

CBDA Policies & Procedures

- Departing Board members are presented with a belt buckle or some other appropriate gift. (ongoing tradition)
- The CBDA provides courtesy ASSOCIATE memberships to buyers of Blonde cattle. If the member wishes to vote or register cattle they will need to purchase an ACTIVE membership. (April 26, 2022 BOD meeting)
- Imported live cattle, semen and embryos must be tested or be derived from animals tested for Axonopathy. Carrier animals will not be eligible for registration in the Canadian Blonde herdbook effective February 21, 2017 (February 21, 2017 BOD meeting).
- Animals with parents that are carriers of Axonopathy will require testing when a test becomes available to the CBDA. (February 21, 2017 BOD meeting)
- Animals carrying Axonopathy will be designated as AXC on pedigrees and animals tested as non-carriers will be designated as AXN. (February 21, 2017 BOD meeting)
- Registration will be allowed for any Blonde d'Aquitaine animal when there is a one marker mismatch using a Microsatellite DNA parentage verification test. This policy will be implemented immediately, August 4, 2016, and will be in place until December 31, 2016. (August 4, 2016 BOD meeting)
- All animals born after January 1, 2016 must have a SNP parentage DNA profile, and that the CBDA move towards SNP testing for parentage effective immediately. (February 4, 2016 BOD meeting)
- In an effort to ensure that the parentage of registered animals is correct the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association randomly verifies the parentage of every 10th purebred or percentage animal upon receipt of a registration application (see By-laws 21.4.e). If this random test is failed then the member must parentage verify the next purebred or percentage animal they wish to register, and is responsible for any associated fees. If that subsequent animal fails the required parentage test the member must complete two additional tests for each test failed with all expenses being the responsibility of the member. During these random tests the parentage of dams sent in will not be tested unless requested by the Breeder, however in extreme cases (ie: continued parentage test failures) the CBDA may require parentage testing of adult females already registered.

Example: Calf A is selected for DNA parentage verification. Dam of Calf A does not have a DNA SNP on file so a DNA sample for Calf A and Dam of Calf A are submitted for analysis.

IF: Calf A parentage is confirmed sampling is complete and CBDA covers costs of sampling.

IF: Calf A parentage is not confirmed:

1) Calf A is not registered until parentage of Calf A is verified by DNA

2) The next purebred or percentage registration applied for by the member is automatically flagged for parentage testing.

IF: the animal flagged for testing in step 2 above is confirmed to parents identified testing is complete.

IF: the animal flagged for testing in step 2 above is not confirmed to parents identified, an additional two purebred or percentage animals will be flagged for testing upon receipt of registration applications.