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## MEMBERSHIP TO THE AMERICAN WAGYU ASSOCIATION

**Membership with the American Wagyu Association, Inc. (AWA) gives you access to the range of services that the Association offers in commitment to its vision of stimulating the production and promotion of American Wagyu Beef. There are four (4) membership categories so you can choose the type of membership that suits you and your Wagyu business.**

### **FULL MEMBERSHIP/INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Full/International membership with the American Wagyu Association gives you access to the range of services that the Association offers in commitment to its vision of stimulating the production and promotion of American Wagyu Beef. An applicant for full/international membership shall be a person or corporation involved in the breeding and/or production of Wagyu or Wagyu-infused cattle or is involved in the food service industry. As a full member you are entitled to record and register Wagyu cattle. Full members are also eligible to be elected as a member of the Board and, have voting rights.

Full/International members shall be entitled to all services including:

- *Record Wagyu and Wagyu cross cattle in the available registers maintained by the Association and have their data linked to the online database*
- *Full voting rights*
- *Discounted DNA testing services through AWA endorsed laboratories*
- *Receiving AWA publications and official notices*
- *Receiving AWA communication via email*
- *Receiving discounted member rates to events hosted by the Association*
- *Advertising on the AWA website*
- *Permission to use AWA trademarked logo and marketing material*

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

An applicant for Associate membership shall be a person or corporation interested in the Wagyu breed or involved in associated industries like wholesale / retail meat distribution and/or hospitality. Associate membership is not available to persons involved in the breeding and registering of Wagyu or Wagyu-infused cattle. In accordance to our Bylaws, Associate members shall not be eligible to be elected as a member of the Board or have voting rights.

Associate members shall be entitled to selected services including:

- *Receiving AWA publications and official notices*
- *Receiving AWA communication via email*
- *Receiving discounted member rates to events hosted by the Association.*
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## **JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**

Junior membership with the American Wagyu Association gives you access to the range of services that the Association offers in commitment to its vision of stimulating the production and promotion of American Wagyu Beef. An applicant for Junior membership shall be a person (under the age of 21) who maybe involved in the raising or showing Wagyu or Wagyu-infused cattle. As a junior member you are entitled to record and register Wagyu cattle. Once you have reached the age of 21 you are required to register as a FULL MEMBER.

*Junior Members shall be entitled to selected services including:*

- *Recording Wagyu and Wagyu cross cattle in the available registers maintained by the Association and have their data linked to the online database*
- *Receiving AWA communication via email*
- *Discounted DNA testing services through AWA endorsed laboratories*
- *Receiving AWA publications and official notices*
- *Receiving AWA communication via email*
- *Receiving discounted member rates to events hosted by the Association*
- *Advertising on the AWA website*
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## **HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER**

Please fill out the Membership Application form (PART A, B, C & D) and return it with your payment to the American Wagyu Association. Once you have received official confirmation of your Membership and issued with a four(4) digit Membership #, your information can be accessed via the online database inquiry. Please check periodically that your contact information is current and this can be done by going to Member Lookup on the AWA website.

**If you have any questions about membership or how to complete the application form, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 208-262-8100**

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## Part A

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I (we) hereby make application to the Board of Directors of the American Wagyu Association for Regular Membership in consideration of acceptance of this application. I agree to comply with and abide by the Rules of the American Wagyu Association as they may be amended from time to time, including but not limited to those rules and procedures related to the submission of any materials, data or information. By signing this application for membership, I understand I am responsible for the accuracy of the information I provide to the American Wagyu Association and waive any claim against and grant a release to the American Wagyu Association, any member, employee or agent of the Association, for any act or omission in connection with the enforcement of the rules and regulations presently in effect or hereafter adopted by the Association.

The AWA collects your personal information for the purposes of contacting you, forwarding you important information, maintaining and updating its databases containing herd information and assisting you to promote your Wagyu business. AWA may disclose your personal information to its members and the general public via the AWA website, public directories and other means unless otherwise indicated (in writing) to the AWA office and acknowledged.

If you provided an email address on your membership form, all notifications such as billing/invoices, statements, updates and announcements from AWA will be sent to your email. If certificates are requested, they will be mailed to the address supplied.

**Membership Type:** *(please tick appropriate box)*

- Full Member    International Member    Associate Member    Junior Member

**Contact Details:**

Full Name of Voting Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name or Ranch: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Ranch or Farm address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (if under 21) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed by the Applicant** *(or authorized person)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT NAME)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Part B

Memberships held in the name of an individual, sole proprietorship (including one bearing a farm or ranch name) or partnership must identify all persons having an ownership interest in the membership and the cattle (husband, wife, family members or any others who are included as a part owner). Memberships held in the name of a trust must identify all trustees or other persons under the applicable trust document having an ownership interest in the membership and the cattle. Memberships held in the name of a corporation, limited liability company or other entity must identify at least two officers or equity owners authorized to act on behalf of such entity.

In the case of an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership or trust, only those persons signing below (i) will be shown as the owners of the membership and the cattle, and (ii) can add or remove agents from the membership, (iii) can nominate and/or vote for delegates for the annual meeting, and (iv) are eligible to be nominated as a delegate in respect of such membership. In the case of a corporation, limited liability company or other entity, such corporation, limited liability company or other entity will be shown as the owner of the membership and the cattle and only those officers equity owners signing below (i) can add or remove agents from the membership. In any of the cases listed above only those persons signing below can nominate and/or vote for delegates to the annual meeting, as well as be nominated as a delegate, if the member meets the criteria to be considered an "eligible voting member".

**SIGNATURE:** This application is signed by the applicant and, in the case of an application made by a trust or other legal entity, includes the signature of each trustee of an applicant that is a trust; the signature of each partner of an applicant that is a partnership, and the signature of at least two officers of an applicant that is a corporation, limited liability company or other entity.

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**Authorized Agents:** If membership is granted, the applicant requests that the Association recognize the individuals whose signatures appear below as the agents (ranch managers, office assistants, family members who are not part of the corporation or partnership) of the applicant solely for purposes of making applications for entry and transfer on behalf of the applicant. This authorization gives permission to sign work or make requests for this membership. An agent cannot add or remove a name from a membership. An agent can nominate and/or vote for delegates for the annual meeting, as well as be nominated as a delegate, if the member meets the criteria to be considered an "eligible voting member".

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### MEMBERSHIP FEES (AS OF 1/1/2021)

The AWA membership year is the calendar year from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December. Members will be invoiced for the annual subscription fee on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January each year (payment due on receipt).

#### We accept Credit Card, Check and E-check (US Funds)

<b>US Domestic Membership</b> Fee (January – December)	\$200.00
Prorated fee for New Applicants joining midyear (July – December)	\$108.00
<b>International Membership</b> (Outside US) Fee (January – December)	\$250.00
Prorated fee for New Applicants joining midyear (July – December)	\$198.00
<b>Associate Membership</b> Fee	\$75.00
<b>Junior Membership</b> Fee	\$75.00
<b>Late fee applies to any continuing membership March 1</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>

TO BE COMPLETED BY FULL, INTERNATIONAL AND JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICANTS ONLY

#### HERD IDENTIFICATION LETTERS (HERD PREFIX)

**2-4 alphabetical letters. No numbers or special characters.**

Please provide your first, second and third preference for your set of herd identification letters.  
**(This unique code identifies your herd/animals and must be applied to the ear when tattooing)**

1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

In order of preference (E.g. 1<sup>st</sup> **AB** 2<sup>nd</sup> **ABC** 3<sup>rd</sup> **ABCD**)

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## Part D

## PAYMENT

Payment can be made either by personal or business check (payable to the American Wagyu Association) or by credit card.

### Credit Card Authorization

I; \_\_\_\_\_, as the individual card holder hereby authorize this card to be used for the deposit required. As the company representative, I hereby authorize this card to be used fo the payment required.

### Credit Card Information:

Name as it appears on the card:

Type of card: (pleae tick the appropriate box)

VISA       MASTERCARD       DISCOVER       AMERICAN EXPRESS

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code/ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to be charged (US funds) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Credit Card Billing Address

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Siganture \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Once you have completed form/s they can be faxed to (208)292-2670, emailed to [office@wagyu.org](mailto:office@wagyu.org) or mailed to:

**American Wagyu Association, Inc**  
**PO Box 1115**  
**Post Falls, ID 83877**  
**USA**

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