SECTION 1
Records

Rule 1 General Records

PAUS shall maintain a complete set of records that shall be kept in the permanent Piedmontese Association of the United States (PAUS) files. These files will include, but are not limited to the following records:

- Membership Records
- Cattle Registration Records
- Other Records

Rule 2 Membership Records

Member files will include, but are not limited to the following records:

- Membership Application
- Membership Number
- Membership Herd Prefix
- Membership Contact Information

PAUS will maintain a membership database and will publish a Membership Directory, as directed by the Board of Directors. It is the members’ responsibility to notify the PAUS office in writing of any name, address, telephone, fax number, and email address changes.

Rule 3 Cattle Registration/Transfer Records

The official record of animal registrations of PAUS shall be known as the Piedmontese Association of the United States Herd Book. Such records shall be maintained in book form and on a computer database software program.

Cattle registration records will include:

- Completed registration applications submitted by breeders.
- Copies of registration certificates.
- Ownership transfer requests.
- Blood type and/or DNA results on animals as required.

Registration certificates will include the following information:

- Registration number.
- Name of animal.
- Tattoo.
- Date of birth.
- Sex
- Percentage Piedmontese.
- Sire and dam.
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• Breeder.
• Present owner.
• Production records.
• Horned status, if provided.
• Color.
• Frame score, if provided.
• Birth type, if provided.
• Weaning management code, if provided.
• Yearling management code, if provided.
• Blood type case #, if applicable.
• DNA type case #, if applicable.
• Parentage lab ID, if applicable.
• Myostatin result, if applicable.

Other records will include, but are not limited to the following:

• Articles of Incorporation.
• Bylaws
• Rules and Regulations
• Minutes from all Annual Membership, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee meetings.
• Government documents.
• Account records
• Contracts executed with any agency, business, corporation, or individual.

The PAUS office will maintain a file of the above listed records, and any other records deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2
Herd Prefix

Rule 1 Herd Prefix Requirement

A herd prefix will be issued, as requested, to each member by PAUS. This herd prefix is used in the permanent identification (tattoo) of each registered animal.

PAUS members may apply in writing or on their Membership Application form for a herd prefix. Acceptable herd prefixes include two (2), three (3), or four (4) letters of the owners choosing. PAUS will notify the owner of the assigned herd prefix. If a herd prefix is not applied for, one will be assigned by PAUS.

In the event an owner does not renew their PAUS membership and does not register cattle with PAUS, for a period of five (5) consecutive years, the herd prefix letters may be forfeited. The forfeited letters may be assigned to another breeder, at the discretion of the PAUS Board of Directors. A herd prefix may be retired with a breeder’s written request or by the request of the PAUS board.

SECTION 3
Eligibility
Rule 1 Piedmontese Owners

A. All Life, Annual and Junior members are eligible to register cattle in the Piedmontese Association of the United States.

B. Associate and nonmembers of PAUS may register animals, provided they abide by the PAUS Rules and Regulations. Registration and DNA testing fees are higher for Associate and nonmembers and must be paid before registrations or DNA samples are processed.

C. The owner of record means the sole membership (individual, partnership or corporation) in whose name an animal is currently registered in.

D. The first owner of an animal is the owner of record of its dam on the date a calf is born, except in the case of embryo calves or calves born from leased cows. Registration applications can only be applied for by the first owner, with the exception of embryo calves or calves born from leased cows. Registration of calves born from leased cows requires that the lease agreement be on file in the PAUS office, signed by both the owner of record and the individual or representative of a partnership or corporation leasing the cows.

E. The breeder of an animal is the owner of record of its dam on the date of service.

F. The owner of the dam at the time she is bred must document the sire used and if it was natural service (NS), artificial insemination (AI), or embryo transfer (ET).

Rule 2 Piedmontese Cattle

A. Registration shall be available to all bulls having not less than 50% Piedmontese blood and to all females having not less than 37.5% Piedmontese blood, provided that either the sire or dam are registered with PAUS.

B. Twin or calves of other multiple births may be registered, except for a free-martin (female born twin to a male), as determined by DNA testing. Either or both twin calves may be registered by submitting separate applications for each. The sex of the other twin must be specified on the application form.

SECTION 4
Classes

Rule 1 Fullblood Piedmontese

Animal whose pedigree, for both the dam and sire, are 100% fullblood Piedmontese, generating from registered Italian Piedmontese cattle are eligible to be registered as a fullblood Piedmontese with PAUS. Blood typing and/or DNA testing requirements and results, as specified in Rule 5 of the PAUS Rules and Regulations must be met. Fullblood animals must have a verified 2-copy myostatin result in order to be registered.

If the dam and/or sire are not registered with PAUS, you must include a copy of their registration with another association recognized by PAUS and blood typing or DNA test results.
Rule 2 Purebred Piedmontese

Animals must be progeny of registered Piedmontese sires and dams in order to be eligible for registration as a Purebred Piedmontese with PAUS. The percentage of Piedmontese blood for Purebred registration must be at least 15/16 (93.75%) for a female and 31/32 (96.85%) for a male. Blood typing and/or DNA testing requirements, as specified in Rule 5 of the PAUS Rules and Regulations must be met. Purebred animals must have a verified 2-copy myostatin result in order to be registered.

A. Purebred animals cannot be registered as a 100% Fullblood Piedmontese.

B. The registration certificate will identify the animal as a Purebred.

Rule 3 Percentage Piedmontese

Animals must be Progeny of registered Piedmontese sires and dams, except for first cross (F1) animals, in order to be eligible for registration as a Percentage Piedmontese with PAUS. At least one (1) of the parents has to be registered with PAUS.

The percentage of Piedmontese blood for Percentage registration must be at least 37.5% for a female and at least 50% for a male. The percentage of Piedmontese blood is the "average" of the percentage of Piedmontese blood of the sire and dam.

Rule 4 Tenderlean Piedmontese

An animal can be registered as a Tenderlean animal if it is proven by testing to carry 2-copies of the piedmontese pacific myostatin alleles. Sire and Dam does not have to be proven. Parentage will only be printed on the registry certificate unless they have been proven through DNA and/or blood typing.

Rule 5 Tendercross Piedmontese

An animal can be registered as a Tenderlean animal if it is proven by testing to carry 1-copies of the piedmontese pacific myostatin alleles. Sire and Dam does not have to be proven. Parentage will only be printed on the registry certificate unless they have been proven through DNA and/or blood typing.

Rule 6 Deceased Animals

The registration certificate for any deceased animal, regardless of cause, should be so marked and returned to the PAUS office where the records will be updated. If the owner requests, the certificate will be returned to him/her marked Canceled.

SECTION 5 Testing

Rule 1 DNA or Blood Type Testing

DNA testing is done to verify parentage of the dam and sire, and to identify the myostatin gene
copy. This testing was implemented in the year 2000 and replaced the previous blood typing requirement for verifying parentage.

Parentage testing and verification is required for all fullblood and purebred animals.

Myostatin testing is required for all fullblood and purebred animals, unless both the dam and sire have a verified 2-copy myostatin test result on file in the PAUS office and both the dam and sire qualify as parents of the calf, as verified through DNA testing.

**Rule 2 DNA Testing Requirements**

A. Fullblood Animals

It is mandatory that all fullblood females and males have the following tests:

- DNA Profile/Parentage Test.
- Myostatin Gene Test, unless both the dam and sire have a verified 2-copy myostatin test result on file in the PAUS office and both the dam and sire qualify as parents of the calf, as verified through DNA testing.

B. Purebred Animals

It is mandatory that all purebred females and males have the following tests:

- DNA Profile/Parentage Test
- Myostatin Gene Test, unless both the dam and sire have a verified 2-copy myostatin test result on file in the PAUS office and both the dam and sire qualify as parents of the calf, as verified through DNA testing.

C. Percentage Animals

All animals born after January 1, 2006 will be required to send in a hair sample of each animal submitted for registration, along with the required cattle registration application form. Ten (10) percent of the animals from any one-breeder will be randomly checked to verify the Piedmontese side of the pedigree. PAUS will only pay for the randomly tested animals. If the animals(s) tested do not qualify, the breeder could be required to test more than ten (10) percent and this would be at the breeder’s expense. It will state on the animals certificate if that animal has been sire and/or dam parentage verified. The above rule does not apply to males that are used for semen collection and females that are used as embryo donor cows.

D. Tenderlean (2-Copy Myostatin)

It is mandatory that all animals for this category be tested and verified 2-copy myostatin. These animals do not have to be sire and/or dam verified, but it is encouraged for EPD data collection. Pedigrees will only be printed on the certificate if the Piedmontese sire and/or dam qualify thru DNA testing.

E. Tendercross (1-copy Myostatin)
It is mandatory that all animals in this category be tested & Verified 1-copy myostatin. These animals do not have to be sire and/or dam verified, but is encouraged for EPD data collection. Pedigrees will only be printed on the certificate if the Piedmontese sire and/or dam qualify thru DNA testing.

F. Bulls Used for Semen Collection

It is mandatory that any male used for semen collection have the following tests:

- DNA Profile/Parentage Test
- Myostatin Gene Test

G. Embryo Donor Cows

It is mandatory that any female used as an embryo donor cow (flushed for embryos) have the following tests:

- DNA Profile/Parentage Test
- Myostatin Gene Test

PAUS reserves the right to require DNA and/or blood typing on any registered Piedmontese animal.

SECTION 6
Procedures

Cattle registration application forms are available from the PAUS office. All mandatory registration application information must be accurately recorded on the application form and submitted to the PAUS office along with all mandatory DNA/blood type testing results. All registration fees must be paid before a registration certificate is issued.

Rule 1 Owner Information

A. The following owner information is mandatory:

- Name of owner
- Address of owner
- Telephone number of owner
- Signature of owner
- Date of application
- PAUS membership number, if applicable
- Herd prefix, if applicable

Rule 2 Animal Information

A. The following calf information is mandatory on the registration application:

- Animal name
- Animal ear tattoo and location
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- Animal birth date
- Animal birth weight
- Animal sex
- Calving ease
- Animal color
- Horned status
- Breeding status
- Number born

Animal Name: The name of the animal is chosen by the owner. The name cannot contain more than 24 characters and spaces, and only English letters and Arabic numerals are acceptable. Punctuation marks, diagonal lines, joint letters, brands, or other unusual marks or symbols will not be accepted.

PAUS reserves the right to change the name assigned to an animal on an application for registry if it is deemed advisable to do so. Any unnamed calf will automatically be named using its tattoo. All names are printed in capital letters.

Animal Ear Tattoo: All animals must have a permanent identification prior to the date application is made for registration with PAUS. The permanent identification number (tattoo) may not exceed 8 characters. The tattoo includes each of the following three (3) items:

- Herd Prefix assigned by PAUS
- Animal number selected by owner
- International Year Code (see Year Code appendix)

The International Year Code letter must be separated from the Herd Prefix by the Animal Number. Example:

Herd Prefix  PAUS
Animal Number  10
International Year Code J
Calf Tattoo  PAUS 10J

The ear location of the tattoo must be specified on the registration application form by checking the appropriate box. Either a left ear or right ear tattoo are acceptable. If the tattoo is located in both ears, it should be recorded on the registration application form by checking the appropriate box.

If the tattoo of an animal becomes unreadable, the same marking shall be placed in a different lobe of the ear or otherwise as authorized by PAUS and no attempt shall be made to alter or over-imprint the old tattoo.

Animal's Birth Date: The actual month, day, and year the animal was born must be recorded on the registration application form.

Animal's Birth Weight: The actual weight of the animal, in pounds, taken as soon after birth as possible, or the birth weight estimated from a calf scale birth weight tape must be recorded on the
Animal's Sex: The gender of the animal must be recorded on the registration application form by checking the appropriate box.

Calving Ease: The calving ease of the animal must be recorded on the registration application form using the following codes:

1. Unassisted birth
2. Assisted birth, easy pull
3. Assisted birth, hard pull, puller used
4. Assisted birth, cesarean
5. Abnormal presentation
6. Dead on arrival (DOA)
7. Induced or premature

Animal's Color: The following codes should be used to record the animal's coat color and markings:

1. Other
2. Red
3. Red, white face
4. Black
5. Black, white face
6. Fawn
7. Fawn, white face
8. Red, mottled face
9. Black, mottled face
10. Fawn, mottled face

Calf's Horned/Polled/Scurred Status: The horned status of the animal must be recorded on the registration application form by checking the appropriate box, indicating whether the animal is horned, scurred, or polled.

Breeding Status: The breeding used to produce this calf must be indicated on the registration application form by checking the appropriate box.

- AI - Artificial Insemination
- NS - Natural Service (pasture bred)
- ET - Embryo Transfer

If the breeding was through natural service, you must include the date in and date out of the bull.

Number Born: The number of animals born must be recorded on the registration application form using the following codes:

1. Single birth
2. Twin to bull
3. Twin to heifer
4. Embryo transfer (ET) calf

If the animal is a twin, the sex of the other animal must be recorded on the registration application form. If a heifer is born twin to a bull, the heifer must be a proven breeder before she is eligible for registration. In this case, any over-age fees associated with registration will be waived.

B. The following animal information is optional on the registration application form:

- Calving Group
- Weaning Date
- Weaning Weight
- Weaning Group
- Yearling Date
- Yearling Weight
- Yearling Group

Although this information is optional, breeders are encouraged to provide this information to the PAUS office as it becomes available.

Calving Group: A calving group identifies a group of calves born at approximately the same time of year or from a specified group of dams. Breeders with large herds or those that calve several times a year, may want to identify each group. A single number or letter may be used to identify the calving group.

Animal's Weaning Date: The actual month, day, and year the weaning weight was obtained may be included on the registration form.

Animal's Weaning Weight: The actual weigh of the calf, in pounds, taken as close to 205 days after birth as possible may be included on the registration form. Weights taken between 160 and 250 days are acceptable. The adjusted weaning weight will automatically be calculated by the registration computer program.

Animal's Weaning Group: A weaning group identifies a group of calves weaned at approximately the same time of year or from a specified group of calves. Breeders with large herds or those that wean animals several times a year, may want to identify each group. A single number or letter may be used to identify the weaning group.

Animal's Yearling Date: The actual month, day, and year the yearling weight was obtained may be included on the registration form.

Animal's Yearling Weight: The actual weigh of the calf, in pounds, taken as close to days after birth as possible may be included on the registration form. Weights taken between days are acceptable. The adjusted yearling weight will automatically be calculated by the registration computer program.

Animal's Yearling Group: A yearling group identifies a group of calves at approximately the same time of year or from a specified group of calves. Breeders with large herds or those that wean animals several times a year, may want to identify each group. A single number or letter may be used to identify the yearling group.
Rule 3 Dam Information

A. The following dam information is mandatory on the registration application:

- Dam's PAUS Registration Number. If the calf is an ET, submit the donor dam's information, not the recipient dam. Leave blank only if the dam is not registered.  
- Dam's Tattoo  
- Dam's Name  
- Dam's Breed Code. Use Breed Code appendix.  
- Dam's Breed Percentage. The breed percentages must equal 100%.

Rule 4 Sire Information

A. The following sire information is mandatory on the registration application:

- Sire's PAUS Registration Number. Leave blank only if the sire is not registered.  
- Sire's Tattoo  
- Sire's Name  
- Sire's Breed Code. Use Breed Code appendix.  
- Sire's Breed Percentage. The breed percentages must equal 100%.

Rule 5 Embryo Transplant Calf Registration

A. The owner of record of the Piedmontese cow to be used in an embryo program (flushed for embryos) must have a DNA report on file in the PAUS office for that cow.

B. The recipient or host cow must be identified by tattoo or permanent ID number.

C. Breeders should obtain an International Embryo Transfer Society (IETS) report, completed by the embryologist who implanted the embryo into the host cow. This report will be provided to the new owner of the host cow, if she is sold prior to calving. The IETS report is not a guarantee of pregnancy.

D. Breeders of embryo transplant calves may apply for registration by submitting a completed registration application form. A copy of the IETS report, and DNA test results must be included with the application for registry.

Rule 6 Foreign Registration

A. Application for registration of animals from other countries must:

- Be signed by the importer, showing the date of importation.  
- Be accompanied by the certificate of registration.  
- Be accompanied by service information acceptable to PAUS (i.e. that used in the country of origin for certificate of service), if the animal is a bred female.

Rule 7 Registration of Offspring from Semen or Embryos Imported into the United States

A. Applications for registration of offspring resulting from semen or embryos imported into the
United States must be accompanied by the following documentation:

- Blood type or DNA results on both sire and dam.
- Copies of registration papers and pedigrees on both sire and dam.

SECTION 7
Transfers

Rule 1 Application for Transfer

A. Every change of ownership for each animal registered with PAUS must be made in writing by completing the Application for Transfer on the reverse side of the PAUS Registration Certificate.

B. The owner must provide the name and address of the new owner, and date of sale on the Application for Transfer.

C. The owner must include whether the animal is bred or open. If bred, the Application for Transfer must contain the service dates, PAUS registration number of the sire, and the date of any pasture exposure.

D. If a cow is transferred with a calf at side, the owner of the cow when the calf is born must identify the calf by actual ear tattoo, and apply for registration and transfer on a registration application form. Only the owner of the dam at the time the calf is born can apply for registration.

E. It shall be the duty of the owner of record of an animal to file with PAUS the necessary application for transfer and pay the transfer fees.

Rule 2 Family Transfers

Transfer from one family member to another (in the case of an estate, a gift from parent to child, etc.), and transfers from one member to another when both memberships are owned by the same person or immediate family, will be processed at $10.00 per animal. (Family is defined as spouse, parents, siblings, children & Grandparents)

Rule 3 Transfer of Embryos

The purchaser of an embryo and/or recipient cow carrying an embryo, may register the resulting calf if the application for registration is accompanied by a completed and signed Authorization of Embryo Transfer form. This form must be obtained from, completed and signed, by the embryologist. All other rules for registration must be met.

SECTION 8
Error and Fraud

Rule 1 Erroneous Entry

A. Should any animal be accepted for registration or transferred through error, misrepresentation or fraud, the Board of Directors, on discovery of same, shall declare the entry or transfer void, together with any entries that may have been made of descendants of such animals. When an
animal has been transferred or entered through misrepresentation or fraud, the Board of Directors may direct the PAUS Office to refuse to record or register any subsequent registration or transfer until that person has had his right to a hearing and appeal.

B. No member shall offer to PAUS for registry or transfer, any animal which such member knows or should have known, was not eligible for registry or transfer.

C. Without in any way limiting any of the foregoing provisions, no member shall (1) represent an unregistered animal as a registered Piedmontese; (2) represent one registered Piedmontese as another registered Piedmontese; (3) sell or offer for sale a Piedmontese animal as a registered Piedmontese when it is either not registered or not eligible for registry.

D. No member shall indulge in any practices in the breeding of Piedmontese cattle or in the maintenance, or lack of maintenance, of records which will impair the reliability of the records of PAUS.

E. No member shall do any other act which in the opinion of the Board of Directors may be prejudicial to the best interest of PAUS or of the Piedmontese breed.

SECTION 9
Fees

Rule 1 Establishment of Fees
All fees are established by the Board of Directors.

Rule 2 Payment of Fees
All fees of whatever nature due PAUS shall be paid in advance, accompanying requests for services, except in the case of state institutions and similar agencies.

Rule 3 Nonpayment of Fees
Nonpayment of fees because of defective remittances, insufficient funds, incorrect payment, or failure to pay, shall be sufficient cause for:

- Withholding the processing of registrations or transfers.
- Cancellation of registrations or transfers which have been processed but not paid for.

Rule 4 Current Fees
A. Membership Fees
- Annual Member - $100
- Lifetime Member Renewal - $50
- Lifetime Member New - $1,000
- Associate Member - $50
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- Junior Member - $25
- International Annual Member - $150
- International Associate Member - $75

Membership fees must be paid by February 15th of each year. Members who have not paid their fees by February 15th will be considered inactive until such date as the full membership fee is paid plus a $10 reactivation fee.

New lifetime memberships are available. All lifetime members are assessed an annual fee, currently $50 per year, to cover the publications and postage expenses

B. Registration Fees

- Bulls and Females, under 18 months - $40.00
- Bulls and Females, 18 months and over - $40.00

C. Transfer Fees

- Fullblood, Purebred, and Percentage - $15.00
- Family Transfers - $10.00
- Other Piedmontese Association Transfers - $5.00

D. Corrected or Duplicate Certificate

- Any Animal - $5.00

E. Nonmember Fees Registration fees are double for nonmembers. Inactive members will be considered nonmembers, until such time as their membership is paid in full.

F. DNA Testing Fees DNA testing is provided by Genmark/Infigen. DNA samples and testing fees should be sent directly to Genmark/Infigen.

- Parentage Test - $30.00
- Parentage & Myostatin Tests - $35.00
- DNA Profile Only - $30.00
- DNA Profile & Myostatin Tests - $35.00
- Myostatin Test Only - $15.00

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