

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
NATIONAL JUNIOR BRAFORD ASSOCIATION**
(Revised 2010)

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section 1: The name of this association shall be the “National Junior Braford Association.”
- Section 2: The objective and purpose of the National Junior Braford Association, hereafter referred to as the NJBA, shall be as follows:
- (a) To continually improve and effectively promote the Braford breed.
 - (b) To improve and develop the capabilities of youth, both individually and through group participation, in the breeding, raising, and the exhibition of Braford cattle by junior members.
 - (c) To encourage high moral character, citizenship, dignity, honesty, sportsmanship, a sense of fairness and clean living among its members.
 - (d) To develop and improve leadership traits, community interest and participation of young cattlemen.
 - (d) To acquaint junior members with the parent organization, United Braford Breeders, its structure and function.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1: Membership is open to any boy or girl not older than twenty-one (21) years of age showing an interest in the Braford breed.
- Section 2: Voting Rights: The voting rights in the organization shall be vested exclusively in active organization members.
- Section 3: Membership Fee: The UBB Board of Directors will determine UBB junior membership dues. Paying these dues makes all UBB junior members automatically members of the National Junior Braford Association. No annual dues are required to remain an active member or to maintain the right to vote and participate in NJBA activities.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: The business and property of the organization shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors and an Executive Committee hereinafter created and empowered.

Section 2: Directors: Directors must be at least 11 years old on June 1 of the year in which they are elected. They are to be elected at the membership meeting held during the NJBA All American Activities. The board will consist of a total of twelve (12) directors who will be elected from the active NJBA membership by those active NJBA members in attendance. Each member will be elected to serve a two-year term with six directors elected each year. It is highly encouraged that the makeup of the NJBA Board of Directors represents the vast demographics of the United States of America.

In the first year of this new board structure, 2000-2001, the six directors with the greatest number of votes will be elected to two-year terms. The remaining six directors elected will serve one-year-terms. Each year thereafter, six board members will be elected to serve two-year-terms. Anyone elected who has only one year of NJBA eligibility remaining will serve a one-year-term and his or her position will be filled in the next election.

- (a) Vacancy: In the case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of the association's Director. When a director becomes an officer he does not create a vacancy on the Board.
- (b) Notice of Meetings: Written or printed notice of all meetings stating the place, date and hour of meeting, and in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is being called, shall be delivered not less than fifteen (15) days before the date of the meeting, either in person or by mail, at the direction of the President or Secretary, or the officer or person calling the meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered, upon deposit in the United States mail addressed to the recognized Director(s) at their address as it appears on the records of the association, with postage thereon prepaid.
- (c) Quorum: A majority of the number of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but if at any meeting of the Board there may be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be attained.
- (d) Powers of the Board: Powers of the Board: The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to direct the affairs of the organization, including, but not limited to, the right to make, amend and repeal the constitution of the organization, as they may deem expedient concerning the conduct, management, and activities of the organization, the admission classification, qualification, suspension, and expulsion of members, removal of officers, expenditure of money and other details relating to the general purposes of the organization, subject to the approval of the NJBA Advisory Board.

Section 3: Officers: The officers of the organization shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter. These officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors following the

annual membership meeting. Such officers shall hold office for a period of one (1) year until their successors are elected. The President can only serve two (2) consecutive terms.

- (a) President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the association and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the association, subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, and shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint all committees of the association subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The President shall submit to the members annually, at their meeting, a report of the status of the association and its activities during the preceding year.

The President shall have such other and further duties and authority as may be prescribed elsewhere in the constitution or from time to time by the Board of Directors.

- (b) Vice-President: The Vice-President shall, in the absence, disability or inability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and shall perform such other duties as the President shall from time to time prescribe.
- (c) Secretary: The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors and shall record or cause to be recorded all votes taken and the minutes of all proceedings in a minute book of the association to be kept for that purpose. He shall perform like duties for the committees when requested to do so.

The Secretary shall have the principal responsibility to give or cause to be given notice to all meetings of the Board of Directors and the members but this shall not lessen the authority of others to give such notice as provided in this constitution.

- (d) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall render to the President of the association and to the Board of Directors, whenever requested, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of those under his jurisdiction. In addition, the Treasurer shall make an annual report as to the financial condition of the association to the membership.

The responsibility for the safekeeping of the funds and securities of the association will be the duties of the Executive Director of the United Braford Breeders. He shall keep or cause to be kept all books of account and accounting records of the association as shall be necessary, and shall deposit or cause to be deposited all monies and other valuable effects in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. He shall coordinate the collections of the dues of members and shall disburse, or cause to be disbursed, the funds of the association as may be ordered, or authorized generally, by the Board of Directors.

- (e) Reporter: The Reporter shall have the responsibility of reporting on the activities of the association and of the individual members of the association.

The Reporter shall serve as historian of the association and shall have and perform such other duties, authorities and responsibilities as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors or the President.

- (f) Vacancies of Elective Offices: All vacancies in the elective offices of the organization shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term and those so appointed shall serve until the election and acceptance of their duly qualified successors.

Section 4: Executive Committee: The Executive Committee of the organization shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and immediate Past-President, elected by the Board of Directors. The directors also elect a director at large to serve on the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV

NJBA YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The advisory Board of the NJBA shall consist of interested adults. The committee and its chairman shall be appointed annually by the President of the United Braford Breeders. This advisory Board is established to help and assist in the activities of the National Junior Braford Association.

ARTICLE V

PLACE OF BUSINESS

Section 1: The place of business of the organization shall be the homes or offices of the President, Secretary, Advisors or at any other designated place.

Section 2: All correspondence regarding the NJBA shall be directed to the Executive Director of the United Braford Breeders.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS

The Constitution of this organization may be amended at the annual meeting of the membership by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Furthermore, the constitution of this organization may be amended at a special called membership meeting provided that each member shall receive written notice at least 30 (thirty) days prior to the date of said special meeting. The notice must contain both the present wording and the proposed changes of the Article and/or section being considered for amendment.