AGA HYBRID RULES

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RULE I. Hybrid Registry and Recording Service Rules and Regulations

A. The American Gelbvieh Association (AGA) shall maintain a system for the registration, recording and computation of hybrid cattle. Data shall be properly indexed and placed into a permanent file to be known as the Hybrid Registry.

Except as otherwise noted herein, all AGA Rules apply to the registration, recording and computation of hybrid cattle under the AGA Hybrid Rules.

This file shall contain information derived from registration applications, weaning/yearling worksheets, registration certificates or performance pedigree summaries, transfer requests and other information pertaining to the registration, recording and computation of Hybrid cattle.

1. Hybrid and Custom Naming Registry and Recording Service pertains to all cattle that meet the standards for registration and/or recording under the AGA Rules and the AGA Hybrid Rules.
    a. Any percentage animal not falling in the Purebred, Fullblood, Balancer® or Southern Balancer™ catergory is eligible to have a custom name applied to its registration certificate upon approval of the AGA Executive committee.

2. Balancer® pertains to all cattle that meet the AGA standards for registration and

    a. The sire and dam must be recorded by an officially recognized organization. (Am. Gelbvieh Assn., Am. Angus Assn., Red Angus Assn. of Am., etc.)
    b. Contain a ¼ to ¾ Gelbvieh and ¼ to ¾ Angus or Red Angus, with a Maximum 1/8 unknown or other breed genetics.
    c. 75% of the pedigree must be known and documented by AGA and/or another officially recognized recording/registration association. This officially documented blood percentage of the pedigree shall be referred to as “Documented”.

3. Southern Balancer™ pertains to all cattle that meet the standards for registration (Rule II) and
    a. The sire and dam must each be a registered animal and recognized or recorded with a breed association.
    b. The animal must contain an minimum of 25% (1/4) Gelbvieh with 6.25% (1/16) to 50% (1/2) from Tropically Adapted Breed or combination of tropically adapted breeds with no more than 1/8th unknown breed genetics.
    c. 75% of the pedigree must be known and documented by AGA and/or another officially recognized recording/registration association. This officially documented blood percentage of the pedigree shall be referred to as “Documented”.
    d. Percentage designations will mirror the presentation of Gelbvieh and Balancer Animals.
    e. Tropically Adapted Breeds are to include: Beefmaster, Braford, Brahman, Brangus, Red Brangus, Senepol and Santa Gertrudis.
    f. Tropically Adapted Breeds with open herd books such as Brangus and Red Brangus will have identification of percent Brahman and percent Angus rather than percent Brangus.

4. *Balancer* is an official trademark issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the American Gelbvieh Association (AGA). Use of the mark, *Balancer* is protected by applicable trademark laws and regulations. All rights of ownership in the livestock industry to the mark, *Balancer*, are held by the American Gelbvieh Association.

    a. The mark *Balancer* may be used only with the knowledge and consent of the AGA in uses involving the ownership, promotion or sale of cattle registered with the AGA which meet the requirements of the AGA Hybrid Registry and Recording Service Rules and Regulations pertaining to Balancer cattle.
    b. In other instances, the mark, *Balancer* may only be used with the express written consent of the Executive Director of the AGA.
    c. The Executive Director shall monitor the use of the mark, *Balancer*, in the livestock industry. In the event the Executor Director determines that the mark *Balancer* is being used in any manner in violation of the trademark issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the

AGA, or in any other manner in violation of the rules and policies of the AGA, he may take such action as is necessary to stop the wrongful use of the mark and to prevent its further wrongful use.

RULE II. Standards for Registration and Recording

A. Eligibility for registration concerning hybrid cattle.

1. Hybrid recording services are available to cattle with at least one registered parent recognized by an official recording organization (Am. Gelbvieh Assn., Am. Angus Assn., Red Angus Assn. of Am.,etc.) regardless of Breed Composition and Documented Percentage. For the purpose of generating hybrid offspring, animals whose parents are both recorded with the same registry other than the American Gelbvieh Association may be recorded in the American Gelbvieh Association Hybrid Registry.

2. Balancer and Southern Balancer registration is available to all cattle meeting the requirements outlined in Rule I regarding Breed Composition and Documented Percentage.

3. For purposes of calculating Breed Composition Percentage and Documented Percentage the following rules apply:

   a. All AMGV animals follow the Breed Composition percentages as outlined in Chart A of the AGA Rules and contribute those values rounded down to the nearest 1/8th to their offspring.
   b. All non-Gelbvieh animals recorded in their appropriately recognized herdbook that are 94% or higher or are considered "Purebred" are considered 100% in Breed Composition and 100% in Documented Percentage.
   c. All animals recorded in an officially recognized herdbook that are not Considered "Purebred" and are less than 7/8 of a specific breed are considered at their actual percentage rounded down to the nearest 1/8 for both Breed Composition and Documented Percentage.
   d. All animals recorded in the American Gelbvieh Association Hybrid Registry whose parents are both recorded with the same registry other than the American Gelbvieh Association will have their breed composition and documentation calculated in the same manner (as outlined in Rule 3b. and 3c.) as if they were recorded in their parent's herdbook.
   e. A maximum of four breed contributions are listed. If an animal contains more than four breed contributions, only the top three are listed with the remaining breed contributions represented as "other".

4. Examples of (**Breed Composition)** and (**Documented Percentage)**:

Parent 1	**Doc %**	**Parent 2**	**Doc %**	**CALF**	**Doc %**
PB 94 GV (100 GV)	100%	Purebred AN (100AN)	100%	Balancer (½AN, ½ GV)	100%
Fullblood GV(100 GV)	100%	Purebred AR (100AR)	100%	Balancer (½AR, ½ GV)	100%
7/8 Gelbvieh	100%	Purebred AN (100AN)	100%	Balancer (½AN, 3/8GV)	100%
PB 94 GV (100 GV)	100%	Brangus (½AN ½ BR)	100%	So. Balancer (½GV, ¼AN, ¼BR)	100%
¾ Balancer(¾GV, ¼AN)	100%	Brangus (½AN ½ BR)	100%	So. Balancer (3/8 GV, 3/8AN, ¼BR)	100%
¾ Balancer(¾GV, ¼AN)	100%	PB Brahman (100BR)	100%	So. Balancer (3/8 GV, 1/8AN, ½BR)	100%
¾ GV (¾GV, ¼ UN)	75%	Purebred AN (100 AN)	100%	Balancer (½AN, 3/8GV, 1/8UN)	88%
¾ GV (¾GV, ¼ AN)	75%	½ GV(½GV ¼ AN ¼ F-GV)	50%	Hybrid (¾GV, ¼AN)	63%
PB94 GV (100GV)	100%	Simmental (100SM)	0%	Hybrid (½GV, ½ SM)	50%
PB94 GV (100GV)	100%	Angus (100AN)	0%	Hybrid (½AN, ½GV)	50%
PB94 GV (100GV)	100%	AN x HH (½AN, ½HH)	0%	Hybrid (½GV, ¼AN, ¼HH)	50%
¾ Balancer(¾GV, ¼AN)	100%	¾ GV (¾GV, ¼AN)	75%	Balancer (25AN, ¾GV)	88%
Simmental (100SM)	0%	Purebred LM (100LM)	100%	Hybrid (½ LM, ½SM)	50%

B. **Reporting of mandatory data using the required Registration Application and/or the Weaning/Yearling Worksheet.**

1. The HYBRID box on the AGA Registration Application must be checked for entry into the Hybrid Registry.

2. An official performance summary and/or registration certificate including registration number, breed registry, birth date, name and current EPDs must accompany any non-Gelbvieh parents for purposes of documentation. Failure to provide such information may result in appropriately lowering the animal's recognized documented percentage.