OPEN BRAHMAN SHOW RED & GREY

Chairman: Billie Farris
Judge: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz – Bryan, TX

Entry Deadline	September 22, 2017
Late Entry Deadline	September 29, 2017
Arrival/Move-In	Thursday, October 19, 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Check-In	Thursday, October 19, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Must Be In Place	Thursday, October 19, 8:00 PM
Show	Friday, October 20, 10:00 AM
Release	Immediately following Show
Must Be Out	Friday, October 20, 10:00 PM

All Open Brahman cattle must be out of barn by 10:00 PM, Friday, October 20, 2017 unless entered in the Junior Show. **No outside shavings allowed** – one bag of shavings per entry will be provided. Additional bedding must be purchased from the Brazos County Expo Complex at $8/bag. All cattle must be in stalls, in the East Pavilion during fair hours.

1. **Entry procedure: Refer to Rules 4 & 5 of the General Rules for a full list of entry procedures.**
   - **a.** All entries must be made online at brazosvalleyfair.com. A Liability Statement will also be available online. This statement must be initialed before entries will be accepted. If you have questions or concerns about the online system please contact the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo staff.
   - **b. Display Stalls:** Display stall space may be purchased while submitting online entries, display stall space will be sold for $60 per 10' stall space with a limit of two display stalls per exhibitor.
2. **Entry deadlines:**
   - **a.** Entries must be submitted **online by midnight, September 22, 2017**.
   - **b.** Late Entries will be accepted in accordance with the following guidelines
     - **i.** Entry received on or after September 22nd but on or before September 29th must include $20/Late Entry Fee in addition to Original Entry Fee. Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo Management may reject any late entry without explanation. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER September 29th, 2017.**
3. **CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIRED FOR ALL OPEN BRAHMAN ANIMALS ENTERING THE BRAZOS VALLEY FAIR & RODEO.**
4. **Red & Grey Show Rules:** The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo will offer shows for both Red and Grey Brahman cattle. All classes and premium support will be prorated in each class. Both shows will be held on October 20th. The champions of these two shows will not compete against one another for Grand Champion Brahman. The cattle will be judged in the following order:
   - **a.** The Brahman Show will begin with the Red Brahman classes first. All calf classes will be judged through Reserve Calf and Calf Champion Red Brahman.
   - **b.** Then the Grey Brahman classes will enter the ring and be judged through Reserve Calf and Calf Champion Grey Brahman.
   - **c.** This procedure will be alternated between Red and Grey Brahman Shows until all age champions and reserve champions have been selected.

- **d.** After this, Calf Champion, Intermediate Champion, Junior Champion and Senior Champion Females of the Red and Grey shows will be brought back to the ring at the same time. The judge will then select the Champion Red Brahman Female and the Champion Grey Brahman Female.
- **e.** The above procedure will be followed by the bulls with the bull judging, beginning with the Red classes and alternating between the Red and Grey shows.
- **f.** Group classes will be judged with Red Brahman Produce-of-Dam, followed by Grey Brahman Produce-of-Dam and Red Brahman Get-of-Sire, followed by Grey Brahman Get-of-Sire.
- **g.** The judge will use the ABBA Standard of Excellence to judge both the Red and Grey Brahman Shows. All other Rules listed will apply to both shows.
- **h.** Exhibitor must designate if animal is Red or Grey at time of entry.

5. Premiums: Premiums will be given in the form of prizes.

American Brahman Breeders Association – Special Rules

The ABBA requires that everyone who exhibits cattle in an ABBA Show must be a member in good standing as either a Junior, Active or Show Member. Please review the ABBA Constitution and Rules to familiarize yourself with the membership levels along with their requirements.

1. Animals must be registered in the American Brahman Breeders Association to be eligible to compete in association sponsored shows. The registration certificate for each entry must be available for presentation to the Committee Chairman or Manager of the show at the time entries are verified prior to judging.
2. The registration number and animal identification number (number branded on animal) of (1) each animal must be entered in an individual class, (2) the sire of each get-of-sire entry and (3) the dam of each produce-of-dam entry must be listed on the entry card of each animal entered.
3. Entries that have not complied with rules one (1) and two (2) will not be eligible to show, receive premium monies or earn points in the association's Register of Renown.
4. Animals to be eligible to be shown in group classes must be entered and shown in individual classes.
5. Entries will be listed numerically according to age (oldest first) in catalogs and judging schedules. Include animal identification number (number brand) as a part of identification. When entering the arena for judging, the handlers will line cattle up numerically in the same order.
6. Judges will be allowed to comment on placings in selected classes when conditions permit.
7. Each animal will be presented in the show ring in its natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification. Alteration or modification shall be defined to include any surgical or circulatory constriction including banding or other appearance change, save only branding, tattooing, foot trimming or dehorning. Injections of foreign substances internally for cosmetic purposes, steroids, growth hormones or stimulants shall be prohibited. If to the satisfaction of the ABBA staff, officers, executive committee or board of directors an animal has had its natural conformation or structure altered or been administered steroids, growth hormones or stimulants; then the said animal shall be ruled ineligible to compete until such time the Show Committee and owner/owners have reviewed the case. Any violators, both owner & fitter will be in-eligible to exhibit cattle at ABBA Approved Shows for 5 years.

8. If any exhibitor/owner/showman interferes in any way with the judge or shows disrespect to him, or to the show in the ring, the exhibitor/owner/showman may be dismissed by the judge or show management from the ring. The management may withhold from each exhibitor/owner/showman any premium monies that may have been awarded or take other steps deemed desirable.
9. In cases where families, companies, corporations, etc., are operated as a unit under the same management but have cattle also registered in the name of the individual partners, said cattle, even though bearing a different ownership brand, are eligible to be shown in competition under the firm name provided they have not been and will not be shown in the name of the individuals.
10. For females being shown in the three oldest classes **CURRENT YEAR LESS 3 YEARS** (females calved Sept. 1, ____ - August 31, ____, for Fall Shows; females calved Jan. l - Dec. 31, ____ for Spring Shows), exhibitor must have a certificate of pregnancy no older than 30 days issued by a licensed veterinarian or certified technician to be presented to show officials at time of check-in or registration paper check. The show reserves the right to perform pregnancy determination by palpation for females in the above classes at any given ABBA approved show if an official protest has been filed. Females exhibited in the last class **MUST** have her nursing natural calf at side. The only exemption from this rule will be cows that have already weaned a calf and a registration certificate of the calf **MUST** be presented to the judge. The pregnancy certificate will be checked at the ABBA National, International & any other participating show.
11. ***All bulls will be shown with a nose ring or nose restraint with lead attached.*** For bulls being shown in the oldest class, the exhibitor must have a seasonal fertility certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian or certified technician stating the bull can settle cows. The certificate must be available for inspection by the judge on request. The seasonal fertility certificate will be checked at the ABBA National, International & any other participating show.
12. This deals with the produce of dam classes and the get-of-sire class. All group classes must be held by a handler in the show arena to be placed. At the International, National and any other participating show, the Original Registration Certificate or Original Copy (Blue with COPY across it) of each animal entering the ring for the group classes must be presented to the Show Official for parent verification. In an attempt to accommodate the exhibitors, the registration certificates of animals being exhibited in the group classes will be checked in advance at a specified time. Two animals for Natural Produce, four head for Embryo Produce and six head for the Get of Sire classes can be checked allowing the exhibitor to make the final selections prior to the show. If an exhibitor does not want to check papers early they would then have to bring papers on each animal that will enter the ring, at class check-in.

    Embryo Produce of Dam - Two animals from the above classes produced by one dam by embryo transfer either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirement.

    Natural Produce of Dam - Two natural born animals produced by one dam from the above classes, either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirement.

    Get-of-Sire - Four animals from at least two dams by one sire from the above individual classes, both sexes represented. No ownership requirement.

13. No exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one produce or embryo-produce of dam per dam.

14. Cows that are exhibited with calves at side must be in a lactating stage. Calves must be the natural calf of the cow being exhibited and must not exceed 240 days of age on day of judging. The judge will be made aware by the ring steward for those cows whose calves are ineligible to show by this rule.

15. Cattle will not be allowed to show if their switches have been balled or glitter applied to their skin.

16. Color Classification Rule effective August 1, 2017:

Any animal with 51% of more of one color in their pedigree must be registered in that color. Any cattle that are 50% of each color in their pedigree can be registered in the color the breeder selects but will be inspected by the ABBA Color Committee. All grey cattle and solid black cattle will show grey. Red, black and white speckled or red and white speckled cattle will show red. A three person ABBA Color Committee will color classify at the International, national, Kick-Off Classic and the All American Shows. In addition, the Show Committee has the right to Color Classify any other Top 10 ABBA Approved Show unannounced. Once animals have been classified they will be stamped with their color classification and remain in that classification throughout their show career. The decision of the Color Committee is final.

Animals shown in group classes must show in the group class of the registered color of their sire for the Get-of-Sire and the registered color of their dam for the Produce-of-Dam (ET and Natural). Both the exhibitor and owner of an animal that is show in the wrong color division after being color classified will be ineligible to show any animals for 13 months following the infraction. The animal in violation will be disqualified for its entire show career and will forfeit all Register of Renown points.

Any ABBA member or exhibitor has the right to protest the color classification of any animal at any ABBA Approved Show to the Show Committee in writing. Any animals already stamped with a color classification will not be reclassified.

17. The owner of record of any registered animal entered in an ABBA approved shows and/or his/her agent, exhibitor, fitter, handler and/or representative releases ABBA and its representatives from any and all liability that seller/owner might claim as a result of injury of any kind sustained before, during, or after handling cattle for any ABBA board approved activity.

18. Beginning July 1, 2017 for shows to remain approved point shows by ABBA they must maintain a seventy five (75) head average for the previous two (2) years. Shows must also follow the Requirements of ABBA Approved Shows.

19. ALL Animals MUST have a Birth Weight submitted to be eligible to show in ABBA Approved Shows.

20. The official ABBA rules & procedures governing showing & exhibiting of registered Brahman cattle supersede any rules printed in any show catalog.

21. In an attempt to insure that all animals receive an equal evaluation at the National and International Shows, classes with more than 30 entries may at the discretion of the Show Management and/ or ABBA Officials be split by age as evenly as possible.

22. Any animal that exceeds the weight & measurement requirements at the International Brahman Show, National Brahman Show, All American National Junior Show or any other designated show where weights & measurements are taken will be in-eligible to show at that show and any future ABBA Approved Shows until the next show that weights & measures are taken when they can requalify. Any animal that exceeds the parameters and is shown at an ABBA Approved Show before requalifying will be in-eligible to show their remaining career. Both the exhibitor and owner of the previously disqualified animal that is shown before requalifying will be in-eligible to show animals forever.

23. ABBA Members may remit a protest to the ABBA if they find another participants conduct to be in violation of the ABBA Show Rules. All protests must be in writing and must be signed by a member of the ABBA. Such protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to an ABBA Staff Person, ABBA Officer, ABBA Show Committee Chairman or Show Official within 72 hours of the infraction. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation is done.

ABBA SHOW RING CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS

The American Brahman Breeders Association recognizes the importance of the showing and exhibition of American Brahman cattle and that the competitive evaluation in the show ring is but one method to evaluate animals in our breed. The competitive show ring includes exhibitors who present animals to be placed and approved ABBA judges.

This ABBA Show Ring Code of Conduct and Ethics seeks to insure that all participants, exhibitors, and approved judges act in accordance with these guidelines to help insure impartiality, honesty, and fairness to all concerned and in keeping with high standards expected of all ABBA endeavors.

A. JUDGING PRIVILEGES

(1) Designation as an ABBA approved Judge is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the ABBA Show Committee, according to procedures formulated by the Show Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. This privilege shall be open to individuals whose bovine experience and expertise, as well as personal character, merits the honor. An individual's conduct as a Judge and their ability must be exemplary. An individual's conduct and judging performance will be subject to Show Committee and Executive Committee review.

B. EXHIBITOR, OWNER, BREEDER, MEMBER PRIVILEGES

(1) Exhibiting an animal at an ABBA approved event is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the ABBA to members, exhibitors, owners and breeders. An individual's conduct as a member, exhibitor, owner or breeder must be exemplary and is subject to Executive Committee review.

C. GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES - GENERAL

(1) Judges shall act with professional decorum at all times in a manner fitting and proper to one afforded the honor of officiating at any ABBA approved or sponsored show.

(2) Judges shall act in a polite manner while carrying out each judging assignment.

(3) Judges shall present themselves in attire that is acceptable, appropriate and comfortable for each judging assignment.

(4) Judges shall be punctual in availability to fulfill their judging assignment.

(5) Judges shall not judge two ABBA shows within a period of 6 months. This shall include not judging an AJBA or private ranch sponsored show within 6 months of an ABBA show.

(6) Judges shall judge all animals in accordance with the ABBA Standard of Excellence and certify that they have read, understand and will abide by the ABBA Standard of Excellence by signing an affidavit provided by ABBA and returning it to the ABBA Executive Vice-President at the time they are added to the ABBA Approved Judges List.

(7) Judges must certify that they have read, understand and will abide by the ABBA Show Ring Code of Conduct and Ethics by signing an affidavit provided by the ABBA and returning it to the ABBA Executive Vice-President at the time that they are added to the ABBA Approved Judges List.

D. JUDGING GUIDELINES - CONFLICT OF INTEREST/ETHICAL

(1) Judges shall possess and project an unwavering air of integrity, impartiality and ethical behavior that protects the reputation of ABBA shows as being fair and well judged.

(2) Judges shall give every exhibitor a fair and equal opportunity in each and every class.

(3) An animal may not be exhibited or shown under a Judge if that Judge was the breeder of the animal or has been owner, exhibitor, fitter, or agent of that animal.

(4) An animal may not be exhibited or shown under a Judge if the animal is shown by a member of his/her immediate family or by an employee/employer of the Judge.

(5) A Judge may not exhibit/show animals as an exhibitor, owner or breeder before those Judges that exhibited animals as an exhibitor, owner or breeder before him to judge for a period of 6 months between shows. This includes shows of all cattle breeds.

(6) Exhibitors, owners and breeders may not exchange genetics including live animals, semen and embryos with a Judge for 1 month prior to and after the date that Judge has judged their animals.

(7) A Judge is responsible for disclosing a prohibited relationship as soon as they become aware of the problem to an ABBA official and/or the show representative if an animal is exhibited not in compliance with guidelines (3), (4), (5) and (6). The Judge should notify ABBA officials and/or the show representative and show management of the non-compliance at the next break, or prior to the class being placed. The animal should not be counted as an entry, and the animal shall not be placed in the class. All parties involved, including but not limited to the owner, exhibitor, breeder and Judge, will be held responsible in the event non-compliance occurs. The Executive Committee will investigate the matter and handle it in accordance with its findings and consistent with ABBA disciplinary rules.

(8) A Judge must always act in the best interest of the ABBA avoiding any circumstances which create or appear to create a conflict of interest or raise ethical questions while officiating at any ABBA approved event in accordance but not limited to the following:

- **a.** Judges shall not travel with, dine with or meet with an exhibitor, owner, breeder or agent during the time period beginning 24 hours prior to an ABBA approved show they are judging and ending 24 hours after the ABBA approved show they have judged.
- **b.** A Judge shall not appear on the show grounds more than one hour prior to the scheduled start of the show unless as directed or requested by show management.
- **c.** Judges shall talk only with representatives of show management, beyond the exchange of normal greetings, until the entire show or contest is completed.

(9) The Show Committee will not assign Show Committee members judging assignments at the top 10 ABBA approved shows.

(10) Replacement judges must be on the ABBA Approved Judges List.

E. SHOW COMMITTEE

(1) The ABBA President will appoint a Show Committee and Show Committee Chairperson. The Show Committee will:

- **a.** Establish rules subject to Board of Director Approval to govern the Exhibition of animals to establish show classes, premiums, special rules and other details of livestock shows.
- **b.** Will appoint all judges and/or remove judges from the list of ABBA Approved Judges.
- **c.** May review any and all judging performances after ABBA sponsored or approved events.
- **d.** The Show committee, upon receipt of information which adversely affects a person's ability to be a Judge, may temporarily or permanently suspend a Judge's privileges pending the results of their findings.

F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(1) The ABBA Executive Committee, upon receipt of information which adversely affects a person's ability to be a Judge, shall have the authority to discipline, penalize, and/or remove a Judge's name from the approved Judges list.

(2) The ABBA Executive Committee, upon receipt of information regarding an exhibitor's, owner's, breeder's or member's infraction of the ABBA Show Ring Code of Conduct and Ethics, shall have the authority to discipline, penalize or suspend certain rights of ABBA membership.

G. REPORTING INFRACTIONS/GRIEVANCES

(1) A Judge must present in writing any grievances within thirty (30) days of the incident that they may have against an exhibitor, owner or breeder to the ABBA Executive Vice President.

(2) Any ABBA show official, officer, director or member witnessing a grievance against a Judge, or infraction of the ABBA Show Ring Code of Conduct and Ethics by an exhibitor, owner or breeder should report the grievance or infraction in writing to the ABBA Executive Vice President within thirty (30) days. Infractions and grievances may include but not be limited to any:

- **a.** Attempt by an individual to have the Judge favor or disfavor a particular entry or exhibitor.
- **b.** Offer of information to the Judge that may be regarded as designed to influence the Judge.
- **c.** Offer of an inducement and/or bribe to a Judge to advantage or disadvantage a particular entry or exhibitor.
- **d.** Disrespectful behavior or interference on the part of an exhibitor, owner or breeder towards a Judge, show ring management, ABBA officials or other exhibitors during the time a show is in progress. This includes any conduct detrimental to the breed or show.
- **e.** Misrepresentation of the age, status or classification of the animal for the class in which the animal is shown.
- **f.** Exhibition of any animal whose natural appearance has been surgically or otherwise artificially altered.

(3) Any infractions and grievances to be reported regarding a Judge's conduct or judging performance by an exhibitor, owner, breeder or ABBA member must be filed in writing to the

ABBA Executive Vice President within 30 days of the individual gaining knowledge of the incident.

(4) Any infractions and grievances to be reported by an ABBA member regarding an exhibitor, owner or breeder must be filed in writing to the ABBA Executive Vice President within 30 days of the individual gaining knowledge of the incident.

H. PROCESS OF A FILED COMPLAINT

Upon receipt of a filed complaint, the Executive Vice President shall promptly forward the complaint to the Chairman of the Executive Committee to determine whether the allegations of the complaint would, if proven, constitute an infraction of the ABBA Show Ring Code of Conduct and Ethics. The procedures that will be followed in regards to the Investigation, Right of Hearing, Suspension and Appeal will follow the procedures outlined under Violative Conduct (Rule I; Section 7, III-VII).

Disciplinary actions by the ABBA Executive Committee may include but not be limited to:

a. Suspension or removal of a Judge from the ABBA Approved Judge's list.
b. Forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums or proceeds.
c. Forfeiture of Register of Renown points.
d. Written letter of reprimand to the responsible party.
e. Disqualification of animal in violation from exhibition. *
f. Disqualification of an exhibitor, owner, breeder and/or ABBA member from ABBA sanctioned shows. *
g. Disqualification of an exhibitor, owner, breeder and/or ABBA member from ABBA membership.
h. Publication of the offense.

*Disqualification may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years.

American Brahman Breeders Association
Official Show Classes

These classes will be the same for the Red Brahman Show and the Grey Brahman Show

RED & GREY FEMALES

1. Spring Heifer Calves - calved March 1 – April 30, 2017
2. Junior Heifer Calves - calved January 1 – February 28, 2017
3. Winter Heifer Calves - calved November 1 – December 31, 2016
4. Senior Heifer Calves - calved September 1 – October 31, 2016

5. Calf Champion (first place winners of classes 1 – 4)
6. Reserve Calf Champion (second place winner in class that produced Calf Champion eligible to compete for RESERVE)

7. Late Summer Yearling Heifers - calved July 1 – August 31, 2016
8. Early Summer Yearling Heifers - calved May 1 – June 30, 2016
9. Late Junior Yearling Heifers - calved April 1 – April 30, 2016
10. Junior Yearling Heifers - calved March 1 – March 31, 2016

11. Intermediate Champion (first place winners of classes 7-10)

12. Reserve Intermediate Champion (second place winner in class that produced Intermediate Champion eligible to compete for RESERVE)

13. Early Junior Yearling Heifers - calved January 1 – February 28, 2016
14. Late Senior Yearling Heifers - calved November 1 – December 31, 2015
15. Early Senior Yearling Heifers - calved September 1 – October 31, 2015

16. Junior Champion (first place winners of classes 13-15)
17. Reserve Junior Champion (second place winner in class that produced Junior Champion eligible to compete for RESERVE)

18. *Aged Summer Heifers - calved May 1 – August 31, 2015
19. *Aged Spring Heifers - calved January 1 – April 30, 2015
20. **Aged Fall Heifers - calved September 1 – December 31, 2014

21. Senior Champion (first place winners of classes 18-20)
22. Reserve Senior Champion (second place winner in class that produced Senior Champion eligible to compete for RESERVE)

23. Grand Champion (CALF, INTERMEDIATE, JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHAMPIONS competing)
24. Reserve Grand Champion (RESERVE TO GRAND CHAMPION eligible to compete)

***Must be examined safe in calf**
****Must have calf at side**

RED & GREY BULLS
25. Spring Bull Calves - calved March 1 – April 30, 2017
26. Junior Bull Calves - calved January 1 – February 28, 2017
27. Winter Bull Calves - calved November 1 – December 31, 2016
28. Senior Bull Calves - calved September 1 – October 31, 2016

29. Calf Champion (first place winners of classes 25-28)
30. Reserve Calf Champion (second place winner in class that produced Calf Champion eligible to compete for RESERVE)

31. Late Summer Yearling Bulls - calved July 1 – August 31, 2016
32. Early Summer Yearling Bulls - calved May 1 – June 30, 2016
33. Late Junior Yearling Bulls - calved April 1 – April 30, 2016
34. Junior Yearling Bulls - calved March 1 – March 31, 2016

35. Intermediate Champion (first place winners of classes 31-34)
36. Reserve Intermediate Champion (second place winner in class that produced Intermediate Champion eligible to compete for RESERVE)

37. Early Junior Yearling Bulls - calved January 1 – February 29, 2016
38. Late Senior Yearling Bulls - calved November 1 – December 31, 2015

39. Early Senior Yearling Bulls - calved September 1 – October 31, 2015

40. Junior Champion (first place winners in classes 37-39)
41. Reserve Junior Champion (second place winner in class that produced Junior Champion eligible to compete for RESERVE)

42. Aged Summer Bulls - calved May 1 – August 31, 2015
43. Aged Spring Bulls - calved January 1 – April 30, 2015
44. Aged Fall Bulls - calved September 1 – December 31, 2014

45. Senior Champion (first place winners in classes 42-44)
46. Reserve Senior Champion (second place winner in class that produced Senior Champion eligible to compete for RESERVE)

47. Grand Champion (CALF, INTERMEDIATE, JUNIOR, AND SENIOR CHAMPIONS competing)
48. Reserve Grand Champion (RESERVE to GRAND CHAMPION eligible to compete)

49. Produce-Of-Dam – two natural born animals produced by one dam from the above classes, either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirement.
50. Embryo Produce-Of-Dam – two animals from the above classes produced by one dam by embryo transfer, either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirement.
51. Get-Of-Sire – four animals from at least two dams by one sire from the above individual classes, both sexes represented. No ownership requirement.

No exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one produce or embryo-produce-of-dam per dam.
All Group Classes will be shown at the front of the show before any individual classes.