CANADIAN GOAT SOCIETY

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1. NAME

The association shall be named THE CANADIAN GOAT SOCIETY, and hereinafter referred to as the Society or CGS. The Society was incorporated on August 3, 1917 and it is governed by the Animal Pedigree Act and shall at all times operate in compliance with that act.

2. OBJECTIVES

The Society shall have for its objectives, the encouragement, development and regulation of the breeding of registered goats in Canada

a) by keeping a record of breeding and origin of all registered goats and by collecting, preserving and publishing data and documents relating to the same;

b) by establishing standards of breeding and by carrying out a system of registration under the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation;

c) by adopting means from time to time to protect and assist those engaged in breeding of registered goats in compliance with the Animal Pedigree Act or any regulations made thereunder;

d) by maintaining an efficient supervision of breeders of goats to prevent, detect and punish fraud;

e) by compiling statistics of the industry and furnishing official and authentic information in regard thereto; and

f) for these purposes, to have power to enter into contracts and agreements and to make, alter and repeal regulations subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth.

g) to aid in providing a vehicle for the promotion of goats and goat products in Canada;

h) to monitor and represent issues of concern to the Canadian Goat Industry to the appropriate agencies.

3. INTERPRETATION

The following interpretations shall govern these by-laws:

3.1. The Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, hereinafter referred to as CLRC is the official registration office of the Canadian Goat Society and shall be the sole provider of registration services to the Society.

3.2. Breeder - is any person who breeds goats accepted in the Canadian National Record for Goats.

3.3. Breeder of an Animal - is the registered owner or lessee of its dam at the time she was impregnated.

3.4. Breeding Enterprise - is a farm or other facility where goats are bred and/or kept and may include animals owned by one or more persons.

3.5. Owner at Birth of an Animal or an Embryo - For the purpose of registration, the owner at birth of an animal is the person who owned its dam on the day it was born. The owner at birth of an animal, born the result of an embryo transplant, is the person whose name is recorded as owner of the embryo on the day the kid is born.

3.6. Lessee of an Animal - is the temporary owner (as defined), for the period stipulated in the application for registration of lease submitted to the Society by the registered owner of the animal.

3.7. Registration Certificate - is a certificate issued by the CLRC which includes name, number and sex of the animal, identification, date of birth, sire and dam, name of breeder and owner and may contain additional information, in a form approved by the Society and including the name of the Society.

3.8. Suspended Registration - A suspended registration is a registration of pedigree or transfer that has been placed under suspension by the Board or by the CLRC on account of some irregularity.

3.9. Member in Good Standing - A member is in good standing if he is not a suspended member and if his membership fees with the Society have been paid for the current year (as outlined in Section 4.1.a), all other accounts with the Society are current and he has complied with the by-laws and regulations as hereinafter set forth.

3.10. Suspended Or Terminated Member - Is a former member of the Society whose membership therein has been terminated or suspended in accordance with the provisions contained in these by-laws or who has been placed on probation by the Board of Directors of the CLRC.

3.11. The Board - Is the Board of Directors of the Society consisting of those directors as are from time to time elected, acclaimed or appointed in accordance with the provisions contained in these by-laws.

3.12. Pedigree - Is a chart indicating the ancestry of an animal. It may contain additional information such as production and classification data. The Society may issue pedigrees based on information it believes to be correct and certify such pedigrees.

3.13. Purebred - A goat registered with the Society will be considered purebred if it has 99.2% purebred ancestry or higher of the same breed and it conforms to breed standard. All animals registered as purebred prior to the effective date of these by-laws will retain their purebred status regardless of the percentage of purebred ancestry.

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

3.15. Membership Meeting - Any general membership meeting whether of the Society or a particular district, called in accordance with the provisions contained in these by-laws.

3.16. Wherever these by-laws are silent or there is no pre-existing policy, the Board shall use "The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure" (Revised by the American Institute of Parliamentarians).

3.17.Official Organ – Shall be in a form and frequency decided by the Board and shall be mailed or electronically distributed to all members as a means of circulating news and program results of the Society and provide information or benefit to the members. It may also be used as a means of distributing ballots to members on those issues requiring their vote.

4. Members

4.1. There shall be three classes of members:

a) Annual Members - Shall be those individuals, partnerships, or companies incorporated under Federal or Provincial charter, resident in Canada, who pay the prescribed annual membership fee, due the first day of January of each year.

b) Non-resident Members - Individuals, partnerships or companies outside of Canada may become annual members but shall not hold office or be entitled to vote at any meeting.

c) Annual Minor Members - Application for membership may be accepted by the Society from any person under 18 years of age, provided the application is signed by the applicant and countersigned by the parent or legal guardian.

1) The applicant shall pay the prescribed annual membership fee but shall not hold office or be entitled to vote.

2) The applicant shall have the right to register and transfer animals on the records of the Society, provided such applications are duly signed by the minor and bear the countersignature of the parent or legal guardian.

3) Members under 18 years of age shall maintain separate ownership, tattoo letters and herd name.

4) All members, under the age of 18 years shall have the fact that theirs is a minor membership noted on their receipt and on the membership list.

4.2. Application for Annual Membership shall be in such form as decided upon by the Board of Directors, and each applicant, on becoming a member shall agree to be bound by these by-laws and amendments thereto and all rules of the Society, but the Society shall have power to reject any application for membership if considered contrary to the purposes and operating principles of the association.

4.3. Application for Partnership or Incorporated Company Membership shall specify the person authorized to vote, act or sign for the partnership or company. A member of a partnership or company other than the person mentioned in the application may be authorized by the partnership or company to act or vote at any General Meeting of the Society.

4.4. Suspension or Termination of a Member - A suspended or terminated member is a former member whose membership therein has been terminated or suspended in accordance with the provisions contained in these by-laws or who has been placed on probation by the Board of Directors of CLRC or who automatically suspends himself because he has not conformed to the rules and regulations of this Society, is in arrears of fees or dues and has not responded to notices given by the Secretary Manager. Suspensions and/or terminations are of two types:

a) For non-payment of any fees or dues owed the Society. No hearing is necessary since evidence of such is a matter of record with the Society. Such members may be suspended by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board and the Board's decision is final. Such suspension may be for any period up to three years and properly include loss of all membership privileges. Such suspension may also include loss of awards in CGS programs and reasonable conditions of re-instatement if the Board considers these justifiable.

b) For reason that a member s actions or conduct is considered by the Board, contrary to the principle purposes of CGS, prejudicial to the best interests of CGS or disregards or contravenes policy set by the Board . Action for these reasons must be precipitated by a complaint filed in the manner set out in Section 35, Complaints and carried out according to procedure in that section.

4.5. In accordance with Section 61 of the Animal Pedigree Act, the Board has the power to deny registration to anyone who:

a) is in arrears of any fees owing the Society, or

b) has contravened a by-law concerning the registration of animals, the individual identification of animals or the keeping of private breeding records ,or

c) has contravened any provisions of the Animal Pedigree Act or Health of Animals Act.

4.6. The financial liability of the member to the Society shall be limited to the amount due from him in respect to his membership and other fees or dues.

4.7. A member in good standing may, provided he is not in arrears for membership or other fees or dues, at any time resign from membership in the Society by giving the General Manager, CLRC notice in writing of his intention to do so, but membership shall not terminate until the end of the current membership year.

4.8. No member shall hold office or be entitled to vote at a meeting or to give notice to amend these by-laws if at the time, in arrears of membership or other fees or dues and no applicant shall be entitled to vote until his application for membership has been accepted.

4.9. A member in good standing shall receive free of charge, any publications which are issued to members during each year of his membership for which he has paid his membership fee.

4.10. The membership year of the Society shall correspond with the calendar year. Membership fees received after November 1 in the current year should be applied towards membership in the subsequent year, unless there is work to be processed before the January 1 date. If there is work to be processed, the membership fee will apply for the current calendar year, and the member shall be responsible for membership fee the following year on January 1.

4.11. Privileges of the Society as they apply to all persons and organizations shall mean:

a) Use of the services of the head office as they concern the records of the Society.

b) The use of the services rendered by the official organ of the Society.

c) All those privileges accorded members of the Society as set forth in these by- laws and privileges extended to members by order of the Board.

5. OFFICES

The head office of the Society shall be at such place as the Board determines and the office for the registration of pedigrees shall be the office of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation under the supervision of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

6. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Society shall run from September 1 to August 31.

7. DIRECTORS

7.1. The property and business of the Society shall be managed by a Board of not less than six Directors.

7.2. No person shall be qualified for election as a director if such person;

a) is not a member in good standing

b) is not an individual

c) is less than 18 years of age

d) is of unsound mind and has been so found by a Court in Canada or elsewhere

7.3. The Directors shall be elected on a three year rotating basis in the manner set out in sub-sections 7.5 to 7.17 hereof and is eligible for re-election.

7.4. For the purpose of elections, the membership shall be divided into the following districts:

District 1- Province of British Columbia

District 2- Province of Alberta

District 3- Provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba

District 4- Province of Ontario

District 5- Province of Quebec

District 6- Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island

Only those members of the Society who reside in a particular District may vote for the Director or Directors to be elected from that District.

7.5. The number of Directors elected in each district will be determined by reference to the total number of members of the Society that are resident in that District according to the Society s membership list as of December 31st of the calendar year immediately preceding the election year and according to the following schedule:

1 to 150 members	1 Directors
151 to 450 members	2 Directors
451 and over	3 Directors

7.6. Districts 1, 3 and 5 shall have their election of Directors in the years 2023, 2026, 2029 and so on every three years. District 2, 4 and 6 shall have their election of Directors in the years 2024, 2027, 2030 and so on every three years.

7.7. Directors shall be elected by postal ballot or by electronic means, in a manner that all members can practically participate.

7.8. Members may make nominations only for Directors resident in their district.

7.9. In order for a member to qualify as a candidate for the office of Director in his district, he must be nominated in writing by no fewer than ten (10) members in good standing who reside in that District or 10% of the total membership for that District (whichever is the lesser number), and such nominations must be sent by mail or by electronic means to the Head Office of the Society and post-marked not later than June 30th.

7.10. The Secretary Manager shall notify the members who have been nominated, informing them that their names will be included in the ballot for election of Directors of his District unless notice declining the nominations is given within five (5) days.

7.11. The Secretary Manager shall, for each District which is voting that year, send voting ballots by regular prepaid mail or electronically to the members resident in that District on or before July 15 of the election year.

7.12. Members shall receive a ballot listing the candidates for their district with instructions to vote for the required number of directors for that district. A member may vote for one or more candidates, up to the total number of Directors allotted for that district.
7.13. If sent by postal mail, along with the ballot, an envelope marked Official Ballot and addressed to the Secretary Manager, shall be sent with instructions to return this containing the ballot only, and that in order to be counted, the ballot must be received at the Head Office of the Society on or before August 15 of the election year. If sent electronically, instructions to return the ballot will be provided, and in order to be counted, the ballot must be received at such place that has been designated by the Board of Directors on or before August 15 of the election year
7.14. Counting of the returned ballots so received shall be supervised by the Secretary Manager and/or a recognized third party appointed by the Board. The results shall be tabulated and the ballots destroyed by motion of the new Board when it takes office.
7.15. In the case of a tie vote, the candidate who has been longest a member in his district shall be declared elected.
7.16. The successful candidates shall be notified of their election as soon as possible once results are known. The newly elected Board will take office directly prior to the Board of Director meeting(s) which precede the Annual General Meeting, upon signing and submitting a copy of the Canadian Goat Society's Code of Ethics. Newly elected Directors may add items of concern to the agenda for the Board Meeting prior to taking office.
7.17. A majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Board.
7.18. All decisions of the Board shall be resolved by a majority vote of the Directors voting, provided that no less than a majority of Directors actually vote thereon. Any Director shall be presumed and deemed to have assented to any and all decisions so made unless he shall register his dissent to the decision and such dissent shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board.
7.19. In the case that a position on the Board becomes vacant at any time, the candidate with the next highest number of votes in that district will be appointed to the position provided that person gained no less than 10% of the votes cast in that district. Failing that, appointment or election to fill the position will be at the discretion of the Board.
7.20. The Office of Director Shall be Automatically vacated:

a) if a Director has resigned his office by delivering a written resignation to the Secretary Manager;
b) if a Director ceases to be a member in good standing;
c) if a Director is found by a Court to be of unsound mind;
d) if at a general membership meeting of a District, a resolution is passed by an affirmative vote of no less than 60% of the members present at such a meeting that a Director of that district be removed from office; or
e) upon the death of a Director.

7.21. 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 inconsistent with the CGS Directors Code of Ethics. 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

8. PRESIDENT

8.1. The President shall be elected annually from among their number by the Board of Directors at their first meeting of the new Board or just prior to the Annual General Meeting.
8.2. He shall hold office for no more than 13 months unless re-elected.
8.3. The duties of President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Society and Board, to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Society and generally do to all matters, acts and things as are usually done by the President of similar organizations and he shall be a member of all committees.
8.4. In the event of a tie vote, the vote must be taken until the tie vote is resolved by additional voting.

9. VICE PRESIDENTS

A First and Second Vice-President shall be elected in a like manner to and at the same time as the election of the President, hold office for a similar term and in case the President is unable to act on account of illness or absence, perform all duties of the President. They, together with the President shall comprise the Executive Committee.

10. SECRETARY MANAGER

10.1. The Board shall appoint a Secretary Manager who shall act under the control and with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Secretary Manager shall not be a member of the Society.
10.2. The duties of the Secretary Manager shall be to attend all meetings of the Society and the Board and keep exact minutes of the proceedings of same and to do such other things as may be delegated to him by this Constitution and the Executive.
10.3. The Secretary Manager shall deposit all monies received by him in a chartered bank, to the credit of this Society and shall pay same out again by cheque (countersigned by the President or First Vice-President), or by other electronic means as determined by the Executive Committee (and with the approval of 2 of the 3 Executive committee members), or forward the same to CLRC as hereinafter provided.
10.4. He shall be bonded in such amount as may be required from time to time by the Board.
10.5. He shall keep, or oversee, (in the event of the Society engaging external professional accounting services), the proper books of account containing entries of all such matters or things as are usually entered in books of account and shall furnish from time to time, such statements in detail of

the affairs of the Society or other such matters as may be directed by the Executive Committee. The bookkeepers will report to the Secretary Manager.

11. REGISTRAR

The CLRC shall assign to this Society, a person to act as Registrar. The duties of the Registrar shall be similar to the duties of other Registrars in the employ of the CLRC.

12. COMMITTEES

12.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the First Vice-President and the Second Vice-President. Their duty shall be to conduct the business affairs of the Society along with the Secretary Manager; to enforce the By-laws and Regulations of the Society; to reach emergent decisions which cannot be delayed for deliberation by the Board; to make specific top priority recommendations to the Board; to represent the Society in its liaison contacts with industry and government bodies. At all times the Executive Committee is accountable to the Board.

12.2. Other Committees: The Board may appoint from their number or from members of the Society such Committees as it deems necessary to carry on the business of the Society.

12.3. The Board shall appoint a Liaison to each Committee from among their number, for the purpose of reporting to the Board.

12.4. The Committee has the power to add to its number by majority consent.

12.5. The action of any Committee, with the exception of the Executive Committee, is subject to the approval of the Board.

12.6. The President shall be a member of every committee.

13. PEDIGREE COMMITTEE

13.1. The Secretary Manager, the Registrar and the General Manager, CLRC, shall be a Committee with authority to authorize change of ownership and registration of pedigrees where signatures or other information are for any reason unobtainable.

13.2. The decision of the committee shall, if unanimous, be final.

13.3. If the committee is not unanimous, the matter in question shall be submitted to the Board for decision.

13.4. This committee of the Board shall have no power to authorize the registration of any animal unless the pedigree of breeding submitted complies in all particulars with the rules of eligibility for registration as outlines elsewhere in the this constitution.

13.5. The decisions of the Committee shall be submitted to the Board and shall be incorporated into the minutes of their next meeting.

14. AUDITOR

14.1. The Society at each annual general meeting shall appoint an Auditor to audit or review the books of Account of the Society and shall present a detailed statement duly audited, or reviewed, of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year and of the assets and liabilities of the Association.

14.2. A full audit of the books of the Society will occur every 3 years (or more frequently at the discretion of the Board of Directors), with a review of the books of the Society occurring in those years a complete audit is not performed.

15. REPRESENTATIVES

15.1 Representatives to organizations asking that each be appointed shall be appointed at the annual general meeting, but if for any reason any of these are not so appointed, the Board shall have power to appoint the same.

15.2 Representatives to the CLRC Board shall be appointed by the Board.

16. MEETINGS

16.1. The annual or other general meetings shall be held at the time and place fixed by the Board. A notice of at least thirty (30) days in advance shall be given to all members. This notice shall include the time and place of the meeting and may be sent by circular letter or electronically to all members or by means of the official organ of the Society.

16.2. A copy of the notice calling an annual or general meeting shall be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture for Canada and the General Manager, CLRC in a like manner as to the members of the Society.

16.3. Meetings of the Board may be held in person or by telephone conference call or other electronic means that is acceptable to the Board. Notices of meetings of the Board other than the one immediately following the annual general meeting shall be mailed postage paid to each one of them at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the meeting or by electronic means in whatever form is acceptable to the Board, at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting.

16.4. A meeting of the Board may be held on shorter notice providing all Directors have given their consent to the meeting being held. A notation of each consent shall be entered in the minutes.

16.5. Special General Meetings may be called with thirty (30) days notice in one of two ways

a) By the Board to deal with specific issues that may aris e. Such meeting will be limited strictly to items on the agenda that is circulated with the notice of the Special Meeting. These items must be described in specific terms rather than general terms and, where possible include notice of specific motions. The time and place shall be approved by the Board.

b) At the written request of twenty percent (20%) of the membership. The time and place for the meeting will be approved by the Board. Such meeting will be limited strictly to items on the agenda that is circulated with the notice of the Special Meeting. Items must be described in specific terms rather than general terms and, where possible include notice of specific motions.

16.6. Votes at membership meetings may be given personally or by proxy. Members may grant a proxy, transferring their right to vote

to another member of the Society after hearing the issues to be under discussion and signing a statement to that effect. This statement shall be received at the CGS office at least five (5) working days before the date of the meeting for which the proxy is given.

16.7. Directors may not vote by proxy but may vote in person, by telephone conference call, by mail ballot or any other electronic means approved by the Board.

16.8. For the transaction of business of the Society at an Annual or other General Meeting a quorum shall be eighteen (18), at a meeting of the Board , a quorum shall be a majority of the total number of Directors.

16.9. A copy of the minutes of all meetings of the Board shall be mailed in a timely fashion following such meeting, to each Director.

16.10. The Directors may act on any matter within their power by correspondence, where a majority of the Directors agree to the action and a notation shall be made in the minute book of the action.

17. ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

a) Identification of members
b) Reading minutes of previous meeting and approval of same
c) Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting
d) Announce the new Board
e) Directors and Committees Reports
f) Correspondence
g) Unfinished Business
h) New business
i) Adjournment

The above order with the exception of (a) Identification of members, may be changed at the pleasure of the meeting assembled.

18. AUDIT AND ANNUAL REPORT

18.1. The Board, at each annual general meeting shall submit a complete report of its activities and of the affairs of the Society.

18.2. It shall present a detailed statement fully audited or reviewed of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year and of the assets and liabilities of the Society.

18.3. A copy of this report, a list of members, a list of officers elected and the representatives to the CLRC, also general information of the affairs of the Society, shall be sent to the Minister of Agriculture for Canada and to the General Manager, CLRC, within twenty (20) working days of the meeting.

18.4. A copy of the Annual Report shall be made available to all members by mail or by means of the official organ of the Society.

19. EXPENSES, INCOME AND PROPERTY

The income and property of the Society from whatever source derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion and furtherance of the objectives of the Society and no part thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of bonus or otherwise as profit or gain to members of the Society, past, present or future or to any person claiming through any member, provided however that nothing herein contained shall prevent the bona fide payment of remuneration to any employee or other person or persons for services actually rendered the Society whether such are members of the Society or not, and the expenses, of the Directors or other officers incurred in doing the business of the Society.

20. PROVINCIAL SOCIETIES /BREED CLUBS

20.1. Members of this Society in good standing may organize Provincial Societies /Breed Clubs which will be recognized by the Society.

20.2. Activities of any such Provincial Society shall be confined solely to its own Provincial interests and shall not conflict in any way with the activities of the Society.

21. BOOKS

The Society shall cause a book to be kept by the Secretary Manager, wherein shall be contained a copy of the By-laws so that persons becoming members of the Society may at all reasonable times examine the same.

22. AMENDMENTS

22.1. By-laws of the Society may be enacted, amended or repealed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors and sanctioned by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Society provided that any such enactment, amendment or repeal shall not be enforced or acted upon until the approval of the Minister has been obtained.

22.2. Members in good standing may propose amendments to the by-laws, provided that any such proposal is in writing and is signed by no fewer than 10 such members and given to the Secretary Manager at least 120 days in advance of the next general meeting of members. In such event, particulars of the proposal shall be included in the notice calling such meeting, including the existing by-law provision, the proposed change thereto and, if known to the Secretary Manager, the reason for the proposed change. By no later than 90 days prior to such meeting, the Amendments Review Committee shall review the proposed amendment, having regard to its correctness in form, its consistency with the Animal Pedigree Act and with the other by-laws of the Society, and its clarity of intent and practical application. The Amendments Review Committee shall provide the Board with a report containing the results of its review and a copy of such report shall be sent by regular prepaid mail to each of the said proposing members. Also, to the extent that time permits,

the proposed amendment together with the report of the Amendments Review Committee should be provided to the Animal Registration Officer of Agriculture Canada and to CLRC with a request for comments thereon from each of them.
22.3. All proposed amendments together with the report of the Amendments Review Committee and any comments received from the Animal Registrations Officer and from CLRC shall be placed on the agenda of the general meeting for discussion.
22.4. As soon as possible following such general meeting, the Board shall consider the proposed amendments, the report of the Amendments Review Committee, any comments received from the Animal Registration Officer and from CLRC and the discussion which took place at the general meeting and the directors may then, by an affirmative of a majority of the Directors, pass such by-law amendments, including any revisions thereto, as the directors deem to be appropriate.
22.5. Any such by-law amendments so passed by the directors shall then be voted on by the members by postal ballot. Electronic ballot or by means of the official organ (in a manner that all members can practically participate), and in order to be properly sanctioned, must be approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast.
22.6. The Articles of Incorporation of the Society, as defined in Sections 8 and 9 of the Animal Pedigree Act, may be amended in accordance with the provisions of that Act after the Board has consulted in writing with the members in such manner as is prescribed by the Board, in relation to the proposed amendments, and provided that 25% or more of the members have responded in writing to such consultation and that at least 2/3 of the members who responded have approved the proposed amendment.

23. REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP FEES

All fees shall be paid to the CLRC and they shall be deposited by CLRC to the credit of the Society in a chartered bank selected by the Board of Directors of the CLRC. If membership fees to the Society are received by the Secretary Manager of the Society, they shall immediately be forwarded to CLRC for deposit.

24. REGISTRATION OF PEDIGREES

24.1. A register shall be kept at the office of the CLRC. This register shall be known as the Canadian National Record For Goats and shall be published by the CLRC at such time and in such form as decided by the Board.
24.2. There shall be furnished by the CLRC for all living animals registered, registration documentation in the form adopted by the CLRC and CGS.
24.3. The Board of Directors of the CLRC shall have power, for any cause which in the opinion of their Board seems proper, to refuse applications for registration or transfer from any person whether a member or not. Any such action taken under this provision shall be immediately reported to this Society.

25. IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS

25.1. Identification By means of Tattoos
Identification by means of tattoo shall be the primary means of identification of all goats in the Society and shall be required for registration

a) A breeder must apply to the CLRC for and be allotted letters for his exclusive use with which to tattoo mark animals born his property. These letters shall be tattooed in the right ear or in the case of La Manchas, in the right tail web or on the center tail.

b) In addition to the letters, there must also be tattooed in the left ear, or in the case of La Manchas, in the left tail web or center tail, the herd number of the animal (designated by the breeder) followed by the year letter to signify the year of birth (designated by CLRC). The letter E will signify that the animal was born in 1995, the letter F will signify that the animal was born in 1996 and so on. NOTE: The letters I, O, Q and V will not be used as designated year letters.

c) In the event of a change in name of a partnership or company or if a member of the same family is taken into partnership, the tattoo letters may be transferred by the registered owner or authorized representative upon application to the CLRC. Likewise the transfer may be made by the owner or his authorized representative to a third party.

d) After the expiration of seven (7) years, tattoo letters may be forfeited if they have not been used in registering any animal by the registered owner.

25.2. Identification by Electronic or Other Means - Identification may be accomplished by means of electronic identification devices whose use and manner of use has been approved by the Board of CGS as a secondary means of identification.
25.3. Verification of Parentage - In the case that parentage is in doubt or for whatever reason verification of parentage is required, parentage testing may be done by means of Geno-typing or other means acceptable to CLRC and the results, if conclusive, shall be accepted by the CLRC and the CGS.

26. REGISTRATION OF HERD NAME

Upon proper application and payment of fees, the CLRC will register a herd name for the exclusive use of the breeder which must then be used as prefix in naming his animals. The CLRC reserves the right not to allocate names that are identical or similar to names already in use or that are misleading or inappropriate. Letters shall not be used. In the event of a change in the name of a partnership or company or if any party is taken into partnership, the name may be transferred upon application to the CLRC of the registered owner or his authorized representative. Likewise the transfer may be made by the owner or his authorized representative to a third party.

27. NAMING ANIMALS

If the breeder of an animal has a registered herd name he must use it as a prefix in naming each of his animals. Names shall not contain more than thirty (30) letters, characters and/or spaces including the herd name. It shall not be permissible to change the name of an animal after it has been registered thirty days. The use of derogatory, inappropriate or misleading names will not be used. Duplicate names must be avoided. The right is reserved to change any name when necessary, preserving however, as far as possible, some characteristics of the name given on the application.

28. PRIVATE BREEDING RECORDS

There shall be kept by each breeder a private record which shall contain full particulars of his breeding operations. This record shall at all times be open to the inspection by officials of this Society, officials of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada or their designates and officials of the CLRC. Full Particulars as used in this section shall include name of sire and dam of each kid, date of service or exposure to service of each female on the farm, identification and date of birth of each kid.

29. STANDARDS FOR REGISTRATION

The standards for registration may from time to time, be changed or amended by the Board . A copy of such change or amendment, certified to by the Secretary Manager, must be forwarded within ten (10) working days to the Minister of Agriculture for Canada and to the General Manager, CLRC.

30. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

30.1. All blank spaces must be printed in ink or typewritten. The forms must be signed by the owner of the animal at birth and he shall be the applicant. The owner at birth of an animal is the owner or lessee of the dam on the date she gave birth to that animal. All animals born in Canada are first registered in the ownership of the owner at birth. A completed service certificate must be attached if the owner at birth was not the sole or part owner or lessee of the sire at the time of conception. A completed artificial insemination report must accompany the application if the dam was bred by artificial insemination. A completed embryo transplant report must accompany the application if the animal was the result of embryo transplant.

30.2. In the case of artificial insemination, the A.I. report must accompany the application to register the kid and must show all relevant information and include payment of additional fees, if any, to process the application.

30.3. In the case of embryo transplants, the embryo transplant report must accompany the application to register the kid and must show all relevant information and include payment of additional fees, if any, to process the application. Alternatively, if there is a need to register the embryo prior to registering the resultant kid, the same paperwork with the exception of the application for registration is required.

30.4. The dam must be registered in the Canadian National Record for Goats in the name of the owner signing and the sire must be registered in the Canadian National Record for Goats or in a recognized foreign registry. In the case of imported semen or imported in-utero kids, the owner must supply whatever additional information is needed and include additional fees, if any, to process the application.

30.5. Application for registration of all imported animals registered in a recognized foreign registry must be accompanied by the foreign certificate of registration showing applicants ownership. All blank spaces must be filled in ink or typewritten and the form must be signed by the Canadian purchaser.

30.6. Alternatively animals may be registered by electronic means in whatever method is accepted by CLRC and CGS. Applications for registration accepted in this manner shall be handled in the manner set out by the CLRC and CGS with the appropriate agreement.

31. TRANSFERS AND DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES

31.1 In the case of the sale of an animal or the interest in an animal or an embryo, the Animal Pedigree Act (APA) requires that all animals sold as registered stock must be officially transferred by the seller and the certificate of the registration presented to the purchaser within 6 months of sale. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the date of sale is the date the animal (s) is paid for in full. Failure to do so on any pretext whatsoever (except under written contract) shall be grounds for expulsion in the case of a member, or for refusal of registration or transfer in the case of a non-member.

31.2 Application for registration of change of ownership must be made in ink or typewritten on forms supplied by the CLRC and must give date of sale and date of delivery and in the case of a female, if bred, a service certificate must be completed. The original certificate of registration must be forwarded to the CLRC with the application for transfer, if a separate form, and the appropriate fee.

31.3. In the case of a male or female being leased or loaned for breeding purposes, the form of lease supplied by the CLRC must be filled in, in ink or typewritten and signed by the lessor and forwarded to the CLRC to be placed on record.

31.4. In the case of the sale of an animal for any other reason than for breeding purposes, as prescribed by the regulations of this Society, the seller shall not furnish the purchaser with the certificate of registration, but forward it, with full details of the sale, to the CLRC and it shall be retained there. The transfer of ownership of an animal so reported shall not be recorded on the records of this Society.

31.5. In the case of a male or female being leased or loaned for breeding purposes, the form of lease supplied by the CLRC must be filled in, in ink or typewritten and signed by the lessor and forwarded to the CLRC to be placed on record.

32. RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

32.1 The Canadian National Record for Goats is comprised of the following breeds: Alpine, La Mancha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Toggenburg, Angora, Pygmy and Nigerian Dwarf.

32.2. The following in all breeds shall be eligible for registration

a) Canadian Bred and Born - A goat whose sire and dam are of the same breed and are both Canadian registered.

b) Imported Animals - Goats of the breeds specified herein which have been individually registered in a foreign book of records, recognized by this Society. All imported animals shall be accompanied by an export or import certificate as applicable.

c) Imported In Utero Animals - A goat imported in utero, whose dam has been Canadian registered and whose sire is registered in the recognized foreign book of records for the same breed. Imported in utero animals shall be accompanied by a copy of the sire s foreign registration certificate and a service certificate.

d) Artificial Insemination - Goats that are the result of artificial insemination shall be eligible for registration under the same rules as natural mating except that an inseminator s report of service will be required. The importation of semen in all cases must be in accordance with the rules and health requirements as determined by the Veterinary Director General of Canada. The importer of semen used in the production of kids otherwise eligible for registration shall provide CLRC with a certified copy ofthe foreign certificate of registration.

e) Embryo Transplant - Goats that are the result of embryo transplant shall be eligible for registration under the same rules as natural mating except that an embryo report will be required.

f) British of Breed - Purebreds will be given British status and assigned a prefix B if at least one parent has British status and neither parent has been graded up, providing the animal conforms to breed standard.

32.3. Purebred animals from graded up ancestry will carry the letter C as a prefix to their registration number except for LaMancha and Oberhasli goats which will have no designation.

32.4. In the case of Angora, Pygmy and Nigerian Dwarf goats, graded up animals are not eligible for registration. All animals registered as purebred prior to the effective date of these by-laws will retain their purebred status regardless of the number of generations of registered ancestry.

32.5. The percentage of purity will be calculated mathematically based on the percentage for the same breed of each parent. For example, a purebred crossed with a 50% pure animal of the same breed will be calculated as follows: (100%+50%) divided by 2= 75%. At least one parent must be registered. Males must be at least 93.75% pure to be eligible for registration . Animals which do not conform to breed standard will not be eligible for registration. Animals below 99.2% purebred level will be given the prefix G indicating that they are in the process of grading up. Animals at the 99.2% level and higher will be given the prefix C indicating they have reach purebred status. Animals originating totally from the foundation purebred stock will have no prefix letter.

32.6. Parentage testing which may include Geno-typing or other methods that may become feasible to use for the purpose of parentage testing, may be established and changed or amended from time to time, by the CLRC and the Board.

33. SPECIAL REGISTRY

The Board shall publish rules of eligibility for Native on Performance and Experimental animals and may modify such rules from time to time as it deems necessary. All such animals will be 0% pure and will receive a certificate of recordation.

34. PENALTIES

34.1. It is a condition of membership that a member adhere to the principle purposes of the Society, that a member conduct himself in the best interests of the Society, that a member adheres to rules and regulations of this Society and not contravene any of the provisions of the Animal Pedigree Act.

34.2. Export of goats from Canada or transport of same from province to province within Canada or sale or contract to sell any such goat or goats as registered without furnishing the actual buyer a certificate of registration issued by this Society, is prohibited under the penalty provided for by the Animal Pedigree Act.

34.3. Every person who knowingly and with intent to deceive, signs or presents or causes or procures to be signed or presented to the registrar of the CLRC any declaration or any application for registration or any transfer of ownership respecting any goat containing any material false statements or representation or falsely holds out any certificate of registration as applying to any goat other than the one in respect of which it was issued or willfully commits any act in contravention of the rules promulgated by any association or the CLRC, is guilty of an offense and is liable under the Animal Pedigree Act. Registration or transfer of ownership of an animal is made on the understanding that the particulars on the application are correct. If it is subsequently discovered that the particulars given are incorrect or fraudulent, the registration or transfer shall be suspended by the CLRC and cancelled by this Society. Pedigrees recorded incorrectly may be cancelled and re-recorded by the owner or by the CLRC at the expense of the original applicant for registration or transfer but it is understood that neither this Society or the CLRC shall be held responsible for any loss or damage that may be sustained through suspension, cancellation or correction of any registration or transfer. In addition to the penalties contemplated under the Animal Pedigree Act, the Society may commence disciplinary action proceedings against any member.

35. COMPLAINTS

Whenever the evidence of wrongful behaviour is not a matter of record with the Society and provided that a complaint regarding such behaviour has been filed with the Society, the Board will conduct or cause to be conducted, an investigation to determine the guilt or innocence of the person accused.

35.1. Complaints against any member or other person must be made in writing and signed by the complainant and unless made by the Secretary Manager or a Director, must be accompanied by a deposit, an amount set by the Board and listed in the schedule of fees for this purpose, which shall be forfeitable if the Board or Executive Committee determines that the complaint is unjustified. If the complaint is determined to be justified, the deposit shall be returned to the complainant.

35.2. The Board shall, within forty-five (45) days of the receipt of the complaint, conduct or cause to be conducted such investigation as it considers necessary to determine whether or not further action in respect of the complaint is to be taken. At such time as the Board determines that further investigation is required, the Secretary Manager shall within thirty (30) days of said decision of the Board prepare a notice to be sent to the member or members being investigated, which notice shall contains the following;

a) The date the Board determines that further investigation is required;

b) The allegation of improper conduct , the violation of these by-laws, regulations of the Society or the Animal Pedigree Act or a related Act that the accused person is alleged to have breached;

c) Whether it is the Board or a committee appointed by the Board that will conduct the investigation and the date, time and place of the hearing to be held by the Board or such committee;

d) Notice that the accused person may be represented by counsel and that the accused may present any evidence that he may have, bearing on the charges made against him and may cross-examine any witness against him.

e) That if the accused person fails to appear at the hearing, the Board or said committee, as the case may be, may proceed in his absence.

35.3. The charges shall be heard by the Board or any appropriate committee as designated by the Board. Any Director or member of a relevant committee, if applicable, having a financial interest in the outcome or who is a complainant or the person charged shall be disqualified from participation in the decision of the Board or any committee empowered to hear the complaint.

35.4. In accordance with Section 61 of the Animal Pedigree Act, no person shall be denied the right to have registered, to have identified or to transfer the ownership of any animal unless that person:

a) is, at the time the right is denied, in arrears of the fees owning to the Society; or

b) has contravened a by-law or regulation of the Society relating to the eligibility for registration or identification of animals, or the individual identification of animals or the keeping of private breeding records, or

c) has contravened any provision of the Animal Pedigree Act or regulations thereunder or the provisions of the Animal Disease and Protection Act relating to the identification or testing of animals.

35.5. If the hearing was before the Board, the Board shall, within 30 days following the conclusion of the hearing, prepare a report containing its findings and decision. The Secretary Manager shall forthwith send by regular prepaid mail a copy of that report to the person who was the subject of the hearing.

35.6. If the hearing was before a committee, that committee will provide the Board with a written report containing the findings and recommendations. The Secretary Manager will forthwith send by regular prepaid mail a copy of that report to the person who was the subject of the hearing. The Board shall, within 30 days after receipt by it of such report, provide its decision in writing and the Secretary Manager shall forthwith send by regular prepaid mail a copy of that decision to the person who was the subject of the hearing.

35.7. If the person who was the subject of the hearing is a member of the Society, the Board may provide for the following in its decision:

a) the termination of such member s membership in the Society; or

b) the suspension of such membership for any period up to a maximum of three years.

In addition, the board may cancel, in whole or in part, any awards given by the Society to such member during any year that may have been affected by his wrongful action which was the subject of the investigation.

35.8. Any former member whose membership is so suspended or terminated may, once in any calendar year, apply to the Board for reinstatement of his membership in the Society. In such event, the Board shall review the application and may decide to either continue the termination or suspension or may reinstate such person s

membership on such conditions, if any, as the Board considers appropriate. The Secretary Manager will forthwith notify by regular prepaid mail such former member of the Board's decision.

35.9. The Board may direct the publication of the final disposition of any complaint with or without names. Where, as a result of the final disposition of a complaint the membership of a member has been terminated or suspended, the records of the Society shall be forthwith amended and the CLRC shall be notified.

36. FEES AND DUES

Membership dues and fees charged for registration, transfers and other services and licenses of the Society shall be established at a meeting of the Board by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board at that meeting and shall be enacted by the Board. In the event of an increase in the CLRC levy, the fee structure of the Society is subject to immediate revision at the sole discretion of the Executive.

37. RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL SHOWS

37.1. The Society may operate a system of official shows for males and females registered in the herd books of this Society, and based upon an official score card and set of Rules Governing the Conduct at Official Shows.

37.2. The Society may conduct Training Conferences for the purpose of training official judges. These judges shall be responsible to the Board for enforcing the rules and regulations of the Society.

37.3. The Board shall publish Rules Governing the Conduct of Official Shows and the Licensing and Training of Official Judges, which may be modified from time to time as deemed necessary by the Board.

38. MILK RECORDING PROGRAM

The Society may operate an official and owner-sampler milk recording program. The Board shall publish rules and regulations regarding the Milk Recording Program which may be modified from time to time as is deemed necessary by the Board.

39. TYPE CLASSIFICATION

The Society may operate a system of Type Classification, based on an official score card, for males and females registered in the herd books of the Society. The training and appointing of classifiers shall be the responsibility of the Board. The Board shall publish the rules and regulations of the Type Classification program which may be modified from time to time as deemed necessary by the Board.