

**BAA REGISTRATION DIVISION
RULES & REGULATIONS**

The BAA Registration Division is formed for the purpose of setting up a system of registration of Aviaries, Partnerships, Strains, Budgerigars and Pedigrees.

I. DEFINITIONS

a. **Registrar**: The person appointed by the BAA Chairman and confirmed or approved by the Board of Directors to keep all records of the BAA Registration Division.

b. **Aviary**: An establishment, in which budgerigars are housed, managed, and bred for the purpose of developing an exhibition strain.

c. **Strain**: A distinctive group of budgerigars which has been developed by carefully controlled selective breeding practices designed to produce a uniquely uniform family of birds closely resembling the Standard of Perfection adopted by BAA.

d. **Partnership**: Two or more BAA members who have joined forces to breed and exhibit better budgerigars. When an aviary or strain is registered in the name of a partnership, such partnership shall be considered a member so long as each member maintains active membership in BAA. In the event a partnership is dissolved, the rights and ownership of the registration shall continue with the surviving or active owner provided due notice of such is reported to the Registrar in a timely manner. Such notice must be signed by all members of the partnership or their duly appointed representatives.

e. **Budgerigar**: Any exhibition quality budgerigar that is permanently banded with a closed, coded and traceable band.

f. **Champion Budgerigar**: Any BAA registered budgerigar that has won first through tenth Best In Show, Best Opposite Sex In Show, Best Young In Show or Best Young Opposite Sex In Show at any BAA open or breeders show judged by a fully accredited Budgerigar Judge. Additionally, any budgerigar that has earned three or more challenge certificates shall be eligible for registration as a champion. The prefix CH shall denote champion status on the pedigree form.

g. **Points:** Points shall be credited to best in show winners as follows: BIS -10 points, 2nd BIS - 9 points, 3rd BIS - 8 points, 4th BIS - 7 points, 5th BIS - 6 points, 6th BIS - 5 points, 7th BIS - 4 points, 8th BIS - 3 points, 9th BIS - 2 points, 10th BIS - 1 point. Best Opposite Sex In Show shall earn 5 points. Best Young and Best Young Opposite Sex In Show shall earn 3 points. Challenge Certificate winners shall earn 1 point per show.

h. **Grand Champion Budgerigar:** Upon application, any BAA registered budgerigar that has earned a total of 30 points in BAA shows, as described above, shall be awarded the title of Grand Champion which will be denoted by the prefix GR CH on the pedigree form.

i. **Transfer:** The term shall mean the recording of the transfer of ownership of any aviary, strain, or budgerigar upon the files or records of the Registrar. Such transfer to be requested by the new owner upon presentation of properly completed certificates bearing the signature of previous owner or owners and accompanied by proper fees.

II. RULES AND REGULATIONS

a. The BAA Registrar and its committee shall be appointed by the BAA Chairman and confirmed or approved by the Board of Directors.

b. The control and administration of these rules and regulations shall be vested in the BAA Registrar and its committee.

c. The BAA Registrar shall have the authority to revise or amend these written definitions, rules and regulations at any time subject to the final approval of the BAA Board of Directors.

d. The BAA Registrar shall be available at a time during the Grand National meetings each year to hear any complaints or recommendations presented to it. Any required action will be taken by the BAA Board of Directors at that time.

e. The Registrar shall have full custody of all records pertaining to registration outlined herein; shall keep accurate records of all registrations and pedigrees filed for; shall receive all monies and fees for registration and keep accurate record thereof; deposit same in a bank to the credit of BAA Registration Division, making a quarterly report to the BAA Treasurer and make an annual report to the BAA Board of Directors at the Grand National meeting.

f. After the initial startup of the Registration Division, which shall be funded by BAA, the registrar may receive a stipend of 25% of gross receipts for the normal operating expenses of the division. These expenses are to include postage, and necessary supplies such as paper, envelopes and computer supplies as they are needed for the maintenance and operation of the Registration Division. An itemized accounting of these expenses will be made in the quarterly report to the BAA Treasurer.

g. The registration of any Aviary, Strain, Budgerigar, Pedigree or Prefix may be canceled if it is deemed that any registration was obtained by false or incorrect information.

h. Any member, applicant, or registrant who has been refused registration may appeal to the BAA Board of Directors. Their decision shall be final.

i. It is the responsibility of each club that holds a BAA sponsored show to complete an official BAA Show Report and forward a copy of same to all officers listed on the BAA Show report and to the Registrar. Such reports should be sent as soon as possible, but not later than 30 days following the show date. The officiating Judge should check all show reports for accuracy. These show reports are necessary for validating any registration applications; without them, no registrations can be completed.

j. Rules and procedures not defined herein shall be at the discretion of the BAA Registrar.

III. **REGISTRATION, AVIARIES, STRAINS AND TRANSFERS**

a. **Initial Registration.** Any Aviary and or strain may be registered with the BAA Registration Division subject to the following rules and conditions:

(1) Applicant must be an active member of BAA.

(2) Application for each registration shall be filed with the Registrar on the BAA Budgerigar Registration form accompanied by the required fee.

(3) Applicant shall select a name or title for the aviary or strain to be registered and if such name is not already on record, it will be accepted. When accepted, it will be for the exclusive use of the registrant so long as active BAA membership is maintained or ownership is transferred to another BAA member.

(4) All registered aviaries and strains will be maintained as active so long as the owners are paid up members of BAA. Registered status terminates when a member fails to renew membership in BAA. Should such delinquent members later decide to renew membership in BAA, the former aviary name may be chosen again provided that it has not been issued to another member. The procedure will be the same as applying for a new registered aviary or strain.

b. **Transfer of Registration**

(1) Any registered aviary or strain which changes ownership, either by sale or otherwise, to another BAA member may transfer the registered name or title upon application of the new owner. Such application for transfer (on the reverse of the Registration Certificate) must be accompanied by consent of the seller and payment of the prescribed fee and must be filed within 90 days of the sale or transfer has been made.

(2) Upon the death of an owner of a registered aviary or strain, their executors, administrators or heirs may continue to use the registered name or title upon notification of such status or they may transfer the ownership as provided in paragraph 1. above.

c. Rules and procedures not defined herein shall be at the discretion of the Registrar.

IV. REGISTRATION OF BUDGERIGARS: CHAMPIONS, GRAND CHAMPIONS AND TRANSFERS

a. The registration of budgerigars shall be limited to BAA members.

b. No budgerigar will be considered qualified or accepted for registration if such bird shows signs of wearing a forced or expanded leg band.

c. **Registered Champion:**

(1) The budgerigar has been shown in a BAA Open or Breeders show, judged by a fully accredited Judge and won an award of 1st through 10th Best in Show, Best Opposite Sex In Show, Best Young or Best Young Opposite Sex In Show or has earned three Challenge Certificates.

(a) Evidence of any awards must be supported by an official BAA Show Report, posted on the BAA web site, or published in the BAA Journal and submitted to the Registrar on the BAA Budgerigar Registration form.

(b) Application for registration of any budgerigar must be made within twelve months of the date of show at which said budgerigar became qualified. (During the first year after adoption of the BAA Registration Division, applications may be made retroactively for the past three years (2009) provided the qualifying show reports are posted on the official BAA Web Site or provided to the Registrar for verification.)

(2) Applicant will receive a Registered Champion Certificate upon qualifying and completing proper procedures.

d. **Registered Grand Champion:**

(1) A Grand Champion is any budgerigar which has won Best In Show three times at qualifying shows or has gained a total of 30 points as specified above. Credit is given for all points earned, even if the points exceed ten (10) in any one show.

(2) The Breeder/Owner must complete the BAA Budgerigar Registration form and forward it to the Registrar along with the required fee. Upon qualifying, the Breeder/Owner will receive a Registered Grand Champion Certificate.

(3) When any member sells or transfers ownership of any registered budgerigar to any person or member, the new owner may apply to the Registrar for an official recording of transfer. The seller must sign the reverse side of the certificate which becomes the property of the buyer.

(4) Rules and procedures defined herein shall be at the discretion of the BAA Registrar.

V. **FEES**

- a. Registration of Aviary or Strain - \$20.00
- b. Transfer of Registration of Aviary or Strain - \$10.00
- c. Registration of Champion Budgerigars - \$3.00

d. Addition of subsequent qualifying wins toward Grand Champion Certificate submitted on the BAA Budgerigar Registration form (per submission) - \$2.00

e. Registration of Grand Champion Budgerigars - \$2.00

f. Initial registration for Grand Champion Budgerigar that hasn't been previously registered as a Champion - \$5.00

g. Transfer record of ownership of individual Budgerigar-\$1.00