

# ANGUS

## THE BUSINESS BREED

Sept. 14, 2018

**American Angus Association Board of Directors**  
**Member and Affiliate Services Committee**  
**Important rule change notice**

Rules of the American Angus Association were reviewed regarding parentage requirements and genetic condition testing as they relate to the requirements of registration by the Member and Affiliate Services Committee. The Association Board unanimously approved a recommendation from the Member and Affiliate Services Committee to change Rule 504. Rule 504 from the Breeders Reference Guide was updated and now reads as follows (new language is italicized below for ease of reference):

**Rule 504: DNA-Marker-Typing**

A record of the DNA-marker type, or blood type if identified before January 1, 2001, of all bulls that are the source of semen for the purpose of Artificial Insemination must be filed with the Association before calves that are sired artificially by such bulls shall be eligible for registration or before “Out of Herd” AI Service Certificates may be obtained from the Association. *The full suite of known commercially available tests for the genetic conditions monitored by the American Angus Association will be required for all bulls, born on or after January 1, 2018 that are the source of semen for the purpose of Artificial Insemination.*

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- Please note that Angus Genetics, Inc. (AGI) is currently working to provide bundled pricing for testing of all conditions at a reduced cost. Date to be determined.
  - Neuropathic Hydrocephalus is a lethal genetic condition caused by a recessive mutation. More information on NH is available [here](#).

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