedigrees in the Salers Association of Canada Herd Book.

The Registrar of the Salers Association of Canada, shall have power for any cause which in his or her opinion seems proper to refuse application for registration or transfer from any person whether a member or not. Any such action taken by the Registrar under this provision shall be immediately reported to the Executive Committee. The Registrar may refuse to accept the signature of any person on an application whether member or not pending action by the Directors, Executive Committee, or a general meeting of the Association.



# TABLE OF ELIGIBILITY

| % SALERS    |   |             |   | % SALERS – OFFSPRING |           |
|-------------|---|-------------|---|----------------------|-----------|
| SIRE or DAM | X | DAM or SIRE | = | FEMALES              | MALES     |
| Fullblood   |   | X Fullblood | = | Fullblood            | Fullblood |
| Fullblood   |   | X 93.75% PB | = | Purebred             | Purebred  |
| Fullblood   |   | X 87.5%     | = | Purebred             | Purebred  |
| Fullblood   |   | X 75%       | = | 87.5%                | 87.5%     |
| Fullblood   |   | X 50%       | = | 75%                  | 75%       |
| Fullblood   |   | X 0%        | = | 50%                  | 50%       |
| Purebred    |   | X Fullblood | = | Purebred             | Purebred  |
| Purebred    |   | X 93.75% PB | = | Purebred             | Purebred  |
| Purebred    |   | X 87.5%     | = | Purebred             | Purebred  |
| Purebred    |   | X 75%       | = | 87.5%                | 87.5%     |
| Purebred    |   | X 50%       | = | 75%                  | 75%       |
| Purebred    |   | X 0%        | = | 50%                  | 50%       |
| 87.5%       |   | X Fullblood | = | Purebred             | Purebred  |
| 87.5%       |   | X 93.75% PB | = | Purebred             | Purebred  |
| 87.5%       |   | X 87.5%     | = | 87.5%                | 87.5%     |
| 87.5%       |   | X 75%       | = | 81.25%               | 81.25%    |
| 87.5%       |   | X 50%       | = | 68.75%               | 68.75%    |
| 87.5%       |   | X 0%        | = | 43.75%               | 43.75%    |
| 75%         |   | X Fullblood | = | 87.5%                | 87.5%     |
| 75%         |   | X 93.75% PB | = | 84.375%              | 84.375%   |
| 75%         |   | X 87.5%     | = | 81.25%               | 81.25%    |
| 75%         |   | X 75%       | = | 75%                  | 75%       |
| 75%         |   | X 50%       | = | 62.5%                | 62.5%     |
| 75%         |   | X 0%        | = | 37.5%                | 37.5%     |
| 50%         |   | X 50%       | = | 50%                  | 50%       |
| 50%         |   | X 0%        | = | 25%                  | 25%       |
| 25%         |   | X 0%        | = | 12.5%                | 12.5%     |

## CONVERSION TABLE

| Fraction | Percentage |
|----------|------------|
| 3/8      | 37.50%     |
| 7/16     | 43.75%     |
| 1/2      | 50%        |
| 3/4      | 75%        |
| 7/8      | 87.50%     |
| 15/16    | 93.75%     |

Fullblood = FB  
 Purebred = PB  
 Percentage  
 Optimizer  
 Not Registered =N/R

## MINIMUM PERCENTAGE SALERS BLOOD FOR REGISTRATION

| Male   | Female |
|--------|--------|
| 100%   | 100%   |
| 93.75% | 93.75% |
| 75%    | 50%    |
| 12.5%  | 12.5%  |
| <12.5% | <12.5% |

Fullblood animals are considered 100% when calculating the average percentage of Salers blood in their offspring. This Table is to be used as a general guide, where there are contradictions or discrepancies, the SAC Bylaws shall take precedence. Other eligibility requirements may also apply.

# TATTOO LETTERS

## Identification & Registration

A breeder must apply to the Salers Association of Canada for and be allotted identification letters for his exclusive use.

Animals must be identified with tattoo markings in the ear specified by the Salers Association of Canada with the registered identification letters of the owner of the animal at birth and a serial number followed by the designated year letter to signify year of birth. The letter “H” shall signify that the animal was born in 2020 (“J” 2021) (“K” 2022), (“L” 2023), etc. The letters “I”, “O”, “Q” and “V” shall not be used as designating year letters.

All calves must be identified by tattoo markings before they are six (6) months old and before applying for registration. No two animals, regardless of sex, may be tattooed with the same identification.

After the expiration of five (5) years, registered tattoo letters may be forfeited if they have not been used in registering animals by the registered owner during that period. Such letters may, at the discretion of the Salers Association of Canada be allotted to another breeder.

# PREFIXES

## Registration

A member may register a prefix for his exclusive use in naming animals owned by him at birth. A prefix registered under the regulation shall not be used by any other person or partnership or corporate body in naming animals for registration.

In registering a prefix, priority in use shall be considered. Any dispute between breeders as to priority right to a prefix shall be referred to the Executive Committee for decision.

A registered prefix may be transferred on application to the Salers Association of Canada by the registered owner.

A registered prefix that has not been used in the naming of registered animals, may be cancelled after a period of five (5) years unless the owner has been a continuous member.

A registered prefix may be used by a son or daughter who is a Junior Member, providing written consent of the registered owner is on file with the Salers Association of Canada. This shall not apply to prefixes registered in the ownership of partnership or companies.



# NAMING

## of Animals

Names of animals should not be duplicated. The right is reserved to change any name when necessary, preserving, however, as far as possible, some characteristic of the name given on the application.

A name shall not contain more than thirty (30) letter spaces or characteristics including number affix. Letters or numerals may be used as a prefix.

Animals from other countries shall be registered with the same name as shown on the certificate for registration issued in the country from which they came, except where duplication in names of imported animals occurs.

The Association reserves the right to refuse any name which may be misleading or any name which may be misleading as to the origin or relationship of an animal.



# APPLICATION

## for registration

### **Applications for Registration of animals born in Canada must be:**

Made to the Salers Association of Canada on forms supplied by them with all blank spaces filled in with ink or typewritten and signed by the owner of the animal at the time of birth and by the owner of the Sire at the time the Dam was served;

Accompanied in the case of artificially-sired calves, by the breeding receipt signed by the inseminator and the date of service, cow identification, Sire name, registration number, and the semen batch or freezing date;

A member may make special application to register or transfer an animal which has not been registered or transferred due to extenuating circumstances resulting in not all registration or transfer requirements being met. If such animals can verifiably be identified by tattoo and parentage blood or DNA-test confirm its ancestry to parents registered in the Herd Book, such animals may be approved by the Board of Directors if they deem such decision to be in the best interest of the breed and its breeders. Fee for such special application shall be as per approved fee schedule in force when application made plus any additional fee deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

### **Applications for Registration of animals from other countries:**

Must be signed by the importer, showing the date of importation.

The certificate of registration from the country of origin must show the Canadian importer as the current owner.

The certificate of registration from the country of origin must show four generations of ancestry. Animals must qualify in accordance with the Table of Eligibility.

In order to register progeny from an import animal that is in calf, the service information must be verified by the recording Association in which the service sire is registered.

Bulls from which semen is imported, must be registered in Canada. The request for registration must be accompanied by a bloodtype and/or DNA report.

Embryos imported from foreign countries must meet the same criteria as Canadian embryos.

Fullblood Salers animals that are either imported into and/or registered in Canada from other countries must meet the same criteria set out in these bylaws, for registering fullbloods born in Canada.

Registration in Canada will be made in the name of the owner or lessee of the Dam on the date the calf was born. When a change of ownership takes place before registration, the application for registration and transfer must be presented to the Salers Association of Canada with the registration and transfer fee.

When an animal is born of a natural multiple birth, an application form shall be completed for each calf and the word "twin" or "triplet" etc., shall be included on the application form. In the application, the sex of the animal(s) of the multiple birth shall be stated.

The breeder of an animal is the owner or the lessee of the Dam at the time she was served.

The first owner or lessee was the owner of the Dam at the time the calf was born.

# TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP

Applications for recording a change of ownership must be made in ink or typewritten on forms supplied by the Salers Association of Canada and must give date of sale and date of delivery. In the case of a female, if bred, a service certificate must be completed and signed by the owner of the Service Sire. The application for transfer shall be presented to the Salers Association of Canada with the application for registration if the animal is not registered. The change of ownership will then be endorsed on the certificate.

In the case of the sale of an animal registered as purebred, it is the responsibility of the seller to confirm that the tattoo identification is in accordance with the regulations and to provide ownership. Refusal to do so on any protest whatsoever, shall be grounds for his expulsion, if a member; if not a member, further privileges of the Association shall be refused.

When a registered animal is sold for slaughter, the transfer shall not be recorded on the records of the Association. A notation in ink shall be placed on the face of the certificate stating that the animal was sold for slaughter and the date. The certificate shall be forwarded to the Salers Association of Canada. Similarly, the Registration Certificates for dead animals should be so marked and forwarded to the Salers Association of Canada.

When a registered female is sold for use in a commercial herd and not represented as registered, the transfer shall not be recorded on the records of the Association. A notation in ink shall be placed on the face of the certificate stating that the animal was sold for use in a commercial herd and the date. The certificate shall be forwarded to the Salers Association of Canada.

When an animal is leased for breeding purposes, an Application for Lease supplied by the Salers Association of Canada must be completed and signed by the Lessor and forwarded to the Salers Association of Canada. The terms of the agreement shall be fully disclosed on the application. The Lessee will, in all cases be considered the owner of the property on leased animals.

Where a Registration Certificate is lost, destroyed or unobtainable, a duplicate Certificate may be issued by the Salers Association of Canada upon receipt of a statutory declaration from the last recorded owner.

The Salers Association of Canada shall have authority to accept an application for registration or transfer from any purchaser.



# DNA TESTING

The Salers Association of Canada has adopted an aggressive and pro-active approach in genetic testing requirements for registration of Salers cattle. All bulls, including those used in Optimizer Program, utilized in purebred operations with resultant progeny to be recorded or registered are required to have DNA identity on file with the Salers Association of Canada.

Canadian Salers full-blood status is maintained through DNA parentage verification requirements before being registered. Embryo transplant calves must also be parentage verified prior to registration.

NEOGEN Canada in Edmonton provides DNA services for the Salers Association of Canada. The Salers Association of Canada invoices members for DNA services. Contact the office for DNA applications and informations.

All Salers sires must have a clean B-Mann status to register their progeny. All embryo donor females and AI sires must have DNA on file and a clean B-Mann status to register their progeny.

In almost any genetic population genetic defects show up from time to time. It is prudent to be aware of the possibility and to periodically test to identify carriers of the defective gene. Beta-Mannosidosis is the only genetic defect identified in the Salers breed.

Since 1995 there has been a 'gold standard' test available for breeders to use. Michigan State University's Department of Micro & Molecular Genetics, under the direction of Dr. Karen Friderici PhD, is the sole authorized test lab.



# BREEDPLAN / WHOLE HERD REGISTRATIONS

Herd is all in or all out (no “core” group), based annually on Female Inventory Summary and breeder amendments thereto.

Only BP enrolled herds get EPD.

\$23 per head annually, for females 2 yrs and older. For the calving season in which the female is enrolled the fee includes: all performance reports, worksheets & summaries; registration of natural born single or twin calves.

Registration of calf (calves) is still breeder’s decision and must be requested by submission of a registration application. Registration can be applied for on the ROE-1 with calving or weaning data, or on the WW or YW worksheet, or at any other time in writing.

Embryo donor female - \$23 fee covers first calf registration and performance for the calving season donor cow is enrolled in. This registration is at the discretion of the enrollee (owner) of the dam. Additional embryo calves in that season will be assessed the same enrollment fee each, unless the recipient cow is enrolled in BP for that calving season, and will receive the same registration and performance privileges as natural born calves.



First calf heifers - automatically listed at age of two or/and upon written notice to SAC.

Reinstatement of “disposed” or “temporary removal” females – only once during lifetime, upon payment of \$40 fee (includes \$23 for enrollment). No performance data or registration of calves born, will be available on the non-enrolled years.

Transfers of ownership are not included in the annual enrollment fee and shall be the same as non-BP herds.

Non-Salers dams (foundation or Appendix dams) bred to registered Salers sires may be enrolled, upon request and payment of \$23 per dam for the calving season of enrollment. This will provide performance on the sire and the halfblood calf – not on the dam.





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