

**BY-LAWS**

**CANADIAN SPECKLE PARK ASSOCIATION**

**Amended to May 25, 2015**

**CANADIAN SPECKLE PARK ASSOCIATION**

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# **BY-LAWS CANADIAN SPECKLE PARK ASSOCIATION**

## **SECTION 1. NAME**

The name of the Association shall be “The Canadian Speckle Park Association”, and in these By-laws may be referred to as “the Association”.

## **SECTION 2. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Canadian Speckle Park Association are:

- a) To develop, identify and register Speckle Park cattle
- b) To keep records:
  - a. To issue certificates of registration.
  - b. To transfer ownership of Speckle Park cattle.
  - c. To record membership in the Canadian Speckle Park Association.
  - d. To record numbers of Speckle Park cattle.
  - e. To record payment of fees for certification.
- c) To provide services for the promotion, development and marketing of Speckle Park cattle.

## **SECTION 3. MEMBERS**

- 1) **Qualifications**: Any interested individual, partnership or corporate body may, upon written application to the Association, become a member of the Association upon the approval of such application by the Board of Directors of the Association or by the Business Manager acting on behalf of the Board and upon payment of such membership fee as may be prescribed by the Association. Any application refused by the Business Manager shall be referred to the Board whose decision in respect thereof shall be final. Bodies corporate and partnerships shall be eligible for membership in the same manner as individuals and shall have the same rights and duties as individual members. Every such corporate or partnership member shall appoint in writing a nominee to represent it at meetings of the Association. Notice of such appointment shall accompany the Application for Membership of the body corporate or partnership. A corporate or partnership member shall have the right to change its nominee upon three days written notice to that effect delivered to the Business Manager of the Association.

## 2) Classification of Members:

- a. Active Members: Individuals, partnerships or corporate bodies may, upon application and acceptance by the Board of Directors, and upon payment of the prescribed admission fee, become Active members. Individuals must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. In the case of partnerships and corporate bodies, the nominee must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. Active members must be owners or breeders of Speckle Park cattle. They shall be entitled to vote and participate in the affairs of this Association, and shall be bound by the By-laws and Rules of this Association.
- b. Junior Members: Junior members shall be persons under the age of eighteen (18) years who are interested in Speckle Park cattle. Junior members are non-voting and cannot hold office in the Association, but are entitled to register cattle at member rates, and shall be bound by the By-laws and Rules of this Association.
- c. Honorary Members: Honorary members are persons who have been granted Honorary Membership in recognition of outstanding services or contributions to this Association on written recommendation of two Active Members, and when such recommendation is approved by the Board of Directors. Such position is purely honorary.
- d. Associate Members: Individuals, partnerships, or corporate bodies may, upon application and acceptance of the Board of Directors, and upon payment of the prescribed admission fee, become Associate Members but such Associate Members shall not be entitled to vote and shall not hold office in the Association. Such members shall register animals at non-member rates.
- e. Non-Resident Members: Individuals resident outside of Canada may become Non-resident Members upon approval of the Board of Directors, but shall not hold office or be entitled to vote at any meeting. They shall be bound by the By-laws and Rules of this Association.

## **SECTION 4. DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

### 1) Directors

- a. The affairs of the Association shall be managed and conducted by a Board of Directors which consists of six (6) elected Directors and a Member-at-Large, if one is appointed. The six (6) elected members of the Board of Directors shall be Canadian citizens and shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting for a term of three (3) years. The three (3) year terms of the directors will be staggered in such a way that the election at each annual meeting will require at least two directors to be elected to the Board of Directors.

b. At successive elections the positions held by the two directors who have just come to the end of their term of office will be considered vacant. Therefore, at each election two vacancies from the six elected members of the Board of Directors will require filling (i.e. for Directors #1 and #2 in 2004, Directors #3 and #4 in 2005, Directors #5 and #6 in 2006, Directors #1 and #2 in 2007, and so on).

c. The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill vacancies which may occur among their number, provided, however, that any director so appointed shall hold office only until the next annual meeting of the Association, but shall then be eligible for re-election.

d. A Member-at-Large may be appointed by the directors to sit on the Board of Directors. There shall be only one Member-at-Large on the Board at one time. He shall have the same privileges as any director. His term shall be one year but he may be re-appointed as Member-at-Large the following year provided he isn't elected to the Board.

e. The quorum of any Board of Director's meeting shall be four (4) members of the Board of Directors.

f. The Board of Directors shall meet at the head office of the Association or such place or by such means as the Board shall determine.

g. The Board of Directors shall have complete power to admit and refuse applicants to membership in the Association and the decision of the Board of Directors in this regard shall be final.

h. A director may be removed from office by the Board of Directors, if a director fails to attend two successive duly called meetings of the Board of Directors without sending regrets or explanation, or conducts himself in a manner inappropriate for a director. This action is subject to notifying the director of the Board's intent in writing, giving the director an opportunity to meet with the Board of Directors to show cause why he should not be removed, and two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors present at a duly called meeting vote in favor of the director's removal.

2) Officers:

The President and Vice-President shall be elected for a one(1) year term, such election to be from within the Board and by the Board, and shall be eligible for re-election for an additional one (1) year term. They shall take office at the conclusion of the directors' meeting at which they are elected, such Directors' meeting being the first one following the Annual Meeting. The Business Manager shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, as well as Secretary and Treasurer if these two positions or any portion thereof are deemed necessary. These three officers may or may not be elected members of the Board. If any of the above appointed positions

are held by a paid employee, he shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

a. President:

The President shall preside at all general meetings and shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors and do all such matters and things in addition thereto, as the Board of Directors may from time to time request. He shall present at each annual meeting a report of the activities of the Association. He shall call meetings of the Board of Directors when required. He shall have signing authority on all financial documents.

b. Vice-President:

The Vice-President shall assist the president in the exercise of his duties and will perform the duties and have the powers of the president in the absence of the president. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, it shall be automatically filled by the Vice-President.

c. Business Manager:

The Board of Directors shall appoint one individual as Business Manager. He shall be the managing administrator and chief clerical officer of the Association and shall act as the authorized representative of the Board in discharging such duties. He shall perform the duties of secretary and treasurer, and shall be responsible to the Board of Directors.

Secretary – Should the Business Manager require assistance in performing his duties, a secretary may be appointed. He shall be responsible to the Business Manager. He shall attend to administrative and clerical duties of the Association.

Treasurer – Should the Business Manager require assistance in performing his duties, a treasurer may be appointed. He shall be responsible to the Business Manager. He shall be the financial officer of the Board and his signature is thereby required on all financial documents.

d. Registrar:

The Board of Directors shall appoint the Association's Registrar. He shall issue certificates of registration and transfer, and the cancellation of such. He shall be responsible to the Board of Directors.

3) Committees:

The Board of Directors may appoint from their number and/or from other members of the Association, committees, whether special or standing, but must in all cases name one of their number as chairman of each such committee.

## **SECTION 5. MEETINGS**

- 1) The annual general meeting and the special general meetings of this Association shall be held at such time and at such place as decided upon by the Board of Directors of this Association. A notice of at least three (3) months in advance of an annual general meeting and thirty (30) days in advance of a special general meeting shall be given by mail indicating the time and place of the meeting. This notice shall be sent out to each current member's last known postal and/or electronic address as it appears in the records of the Association. In the event of the Association issuing an official publication, a notice published therein shall be deemed to be sufficient. The accidental omission to give notice to any member, or the non-receipt by any member of such notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings of any general meeting.
- 2) At the written request of any ten (10) active members as defined in these By-laws, the president shall forthwith call a special general meeting; however, such meeting shall have no power to amend these by-laws.
- 3) For the transaction of business of the Association at an annual or special general meeting a quorum shall be ten (10).
- 4) Notice of meetings of the Board of Directors, other than the one immediately following the annual general meeting, shall be sent out to each director at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting, or by phone, fax or e-mail at least five (5) days before the date of the meeting.
- 5) A meeting of the Board of Directors may be held on shorter notice or without written notice, providing all directors have given their consent to the meeting being held. A minute of such consent shall be entered in the minutes.
- 6) Special Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called, when requested in writing to do so, by three (3) or more members of the Board of Directors. The notice of such meeting shall specify the date, time, place, and the business to be transacted at the meeting. Specification of the business to be transacted at the meeting shall not preclude the consideration at the meeting of other routine business, or business that was not contemplated at the time the notice was sent.
- 7) A copy of the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be mailed within fifteen (15) days following such meeting to each director.
- 8) All meetings of the Board of Directors, whether regular or special, shall be deemed to be open to members unless otherwise decided by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors members present at the meeting.

## **SECTION 6. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The order of business at all annual general meetings shall be as follows:

- a. Identification of members
- b. Reading minutes of previous meeting
- c. Reports of officers, directors and committees
- d. Correspondence
- e. Unfinished business
- f. New business
- g. Adjournment

The above order, with the exception of a. Identification of members, may be changed at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

## **SECTION 7. ELECTIONS**

- 1) The election of directors shall take place at the annual meeting.
- 2) The ballot must contain at least as many names as directors required to be elected.
- 3) If any member votes for either more or less than the number of directors required, the ballot shall not be counted.
- 4) Voting papers shall be sent to the members at least three (3) weeks prior to the annual meeting. In the case where a member is unable to attend the annual meeting, he may submit his vote on such paper and submit it to the Business Manager prior to the election and it shall be opened and counted on the day of the said election by the Business Manager in the presence of two scrutineers previously appointed by the Board of Directors.
- 5) The envelope used to return the mail ballot shall bear the words "voting paper" and be placed within a second envelope which exhibits a return address (including the name/names of whose votes are enclosed within).
- 6) In the case where a person submits a mail in ballot but also attends the meeting in person, the mail in ballot is considered void.
- 7) Directors shall be elected for three (3) year terms except where the election of three (3) or more directors has been made necessary through a director's inability to complete his elected term. When three (3) or more directors must be elected in the same year, then the two (2) directors receiving the largest number of votes shall hold office for three (3) years, the next largest number – the next longest term of office and so on.
- 8) In the case of a tie, a second ballot will be cast by the members present at the meeting immediately following the announcement of the results of the first ballot. Each member shall vote for the candidates whom he wishes to fill the remaining vacancies. When two

or more vacancies exist, the candidate receiving the most votes shall hold office for the longest term, the next largest number – the next longest term of office, and so on.

- 9) Upon completion of the count, the Business Manager shall announce the results of the election to those present and enter a minute of the said results in the records of the Association.
- 10) The Board of Directors so elected shall take office immediately following the adjournment of the meeting.
- 11) Voting papers shall be in the form prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- 12) To become a director a member must be nominated on the prescribed form which includes the supporting signatures of at least two active members of the Association. The nominee must have been a member of the Association as of January 1 of the then current year. A nominee is ineligible for nomination if his election will result in two members of an immediate family sitting on the Board of Directors at the same time. Immediate family is defined for the purposes of this By-law as spouses, significant others, parents and children or siblings.
- 13) The nomination form must be delivered to the Business Manager or postmarked before the first day of the month preceding the month of election. The nomination paper must be accompanied by a resume from the nominee.
- 14) The duties of the returning officer shall be carried out by the Business Manager.

#### **SECTION 8. AMENDMENTS**

- 1) The By-laws of this Association may be amended by extra-ordinary resolution at any annual general meeting of the Association by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3's) of the members present. Notice of all proposed amendments shall be supported by the signatures of at least three active members of the Association and shall be given to the Business Manager in writing at least sixty (60) days in advance of an annual general meeting and copies of the proposed amendments shall be sent out to the members thirty (30) days prior to the meeting, otherwise there shall be no power to deal with same. No amendment adopted at any annual general meeting of the Association shall become effective until approved by the Minister of Agriculture of Canada.
- 2) If the Association wishes to change its articles of incorporation, amalgamate with one or more other associations, or dissolve the Association, an amendment may be presented to the general membership by mail ballot provided the amendment is authorized in writing by ten (10) members in good standing.

## **SECTION 9. HEAD OFFICE**

- 1) The head office of the Association shall be at such place in Canada as the Board of Directors may determine and the location of the office for the registration of pedigrees shall be as determined from time to time by the Canadian Speckle Park Association's Board of Directors.
- 2) The Association's articles of incorporation and the Association's by-laws shall be kept at the head office and shall be made available to the members to examine at all reasonable times. The Association's business records and books of accounts shall also be kept at the head office and will be made available to the members to inspect at a preset date during the year.

## **SECTION 10. CORPORATE SEAL**

The form of the seal of the Association shall be such as may be determined by the Board of Directors. It shall be kept in whose possession the Board of Directors may from time to time by resolution designate.

## **SECTION 11. FEES**

The Board of Directors shall from time to time set the fees charged to members and non-members doing business with the Canadian Speckle Park Association. The fees must be ratified at an annual general meeting before coming into effect.

## **SECTION 12. FISCAL YEAR**

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

## **SECTION 13. AUDIT AND ANNUAL REPORT**

The Board of Directors at each annual general meeting shall submit a complete report of its acts and of the affairs of the Association; it shall present a detailed statement duly audited of receipts and expenditures of the preceding year and of the assets and liabilities of the Association. A copy of this report, a list of members, officers elected, and also general information on the affairs of the Association shall be sent to the Minister of Agriculture for Canada within twenty days of the annual meeting.

## **SECTION 14. EXPENSES, INCOME AND PROPERTY**

The income and property of the Association from whatever source derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion and furtherance of the objects of the Association and no part thereof or otherwise as profits or gain to members of the Association, past, present, or future, or any person claiming through any member, providing, however, that nothing therein contained shall prevent the bona fide payment or remuneration to any manager, secretary, treasurer, registrar, clerk or employee or other person for services actually rendered the

Association whether such are members of the Association or not, and the expenses of the directors or other officers in doing the business of the Association.

**SECTION 15. RULES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION AS A PUREBRED  
SPECKLE PARK**

- 1) Animals which meet the following requirements are eligible for entry as purebred Speckle Park in the Association's Main Herd Book.
  - a. A purebred Speckle Park must be 96.9% or more Speckle Park blood.
  - b. Animals whose parents are any one of the following combinations:
    - i. both parents are purebred Speckle Park registered in the Association's Main Herd Book,
    - ii. both parents are Speckle Park approved by the Ministry as Foundation Stock (Addendum to these By-laws)
    - iii. one parent is purebred Speckle Park registered in the Association's Main Herd Book and the other is a Speckle Park approved by the Ministry as Foundation Stock,
    - iv. one parent is a Speckle Park registered in the Association's Appendix Registry and the other a purebred Speckle Park or a Speckle Park approved as Foundation Stock.
  - c. Animals must be one of the following colour patterns or variations between the extremes:
    - i. Black sides with white topline and white underline with speckled hips and black or black frosted faces.
    - ii. Leopard pattern in which the black sides are broken into a series of spots so that neither the black nor the white predominate.
    - iii. White with black ears, nose, hooves and eye pigmentation.
- 2) Upon completion of the designated application a Percentage Speckle Park is eligible for inclusion in the Main Herd Book as a purebred Speckle Park if the following requirements are met:
  - a. The animal is 96.9% or more Speckle Park blood;
  - b. The animal displays the breed characteristic colour and pattern as outlined in section 15, 1) c above and is of good beef conformation. Section 15, 4) not withstanding.
  - c. The applicant confirms that criteria a. and b. are fully met.
- 3) Purebred Speckle Park will have the letters PB added to their registration number as a suffix.
- 4) The following animals are not eligible for entry as purebred Speckle Park in the Association's Main Herd Book.
  - a. A calf sired by a bull less than nine months of age at the time of service shall not be eligible for registration.

- b. A calf born less than 275 days after birth of its dam's last calf shall not be eligible for registration.
- c. Animals which are a solid colour or show some red colouring are not eligible for registration. ("Red colouring" is not to be confused with rusty coloured or brown hair which is either the result of bleaching by the sun and wind or dead hair about to be shed.) Animals with any portion of their head which has white hair with underlying pink skin or which show pinto markings are not eligible for registration.
- d. An animal with horns shall not be eligible for registration.
- e. In any case where the parentage of an animal which is claimed to be registerable Speckle Park is questioned by the officers of the Association or as a periodic parentage verification, the Association's Registrar, on the advice of the Board of Directors may authorize the collection of samples for DNA genotyping to determine the correctness of the parentage claim. However such DNA genotyping shall be done at the Association's expense should the owner be found blameless.
- f. An animal having genetic defects as defined in these By-laws shall not be eligible for registration. For the purposes of these By-laws "genetic defects" shall include the following: congenital reproductive abnormalities; double muscling; dwarfism; osteoporosis (Marble Bone Disease); syndactyly (Mulefoot); congenital corns.
- g. An animal whose sire or dam is a known carrier of genetic defects shall not be eligible for registration.
- h. Progeny from multiple sire exposures (i.e. using more than one bull in a pasture) are only eligible for registration when DNA parentage verification which qualifies the sire is received with the application.
- i. Progeny resulting after multiple sire exposures within fourteen (14) days (either after A.I. or with single bull pasture matings) shall be declared ineligible for registration until such time as positive evidence of the actual sire can be proved by DNA genotyping to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 16. RULES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PERCENTAGE SPECKLE PARK**

- 1) Effective the date that the breed is granted distinct breed status under the provisions of the Animal Pedigree Act, all Speckle Park cattle which have not been recognized as foundation stock will be confirmed as "percentage Speckle Park." Their F status will be converted to a percentage according to the following table. Percentages will be rounded off to one decimal point. No animal will be assigned a percentage higher than 96.9%.

Conversion Table F Status to Percentage		
A	1/2	50 %
F1	3/4	75%
F2	7/8	87.5%
F3	15/16	93.8%
F4	31/32	96.9%

- 2) The registration papers issued by Canadian Speckle Park Association will designate these animals as “Percentage Speckle Park,” will record their percentage of blood, and have the letters PT as a suffix to their registration number.
- 3) Animals which meet the following requirements are eligible for entry as percentage Speckle Park in the Association’s Main Herd Book.
  - a. A percentage Speckle Park must be the progeny of
    - i. two percentage Speckle Park parents, or
    - ii. a percentage Speckle Park parent and a purebred, appendix or foundation stock Speckle Park parent, or
    - iii. the progeny of an identified or recognized Speckle Park parent and a seed stock parent and such progeny must be born in the year 2006 or before. Animals used as seed stock must be only those which are genetically polled and of good beef conformation. They must either show Speckle Park characteristics (genetic background similar to identifiable Speckle Park) or be solid black offspring of Speckle Park or registered Black Aberdeen Angus.
  - b. A percentage Speckle Park must be one of the following colour patterns or variations between the extremes:
    - i. Black sides with white topline and white underline with speckled hips and black or black frosted faces.
    - ii. Leopard pattern in which the black sides are broken into a series of spots so that neither the black nor the white predominate.
    - iii. White with black ears, nose, hooves and eye pigmentation.
    - iv. Solid black.
- 4) The solid black offspring of two solid black percentage Speckle Park or the solid black offspring of a solid black percentage Speckle Park and an Appendix Speckle Park are ineligible for inclusion in any registry of the Association.
- 5) Bull calves with a percentage of less than 87.5 are ineligible for registration as percentage Speckle Park.
- 6) Offspring of any bull of a percentage of less than 87.5 are ineligible for registration as percentage Speckle Park.
- 7) All other restrictions on eligibility for registration of purebred Speckle Park shall apply to Percentage Speckle Park as detailed in Section 15, subsection 4) of these By-laws.
- 8) In the percentage system outlined herein for the offspring to increase their recorded percentage the sire must be purebred, appendix, approved foundation stock or have a recorded percentage of 93.8 or greater. See table below.

- 9) When a breeding results in an offspring with a percentage between the increments as listed in subsection 1) above, the percentage will be rounded up or down to the next increment as shown in the table below.
- 10) For the transition period of five years following the implementation of this section, in the event of extenuating circumstances the Board of Directors of the Association shall be allowed discretionary authority to authorize the acceptance of the registration of offspring of bulls of less than 87.5%.
- 11) The eligibility table for percentage Speckle Park is as follows. In the following table FS indicates that the calf is eligible for inspection to qualify as Foundation Stock. These animals must be inspected before the end of the year 2006. PB indicates the calf is eligible for registration as purebred if all the requirements as outlined in By-law 15 subsection 2) above are met.

**Eligibility Table for Percentage Speckle Park**

Male	Female	Heifer Calf	Bull Calf
Purebred, Foundation Stock	50%	75%	not eligible
Purebred, Foundation Stock	75%	87.5%	87.5%
Purebred, Foundation Stock	87.5%	93.8% or FS <sup>1</sup>	93.8% or FS <sup>1</sup>
Purebred, Foundation Stock	93.8%	96.9% or PB <sup>2</sup>	96.9% or PB <sup>2</sup>
Purebred, Foundation Stock	96.9%	96.9% or PB <sup>2</sup>	96.9% or PB <sup>2</sup>
Purebred, Foundation Stock	Appendix	96.9%	96.9%
Appendix	50%	75%	not eligible
Appendix	75%	87.5%	87.5%
Appendix	87.5%	93.8%	93.8%
Appendix	93.8%	96.9%	96.9%
Appendix	96.9%	96.9%	96.9%
93.8% or higher	50%	75%	not eligible
93.8% or higher	75%	87.5%	87.5%
93.8% or higher	87.5%	93.8% or FS <sup>1</sup>	93.8% or FS <sup>1</sup>
93.8% or higher	93.8%	93.8% or FS <sup>1</sup>	93.8% or FS <sup>1</sup>
93.8% or higher	96.9%	96.9% or PB <sup>2</sup>	96.9% or PB <sup>2</sup>
93.8% or higher	Appendix	96.9%	96.9%
87.5%	50%	50%	not eligible
87.5%	75%	75%	not eligible
87.5%	87.5%	87.5%	87.5%
87.5%	93.8%	87.5%	87.5%
87.5%	96.9%	87.5%	87.5%
87.5%	Appendix	87.5%	87.5%
less than 87.5%	whatever the %	not eligible	not eligible

Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> FS indicates that the calf is eligible for inspection to qualify as Foundation Stock. These animals must be inspected before the end of the year 2006.

<sup>2</sup> PB indicates the calf is eligible for registration as purebred if all the requirements as outlined in By-law 15, subsection 2) above are met.

## **SECTION 17. APPENDIX REGISTRY FOR SPECKLE PARK**

- 1) Since the manner in which the characteristic breed colour and pattern are inherited is unknown, the Appendix Registry for Speckle Park has been created.
- 2) Speckle Park males and females which are ineligible for the purebred registry by virtue of failing to meet the requirements pertaining to colour and pattern may qualify for the Appendix Registry if they meet all of the following requirements:
  - a. They are the offspring of two Speckle Park parents which are listed as Foundation Stock or two Speckle Park parents which are registered as purebred by the Association or two Speckle Park parents one of which is Foundation Stock and the other purebred Speckle Park.
  - b. They are solid black males or females
  - c. They are of good beef conformation.
- 3) Appendix Speckle Park will have the letters AP added to their registration number as a suffix.
- 4) Any colour and pattern other than solid black is ineligible for inclusion in the Appendix. All other restrictions on eligibility for registration of purebred Speckle Park shall apply to the animals listed in the Appendix as detailed in Section 15, subsection 4) of these By-laws.
- 5) The solid black offspring of two Appendix registered Speckle Park are ineligible for inclusion in any registry of the Association.
- 6) The offspring of Speckle Park listed in the Appendix Registry are eligible for registration as purebred Speckle Park, if the offspring meet the following requirements:
  - a. They are the offspring of an Appendix registered Speckle Park parent and a parent which is a purebred Speckle Park or a Foundation Stock Speckle Park.
  - b. They display the breed characteristics pertaining to colour and pattern as for purebred Speckle Park as detailed above in Section 15, subsection 1c of these By-laws.
  - c. They are of good beef conformation.
- 7) The solid black offspring of an Appendix registered Speckle Park parent and a parent which is purebred Speckle Park or a Foundation Stock Speckle Park are eligible for registration in the Appendix Registry for Speckle Park.
- 8) For the rules of eligibility for the offspring of a Speckle Park listed in the Appendix Registry and a percentage Speckle Park, see Section 16 of these By-laws.

**SECTION 18. RECOGNITION OF SPECKLE PARK ASSOCIATIONS AND IMPORTED GENETICS**

- 1) For the purpose of promoting Speckle Park cattle internationally and facilitating the exchange of purebred Speckle Park genetics, the Board of Directors of the Canadian Speckle Park Association may recognize Speckle Park associations with similar objectives but from other countries. Recognition may be granted upon petition and receipt of the applicant association's rules of eligibility for their registration of purebred Speckle Park and any other rules as the Board of Directors may determine.
  
- 2) The Canadian Speckle Park Association will accept for registration in the Canadian Association's Herd Book purebred animals registered with other recognized Speckle Park associations subject to the following conditions.
  - a. The live animal, the sire and dam of the embryo, or the donor sire in the case of semen, are registered with the recognized association in the country of their birth; embryos and semen must be recorded with a recognized association for the country of origin; and
  - b. The live animal, the sire and dam of the embryo, or the donor sire in the case of semen, meet all the rules of eligibility for purebred Speckle Park as stated in the Canadian Association's By-laws, Section 15, and specifically sub-section 2, which specifies 96.9% or more of Speckle Park blood and that "the animal is the third consecutive generation which displays the breed characteristic colour and pattern as outlined in section 15, 1) c above and is of good beef conformation"; calves which result from embryo transfer and any progeny of imported animals and/or imported semen are always subject to the rules of eligibility of the Canadian association; and
  - c. The live animal, the sire and dam of the embryo, or the donor sire in the case of semen, are accompanied by an export registration (recording) certificate and a pedigree which records at least five complete generations of ancestors for each of which there is a registration number and a specified colour and pattern; and
  - d. In the case of the importation of live animals, each individual must bear permanent identification which is unique to that individual; in the case of semen and embryos each unit must be identified by a means which reflects the highest standards in the industry; and
  - e. Imported animals must be registered with the Canadian Speckle Park Association before any offspring any be registered; any donor bull must be registered with the Canadian Speckle Park Association before any progeny may be registered; embryos must be registered with the Canadian Speckle Park Association before the calves are eligible for registration; and
  - f. All forms of imported genetics must qualify against both parents by means of a DNA examination by a qualified laboratory in order to be eligible for registration in the Herd Book of the Canadian Speckle Park Association. In the case of live animals the parentage must be confirmed prior to leaving the country of origin; in the case of semen the donor must be confirmed against both his sire and his dam and a record of the donor's DNA must be on record with the registrar of the Canadian Speckle Park Association; and in the case of

- embryos the DNA record of both parents must be available in order to affirm that any resulting calf is the progeny of the parents of record; and
- g. Imported live animals, calves resulting from embryo transplant and progeny resulting from imported semen are subject to inspection at the direction of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Speckle Park Association.
- 3) The progeny of exported Canadian genetics must be registered with the recognized association in their country of birth before they or their genetics can be imported back into Canada and registered with the Canadian Speckle Park Association. They remain subject to all the rules of eligibility for purebred Speckle Park as contained in the By-laws of the Canadian Speckle Park Association.
  - 4) When Speckle Park exported from Canada are born in a country in which there is no recognized association for the registration of Speckle Park, these cattle and their progeny and their offspring may continue to be registered with the Canadian Association.
  - 5) Speckle Park born in Canada must be registered in Canada before their progeny may be registered with the Canadian Association.

#### **SECTION 19. BREED IMPROVEMENT**

- 1) **Mandatory Reporting of Genetic Anomalies:** When a breeder and/or owner has a calf born to purebred, appendix or percentage Speckle Park parents which is rendered ineligible for registration because of an inherited trait specifically listed as probative in the rules of eligibility of these by-laws (Section 15, 4 c, d and f, and Section 16, 7), the breeder and/or owner shall report the incident to the Association by completing the Report of Genetic Anomaly as provided by the Association. The report shall be submitted to the Association with an appropriate DNA sample from the calf, and if the parents do not have a DNA record on file, the report shall be accompanied by hair samples from both parents for parentage confirmation as well as four photographs (both profiles, front and rear). The report shall include the witnessed signature(s) of the person(s) filing the report.
- 2) **Mandatory Reporting of Scurs:** When a breeder and/or owner has a calf born to purebred, appendix or percentage Speckle Park parents which shows scurs at any point in its life, the breeder and/or owner shall report the incident to the Association by completing the Report of Progeny with Genetic Anomaly as provided by the Association. The report shall be submitted to the Association with an appropriate DNA sample from the calf, and if the parents do not have a DNA record on file, the report shall be accompanied by hair samples from both parents for parentage confirmation as well as four photographs (both profiles, front and rear). The report shall include the witnessed signature(s) of the person(s) filing the report. The breeder and/or owner of a Speckle Park which shows scurs at any point in its life, shall amend the animal's registration so as to reflect the presence of scurs.

- 3) Upon confirmation of the report the parents will be listed in the public records of the Association as carriers of the specific genetic defect.
- 4) Genetic Tests and Breeding: The results of Speckle Park specific genetic tests and the results of test breeding supervised by a professional geneticist which confirm that the animal is free of a specific genetically mediated anomaly may be filed with the Association and recorded in the public records of the Association.
- 5) Reporting of Other Anomalies Present at Birth: Other anomalies which render a calf dead or incapacitated at birth or shortly thereafter but not specifically identified in the By-laws and which may or may not be genetically mediated are considered reportable. A breeder and/or owner shall report these occurrences on a Potential Genetic Defect Report form provided by the Association. The report shall be submitted to the Association with an appropriate DNA sample from the calf, and if the parents do not have a DNA record on file, the report shall be accompanied by hair samples from both parents for parentage confirmation as well as four photographs (both profiles, front and rear). A brief written assessment of the condition by a licensed veterinarian shall accompany the report. The report shall include witnessed signature(s) of the person(s) filing the report.
- 6) Members who fail to report the occurrences of these genetic anomalies shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 28, 29 and 30 of the Association's By-laws.

## **SECTION 20. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION AND EMBRYO TRANSPLANT**

The following by-laws apply to all purebred, percentage and appendix Speckle Park registered by the Association.

- a) Calves conceived by artificial insemination will be registered on the same terms as calves conceived by natural mating, except a DNA genotype certificate for the sire must be on file with the Association's Registrar.
- b) Calves propagated by embryo transplant will be registered on the same terms as calves propagated by natural or artificial mating, except a DNA Genotype Certificate for the sire, dam and calf must be on file with the Association's Registrar, as must be a completed Application for Registration as supplied by the Association and an Embryo Transplant Certificate.
  - i) To verify parentage of embryo transplant offspring, the DNA Genotype Certificates of all sires used as semen sources must be on record with a recognized laboratory prior to the time of transplanting. The required samples from the donor cow must be collected no later than the time of transplanting, if not already on record.

ii) It is hereby stressed that both Canadian Speckle Park Association's members and Embryo Transplant centers be advised of the importance of being able to differentiate in instances when two bulls are being used to simultaneously inseminate donor cows. In those cases where parentage cannot be established through DNA Genotyping, the resultant offspring will not be eligible for registration in the Herd Book of the Canadian Speckle Park Association.

## **SECTION 21. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION**

- 1) All applications for registration of animals and transfer of ownership under these By-laws must be made to the Association's Registrar by the following methods:
  - a) by a form supplied by the Association with all applicable blank spaces filled in in ink or typewritten and signed in ink by the owner of the animal or authorized representative.
  - b) by electronic communication, provided the applicant has signed an electronic registration agreement prior to making application by such means.
- 2) An application for registration of an animal born in Canada must be signed by the owner or lessee of the dam at the time birth, and by the owner of the sire at the time the dam was served (unless previously signed on transfer). The dam must be registered in the Canadian Speckle Park Herd Book in the name of the owner signing and the sire must be registered in the Canadian Speckle Park Herd Book in the name of the owner certifying the service.
- 3) Registration of animals in all cases will be made in the name of the person owning or leasing the dam at the date of birth of the calf. If change of ownership has taken place after birth, the usual transfer must be filed, for which the usual fee will be charged.
- 4) A DNA genotype of a Speckle Park sire must be on file with the Association's Registrar before the application(s) for identification/recognition of their 2001 and later offspring is (are) submitted to the Association's Registrar.
- 5) A DNA genotype of a Speckle Park bull must be on file with the Association's Registrar before the application for the transfer of ownership is submitted to and recorded by the Association's Registrar.
- 6) Every Speckle Park (male or female) shall qualify against its sire by DNA genotype as performed by a laboratory acceptable to the Association and before its application for registration as purebred, percentage or appendix Speckle Park is completed by the Association's registrar. The effective date of this amendment shall be the date of ministerial approval but no sooner than January 1, 2011.
- 7) Every Speckle Park (male or female) over the age of two years at the time of application for registration as purebred, percentage or appendix Speckle Park shall

qualify against both its sire and its dam by DNA genotype as performed by a laboratory acceptable to the Association. The effective date of this amendment shall be the date of ministerial approval but no sooner than January 1, 2011.

- 8) When an animal is a twin, it shall be so stated when applying for identification, and the sex given of its twin. Should a twin be entered upon the record without such statement, no subsequent application for entry of an animal twin with same shall be accepted.
- 9) The breeder of an animal is the registered owner or lessee of the dam at the time of conception. The first owner is the registered owner or lessee of the dam at the time she produced the calf. When a cow produces embryos, the first owner shall be the registered owner or lessee of the dam at the time of transplant or the registered owner of the embryo at the time of birth of the calf.

## **SECTION 22. REGISTRATION OF PEDIGREES**

- 1) There shall be furnished by the Canadian Speckle Park Association for all living animals eligible, a Certificate of Registration on the form adopted by the Canadian Speckle Park Association.
- 2) Any person suspended or expelled from membership shall not be allowed the privilege of registering or transferring pedigrees in the records of the Canadian Speckle Park Association as per Section 61 of the Animal Pedigree Act.
- 3) Speckle Park Certificates of Registration will provide the following information:
  - a. Date issued.
  - b. Canadian Speckle Park Association's registration number.
  - c. Name of animal
  - d. Sex.
  - e. Tattoo identification.
  - f. Date of birth.
  - g. Birth weight (actual or estimated).
  - h. Colour pattern.
  - i. Polled status – polled or scurred
  - j. Name of breeder and current owner
  - k. Three generation pedigree
  - l. Registration status as purebred, percentage or appendix as provided for in these by-laws.
- 4) Where an animal is propagated by embryo transplant, the letters ET must be included on the registration certificate following the sex of the animal.
- 5) Where an animal is a twin, the letters TW must be included on the registration certificate following the sex of the animal and the sex of the twin must be stated.

### **SECTION 23. REGISTRATION OF TATTOO LETTERS**

- 1) Every Speckle Park animal for which application for registration is made shall be marked for registration by a tattoo as provided herein. The owner at the time of birth of every animal shall tattoo mark such animal. Every animal shall be marked within the calendar year of its birth date.
- 2) Each breeder or owner who desires to register Speckle Park cattle with the Canadian Speckle Park Association shall apply for and be allotted herd designation letters from the Association for his exclusive use with which to tattoo mark animals born his property. Such letters shall be tattooed in the right ear. In addition to the herd designation letters there shall also be tattooed in the same ear, the herd number of the animal and the year letter to signify the year of birth. "Y" will signify that the animal was born in 1989 and the letter "Z" that the year of birth was 1990, "A" – 1991, "B" – 1992, "C" – 1993, and so on, but the letters "I", "O", "Q" and "V" will not be used as a year letter. When the letter "Z" has been used as a year letter, the next year letter to be used will be "A" and the letters of the alphabet will then be used in order subject to the exceptions mentioned herein.
- 3) If an animal is marked with the same herd number as another animal born in the same year, the "0" shall be tattooed beside the said number in the ear of one of the animals which has been so marked.
- 4) If the wrong letter is used to mark any animal the correct year letter shall be tattooed beside the other and a full description of the mark shall be reported on the application for registration.
- 5) If a tattoo mark ceases to be legible, application shall be made for permission to re-tattoo the animal and a notation shall be made on the certificate of registration by the Association's Registrar showing that the animal was re-tattooed.
- 6) The tattoo mark shall be shown on the form when application is made for registration and on the registration certificate which is subsequently issued.
- 7) In the event of a change of name of a partnership or company, or if a member of the same family is taken into partnership, the tattoo letters may be transferred on the application of the registered owner or his authorized representative. Likewise, transfer may be made from a deceased owner to his heir.

### **SECTION 24. REGISTRATION OF NAMES**

All animals entered in the Canadian Speckle Park Herd Book must be named in accordance with the following rules:

- 1) A breeder must register a particular prefix or affix (also referred to herein as herd name) for his exclusive use in naming his animals, by applying to the Association's Registrar.
- 2) A particular prefix or affix will be allowed to one person or partnership only, and in registering such a prefix or affix, priority in use and in application for registration shall be considered. Any dispute between breeders as to priority right to any herd name shall be referred to the Board of Directors.
- 3) Letters may be used as a registered prefix or affix to a name.
- 4) Every name must include a prefix or affix (herd name), herd number and year letter. However, if a breeder so wishes an optional additional name may also be included. The name must, however, always end with the herd number and year letter.
- 5) Names shall not contain more than thirty (30) letters or characters, including numeral affix and spaces.
- 6) Duplication of names shall not be permitted.
- 7) A prefix or affix may be transferred upon application to the Association's Registrar by the registered owner.
- 8) A registered prefix or affix may be used by a member of the immediate family, provided written consent of the registered owner is on file with the Association's Registrar.
- 9) The Association reserves the right to refuse any name which may be misleading as to the origin or relationship of an animal. Names of members of the Royal Family, or Leaders of national governments of the day shall not be used.
- 10) The name of an animal may be changed, providing there are no registered offspring. A new application for registration must be completed and signed by the owner at birth, then presented to the Association's Registrar with the Certificate of Registration and necessary fee. If a registered prefix was used in the original name, it must also be used as the prefix in any suggested change.

## **SECTION 25. TRANSFER AND DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES**

- 1) In case of the sale of an animal, the seller must furnish to the purchaser a transferred certificate of registration in the Canadian Speckle Park Herd Book, showing the purchaser's ownership. Refusal to do so on any grounds whatsoever, unless specifically stated in the terms of sale that the certificate of registration would not be provided, shall be grounds for expulsion from the Association.

- 2) All applications for registration of change of ownership must be made on forms supplied by the Canadian Speckle Park Association and all applicable blank spaces must be filled in, in ink or typewritten. The original certificate of registration must be forwarded to the Association's Registrar with the application for transfer of ownership and the prescribed fee. The Association's Registrar will then issue a new certificate of registration in the name of the new owner.
- 3) In the case of the sale of an animal for any reason other than breeding purposes, as prescribed by the regulations of this Association, the seller shall not furnish the purchaser with the certificate of registration but forward it, with full details of the sale, to the Association's Registrar, and it shall be retained there. The transfer of the animal so reported shall not be recorded on the records of this Association.
- 4) A duplicate certificate may be issued for a prescribed fee if the registered owner or his authorized agent files a statutory declaration, sworn before a commissioner of oaths or notary public, on a form supplied by the Association's Registrar showing in a satisfactory manner that the original is lost, destroyed, or unobtainable.
- 5) In the case of the death of an animal from any cause whatever, the pedigree certificate should be sent to the Association's Registrar with a statement of the reasons therefore.

#### **SECTION 26. BOOKS OF RECORD**

A register shall be kept at the office of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation and shall be known as the Canadian Speckle Park Association Herd Book. It shall be published by the Canadian Speckle Park Association at such time as decided by the Board of Directors.

#### **SECTION 27. PRIVATE HERD RECORDS**

Members shall keep a private herd record, as issued by the Association, in which the name, registration number, the tattoo mark and any other identification mark of each breeding female shall be entered together with such other information regarding each animal as in the opinion of the breeder may be deemed advisable, and opposite or under the name of each breeding female, so entered, the date of birth, sex, identification mark, and name, and registration number of the sire of each calf produced by such female, shall be entered at the same time that each calf is marked for registration. Such record shall be open to inspection, as defined herein. The private herd record shall include an inventory of all semen and embryos which are the property of the breeder. The record shall include storage locations and in the case of embryos, shall include the registration number of both sire and dam.

## **SECTION 28. AUTHORITY TO INSPECT**

The Board of Directors shall have authority to appoint an inspector at any time to examine on behalf of the Association breeders' herds and the manner in which private herd records are kept and the identification system practiced by any breeder or breeders registering cattle in the Canadian Speckle Park Herd Book. If the inspector finds a breeder at fault, the Association's Registrar, in consultation with the Board of Directors, may take whatever steps necessary. The most serious offences may result in suspension of registration papers and/or membership in the Canadian Speckle Park Association.

Authority to inspect private herd records and manner of identification as practiced by breeders of Speckle Park cattle shall also extend to the Minister of Agriculture or anyone appointed by him for that purpose, but when such inspection is instituted by the said Minister, the Business Manager of the Canadian Speckle Park Association shall be immediately notified.

Prior to applying to amend the 'Articles of Incorporation as an Evolving Breed' to read 'Articles of Incorporation as a Distinct Breed' a formal inspection will be made of all identified F3 Speckle Park cattle so as to ensure uniformity within the breed.

## **SECTION 29. SUSPENSIONS**

- 1) **Suspended Member**: Any membership may be revoked by the Board of Directors if a member conducts himself in a manner detrimental to this Association, or fails to comply with the By-laws and Rules of the Association, providing:
  - a. Charges are in writing, signed by the writer, and submitted to the Business Manager;
  - b. The member is given an opportunity of personal appearance before the Board of Directors at closed session to show cause why his membership should not be revoked;
  - c. A majority of the Board members are present following a twenty-one (21) day notification of all Board members, and two-thirds (2/3) of the Board members vote in favor of revocation of membership.
  - d. Any person so suspended or expelled shall have no claim against this Association or any interest in the property or assets of this Association.
  
- 2) **Suspended Registration**: A suspended registration is a registration of pedigree or transfer that has been placed under suspension by the Association's Registrar, in consultation with the Board of Directors, on account of some irregularity; such suspension to remain until the same has been lifted by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Association.

- 3) Every member of the Canadian Speckle Park Association is subject to the provisions of the Animal Pedigree Act. The Offences and Penalties as set forth in the Animal Pedigree Act (Section 63-67) are considered to be contrary to the Rules of the Association and may be grounds for suspension or membership and/or suspension of registration as outlined in the preceding two paragraphs.

### **SECTION 30. NON-MEMBERS**

Any person not a member of this Association registering or transferring animals on the records of this Association shall be subject to the same by-laws and rules as a member except as otherwise specifically provided for.

### **SECTION 31.**

Whenever the context permits in these by-laws, the singular shall include the plural, and the masculine, the feminine and the neuter.