

Draft proposed changes to the breed standard for Australian Nadudana Cattle – Membership Survey – May 2023

Trait	Original	Suggested revision	Rationale
General appearance	<i>A robust, stylish, dual-purpose animal, active and vigorous showing breed character and vitality, well-proportioned and muscled. Bulls masculine and cows feminine</i>	A robust, active, general purpose, fine boned, well-proportioned and moderately-muscled animal. Bulls masculine and cows feminine	Convert 'dual-purpose' to general purpose. 'Showing breed character' removed as it has no real meaning if breed character is not also defined. 'Vigorous' removed as not fast growing or maturing breed
Temperament	<i>Generally alert, docile and easy to handle.</i>	Generally alert, docile and easy to handle. New mothers protective of calves and bulls defensive but never aggressive.	Adds additional detail on expectations of temperament.
Head	<i>Moderately long coffin-shaped skull, orbital arches not prominent, slightly convex in profile. Forehead prominent. DISQUALIFICATION - Wry face. Undershot jaw.</i>	Moderately long coffin-shaped skull, orbital arches not prominent, slightly convex in profile with prominent forehead. Bulls slightly more masculine. DISQUALIFICATION - Wry face. Undershot jaw.	Minor grammatical edit. Addition of comment on bulls having more masculine head.
Horns	<i>Relatively short horned (~30cm/12") curving outward and upwards, although down swept is seen. De-horning allowable and not penalised in the show ring. Poll cattle accepted.</i>	Relatively short horned (~30cm/12") curving outward and upwards is preferred, but straight, forward pointing or downswept is acceptable. De-horning allowable. Poll cattle accepted.	Indicates preference for upward and outward curving horns. Simplifies and clarifies wording and removes reference to show ring

	<i>FAULT - Uneven, small thin and stumpy horns. Polls must be free of scurs.</i>	SPECIFIC FAULT - Uneven, small, thin or stumpy horns. Polls should be free of scurs.	Minor grammar changes. Note: Scurs in polled cattle is a genetic issue and should be graded down to try to reduce or eliminate the gene from the national herd. (Dehorning should eventually be discouraged over breeding polled as it often produces scurs if done incorrectly)
Eyes	<i>Almond shaped, medium to large, dark, luminous, with soft expression.</i>	No change	
Ears	<i>Horizontal to head and pointed on ends. DISQUALIFICATION - Pendulous ears, never Brahman type</i>	Set horizontal to head and pointed. SPECIFIC FAULT – Long or pendulous ears.	Minor rewording. Long and pendulous ears now classed a fault that can be included in grading rather than disqualification, removed comparison to other breeds.
Neck	<i>Strong and medium length.</i>	No change	
Hump	<i>Large in bulls and small in cows. Placed ahead of/or directly above shoulders. Upright and firm</i>	Large in bulls and smaller but still evident in cows. Placed ahead of/or directly above shoulders. Upright and firm	Slight expansion further clarifying the expectation of humps in females.
Dewlap	<i>Moderately developed, free of fleshiness with few folds</i>	Moderately developed, loose skin running from chin to sternum	More detailed description of the expectation for the dewlap. Remove reference to fleshiness as this can occur periodically.
Forequarters	<i>Shoulders muscular and free moving, giving width of chest with room for heart and lung with well-developed brisket.</i>	No change	
Tail	<i>Long and slender, 'whiplike', usually set high at rump, extending to about the hock. Black switch</i>	Long and slender, 'whiplike', without kinks, transitioning smoothly from the rump and extending to the hock region. Black switch	Addition of 'without kinks' and a modified description of the set of the top of the tail (differentiating it from dairy breeds) minor rewording to remove "about the hock"

Legs and Feet	<i>Medium length and well proportioned. To show some strength of bone. Short pasterns and hard small black hooves with equal halves and small cleft. Found and recognised brown hooves.</i>	Leg medium length and well proportioned. To show some strength of bone. Short pasterns and hard, small, black hooves with equal halves and small cleft. Brown hooves acceptable.	Minor rewording.
Hindquarters	<i>General shape above hock joint is round, wide at the pins, with good width between hips and between thurls. Rump broad, strong and rounded.</i>	General shape above hock joint is round, moderately wide at the pins. Rump broad, strong and rounded but not overly muscled.	Cleaner description with width and pins, hips and thurls and broad rump appearing repetitive. Indication that the breed is not strongly muscled.
Body	<i>Good length of barrel, proportionate to height, rib cage well rounded</i>	No change	
Gait and movement	<i>Straight, covering the ground</i>	Straight and smooth, covering the ground well.	Slight expansion of the description
Sheath	<i>Tight and firmly attached.</i> <i>DISQUALIFICATION - Descended sheath. Eg. Brahman or Santa Gertrudis type.</i>	Tight and firmly attached. SPECIFIC FAULT – Overly descended sheath.	Convert the descended sheath to Specific fault as the basis for disqualification in previous standard is not clear. Removed reference to other breeds
Testicles	<i>Two moderately descended small testicles.</i> <i>DISQUALIFICATION - One or both undescended</i>	Two moderately descended, small testicles. DISQUALIFICATION - One or both undescended (exception for steers)	Added an exception for steers.
Udder	<i>Compact, well attached, high with even quarters. Small to medium length teats with dark pigmentation and good capacity.</i> <i>FAULT - Pendulous or divided.</i>	Compact, well attached, balanced with even quarters. Small to medium length teats with good capacity. SPECIFIC FAULT - Pendulous or divided.	Replace high (meaning unclear) with balanced and remove reference to dark pigmentation

Skin	<i>Dark pigmentation, black nose and rounded eyes. Found and recognised dark brown skin around eyes. FAULT - Pink skin</i>	Generally dark pigmentation, black nose leather. SPECIFIC FAULT - Pink skin around eyes or nose.	Simplified to generally dark with black nose leather (as opposed to the muzzle). Removed reference to rounded eyes which is irrelevant (may have meant around). Made fault specific to pink skin around eyes and nose due to insufficient pigmentation commonly leading to cancer.
Colour	<i>Any colour or combination of colours most common black, red, steel grey to almost pure white. All colours and broken colours should have black points - eyes, nose, horns and tail switch.</i>	Any colour or combination of colours, with or without white markings, most common - black, red, steel grey or white.	Simplified language and added white markings. Removed the second line as all points are covered in each specific trait and already considered standard for all colours
Coat	<i>Short, dense and sleek.</i>	Short, dense and sleek. Moderately longer winter coat is acceptable.	Added reference to longer winter coat being acceptable, as cattle are kept in cooler climates than their origins - not to be hairy year round (potential specific fault?)
Size	<i>At withers behind hump not to exceed 107cm/42" at two years of age.</i> <i>Mature bulls from 250-280kg / 500-600lb; Mature cows should be 180-230kg / 400-500lb</i>	Measured at point of hip, not to exceed 107cm (42") at three years of age. DISQUALIFICATION - More than 10cm over height Mature bulls 280kg /600lb or less, Mature cows 230kg/500lb or less	Not fully agreed on this as yet - 2 yrs is not an accurate height as they don't stop maturing until 3+. Change to measure at the hip like all other cattle breeds to avoid interference from hump placement. 42" is considered universal miniature size, over height considered a fault up to 10cm and disqualification after that (117cm). Minor rewording for weight in line with upper limits vs range. Trait currently has no minimum size. This was considered by the first members survey to be the most important trait to change
Voice	<i>Bull cough, grunt and roar. Cows to a lesser extent.</i>	Removed	This part of the standard is redundant as this is not a specific feature of Nadudana.

Faults	<i>Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree.</i>	GENERAL FAULTS: Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree.	Recognized now as general faults as opposed to specific fault related to individual traits. Second most important to be changed by members
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