

## MEMBERSHIP TO THE AMERICAN WAGYU ASSOCIATION

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

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

- *Recording Wagyu and Wagyu cross cattle (including their data) in the online database and Registering Wagyu and Wagyu cross cattle in the available registers maintained by the AWA*
- *Full voting rights*
- *Discounted DNA testing services through AWA endorsed laboratories*
- *Receiving AWA publications and official notices*
- *Receiving AWA communications via email*
- *Receiving discounted member rates to events hosted by the AWA*
- *Advertising on the AWA website*
- *Permission to use, subject to applicable restrictions, AWA trademarked logo and marketing material*

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

An applicant for Associate membership shall be a person(s) or entity 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 percentage Wagyu cattle. In accordance with our Bylaws, Associate members do not have voting rights and are not eligible to be elected as a member of the Board.

Associate members shall be entitled to select services including:

- *Receiving AWA publications and official notices*
- *Receiving AWA communications via email*
- *Receiving discounted member rates to events hosted by the AWA*
- *Advertising on the AWA website*
- *Permission to use, subject to applicable restrictions, AWA trademarked logo and marketing material*

## **JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**

Junior membership with the AWA provides access to the range of services that the AWA 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 may be involved in the raising or showing of Wagyu or percentage Wagyu 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 select services including:

- *Recording Wagyu and Wagyu cross cattle (including their data) in the online database and Registering Wagyu and Wagyu cross cattle in the available registers maintained by the AWA*
- *Discounted DNA testing services through AWA endorsed laboratories*
- *Receiving AWA publications and official notices*
- *Receiving AWA communications via email*
- *Receiving discounted member rates to events hosted by the AWA*
- *Advertising on the AWA website*
- *Permission to use, subject to applicable restrictions, AWA trademarked logo and marketing material*

## **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 are issued a Membership number your information can be accessed via the online database inquiry. Members are responsible for ensuring that their contact information is kept current and correct. Members may update their contact information by going to Member Lookup on the AWA website. Membership in the AWA is not transferrable or assignable, except as permitted in the AWA Bylaws.

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



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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### Part A

I (we) hereby make application to the Board of Directors of the American Wagyu Association ("AWA") for Membership in consideration of acceptance of this application. By signing this application for membership I (we) represent and warrant to the AWA that I (we) are duly authorized signatories on behalf of the individual or entity applying for membership and understand and agree that I (we), on behalf of the individual or entity applying for membership: (i) are responsible for the accuracy of the information I (we) provide to the AWA; (ii) agree to comply with and abide by the Rules of the AWA 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; and (iii) waive any claim against, and grant a release to, the AWA and any member, employee or agent of the AWA for any act or omission in connection with the enforcement of the rules and regulations presently in effect or hereafter adopted by the AWA.

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. The 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 by the AWA.

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

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

☐ Full Member ☐ International Member ☐ Associate Member ☐ Junior Member

**Ownership Type:** (please tick the appropriate box)

☐ Individual(s) ☐ Sole prop./Partnership ☐ Corporation/LLC ☐ Trust

Full Name of Individual or Entity Applying for Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

Ranch or Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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(PRINT NAME)

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(DATE)

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(DATE)

Wagyu (Wagyu) means Japanese beef cattle.  
"Wa" means Japanese and "gyu" means cow.

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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 below all persons having an ownership interest in the membership and the cattle (e.g., husband, wife, family members or any others who are included as a part owner). Memberships held in the name of a trust must identify below all trustees and beneficiaries having an ownership interest in the membership and the cattle and provide a Certification of Trust that shows the names of the current trustees and beneficiaries. Memberships held in the name of a corporation, limited liability company or other entity must identify below at least two officers or equity owners authorized to act on behalf of such entity and provide an incumbency certificate that lists the names of the current directors, officers, and equity owners.

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; (ii) can add or remove authorized agents from the membership; and (iii) can nominate and/or vote for a delegate for the annual meeting and/or be eligible to be nominated as a delegate in respect of such membership, provided the member meets the criteria to be considered an eligible "voting member." 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 or equity owners signing below (i) can add or remove authorized agents from the membership; (ii) can nominate and/or vote for a delegate to the annual meeting and/or be eligible to be nominated as a delegate in respect of such membership, provided the member meets the criteria to be considered an eligible "voting member."

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**AUTHORIZED AGENTS:** If membership is granted, the foregoing signator(ies) request that the AWA recognize the individuals whose signatures appear below as the authorized agents (e.g., ranch managers, office assistants, family members who are not part of a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or trust) of the member solely for purposes of (i) making applications for entry and transfer of cattle on behalf of the member; and (ii) nominating and/or voting for a delegate for the annual meeting and/or being eligible to be nominated as a delegate in respect of the member, provided the member meets the criteria to be considered an eligible "voting member." This authorization gives permission to the identified authorized agent(s) to sign and/or act on behalf of the member solely for the foregoing purposes. An authorized agent cannot add or remove a name from a membership.

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Wagyu refers to all Japanese beef cattle.  
"Wa" means Japanese and "gyu" means cow.

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## Part C

### MEMBERSHIP FEES *(AS OF 1/1/2023)*

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

**Fees subject to change. See current fee schedule at [www.wagyu.org](http://www.wagyu.org).**

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 or company representative, hereby authorize this card to be used for the payment required.

#### Credit Card Information:

Name as it appears on the card:

Type of card: (please 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 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Once you have completed forms 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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