

CANADIAN SPECKLE PARK ASSOCIATION

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

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 with parents which are any combination of the following:
 - a) purebred Speckle Park registered in the Association's Main Herd
 - b) Speckle Park approved by the Ministry as Foundation Stock (Addendum to these By-laws)
 - 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
 - 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 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, 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 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 multiple sire exposures within twenty-one (21) 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.

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%.

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 CSPA 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.
- 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 CSPA 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 ¹	93.8% or FS ¹
Purebred, Foundation Stock	93.8%	96.9% or PB ²	96.9% or PB ²
Purebred, Foundation Stock	96.9%	96.9% or PB ²	96.9% or PB ²
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 ¹	93.8% or FS ¹
93.8% or higher	93.8%	96.9% or PB ²	96.9% or PB ²
93.8% or higher	96.9%	96.9% or PB ²	96.9% or PB ²
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:			
¹ 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.			
² 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.			

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 percentage Speckle Park with the percentage of 96.9%, 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 percentage Speckle Park as detailed above in Section 16, subsection 3b of these By-laws.
 - c) They are of good beef conformation.
- 7) 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.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION AND EMBRYO TRANSPLANT

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

- 1) Artificial insemination and embryo transplant:
 - a) Calves conceived by Artificial Insemination will be identified 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 identified 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 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.

REGISTRATION OF TATTOO LETTERS

- 1) Every Speckle Park animal for which application for identification is made shall be marked for identification by tattoo as provided herein. The owner at the time of birth of every animal should 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 identify Speckle Park cattle in Canada shall apply for and be allotted herd designation letters from the CSPA 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. "R" will signify that the animal was born in 2005 and the letter "S" that the year of birth was 2006, "T" – 2007, "U" – 2008, "W" – 2009, 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 identification.
- 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 identification by the CSPA showing that the animal was re-tattooed.
- 6) The tattoo mark shall be shown on the form when application is made for identification and on the identification 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.

REGISTRATION OF NAMES

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

- a) 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 Registrar, CSPA.
- b) 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.
- c) Letters may be used as a registered prefix or affix to a name.
- d) Every name must include a prefix or affix (herd name), herd number and year letter. However, if a breeder so wishes an optional name may also be included. The name must, however, always end with the herd number and year letter.
- e) Names shall not contain more than thirty (30) letters or characters, including numeral affix and spaces.
- f) Duplication of names shall not be permitted.
- g) A prefix or affix may be transferred upon application to the CSPA by the registered owner.
- h) 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 CSPA.
- i) 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.
- j) Where an animal is propagated by embryo transplant, the letters ET must be included on the identification certificate following the sex of the animal.
- k) Where an animal is a twin, the letters TW must be included on the identification certificate following the sex of the animal and the sex of the twin must be stated.

TRANSFER AND DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES

- 1) In case of the sale of an animal, the seller must furnish to the purchaser a transferred certificate of identification 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 identification 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 identification must be forwarded to the CSPA with the application for transfer of ownership and the prescribed fee. The registrar will then issue a new certificate of identification 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 identification but forward it, with full details of the sale, to the CSPA, 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 CSPA 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 CSPA with a statement of the reasons therefore.