

## **ESPECIALLY FOR: All US Breeders\* of ICELANDIC SHEEP**

This document provides an update on the status of the ISBONA US Breed Association as well as specific suggestions for US breeders who may have received 2019 renewal notices from CSBA.

Much of this same information is also being mailed to your home address on file with CLRC if you have an account with them.

Please: If you are not sure about the roles and responsibilities of CSBA, ISBONA and CLRC, we recommend you read the Breed Association project information on our website at [www.isbona.com](http://www.isbona.com).

### **A. The Really Short version:**

CLRC has advised that the ISBONA sheep registry will not be operational on January 1, 2019 as expected. They confirm we should be up by the end of February at the latest. If you are wondering whether to renew with CSBA, you may want to wait until you need registry services (eg, new registration, transfer, name change) to see if you need to join CSBA.

### **B. The Basic Summary version:**

1. ISBONA will be the official registry for US born and bred Icelandics starting in 2019. CLRC cannot be ready as planned on January 1, 2019 but is diligently working on completing their responsibilities.
2. CLRC did not yet provide us with a specific target operational date. We will let you know as soon as we know, but it should be before the end of February.
3. Once ISBONA is operational, its registry must be used to register US Icelandic sheep. CLRC will check ISBONA member files for eligibility or will enroll you in ISBONA (\$30USD) for 2019 to receive member rates for registration. As of the ISBONA operational date, CSBA will no longer be able to register US bred and born Icelandics. All previous sheep registrations with CSBA are still valid, of course. However, your primary membership in 2019 should be with ISBONA, not with CSBA. You may decide to join CSBA for other benefits available to US breeders. These benefits can be seen on their website.
4. If you need registry services from CLRC after January 1 but before ISBONA is operational, you can join CSBA (\$70CAD) at that time to receive their discounted member rates — if that makes sense for you. Remember that based on the services you need, you may choose to use their non-member rates as an alternative. If you must join CSBA as a result of this type of situation in 2019, let us know, please.

**Since ISBONA will be your primary breed association in 2019, you can join ISBONA at any time and we will make sure your membership is valid for all registry transactions, too, after our operational date. Or you can join when services are needed (eg, to register/transfer your sheep).**

Note that paying membership fees to either CSBA or ISBONA is voluntary, can be done at any time during the year, and offers other member benefits in addition to discounted registration rates. But if your interest is mostly in joining the right breed association in order to register your sheep, waiting to act on your CSBA renewal letter might be the best course of action for you.

### **C. More Detail and Some Reminders**

You must be affiliated with a breed association in order to do any registry-related transactions (eg, registering sheep, transferring sold animals, name changes) in 2019. ISBONA and CSBA are both breed associations. CLRC is NOT a breed association; instead it is a contracted registrar that both CSBA and ISBONA use to handle many transactions.

Both breed associations allow affiliation status for non-members. Non-members receive registry services at full fee rates but no other benefits of the breed association. Breed association members receive discounted registry fees as well as other breed association benefits.

If you need registry services in 2019: As responsibilities transition, remember only one breed association can legally register sheep on any given date. Until ISBONA is fully operational, you will be affiliated with CSBA — as a member or a non-member. Depending on the services you need, you might be better off paying non-member rates and may not need to enroll as a member (with an added fee). After ISBONA's operational date, you will be affiliated with ISBONA and may choose member or non-member status.

Whether or not you plan to register sheep, you may join ISBONA at any time — before or after the ISBONA operational date — and have your membership recognized for all membership benefits (eg, website listing, newsletter) in 2019. Visit our website at [www.isbona.com](http://www.isbona.com) to enroll via Paypal.

Later in January, ISBONA will conduct a membership drive and will contact you so that you can easily enroll or renew for 2019.

### **D. Additional Questions and Answers**

1. I do not expect to need registry services in 2019; do I even care when you are operational? However, I was a member of ISBONA in 2018 and do not want to miss the Winter newsletter. Can I just send in my \$30 in the usual Paypal way?

Yes, you can re-enroll with ISBONA anytime independent of the ISBONA operational date. To be safe, we will also extend everyone's newsletter subscription by one issue to cover the Winter newsletter.

But if you do not renew with ISBONA, this will be your last newsletter and you will lose all your other benefits. Payment can be made for 2019 at any time without penalty. If you do re-enroll (and we hope you do), we will make sure your 2019 membership is also sent along to CLRC. After the ISBONA operational date: CLRC will be our official enrollment processor; we will revise our website for enrollment instructions and direct you to CLRC or you may go there directly any time.

2. I received a renewal letter from CSBA and will need to register lambs in spring. I understand you think I should hold off on renewing with CSBA now, but will you really be ready by Spring?

CLRC expects to be ready before the end of February. We will let you know when we know. If need be, at the time you want service, you can enroll in the correct breed association with CLRC guidance.

3. I don't want to join anybody. I just want to register my Icelandic sheep. How do I do that?

Both CSBA and ISBONA recognize "non-members" for purposes of registering sheep. Non-members do not receive benefits from either organization including the discounted fees for registration but they are permitted to register animals. Remember even non-members are still subject to all of the rules of the breed association just as if they were members.

4. I have sheep already registered through CSBA (that is what their certificates all say). Do I have to belong to CSBA to transfer/rename/etc those sheep? Plus then do I have to join ISBONA too for my new lambs this spring?

All of your valid CSBA registrations and certificates remain valid and will move to your ISBONA records. You will see them as well as your ISBONA registered lambs in 2019 when you list your flock. After ISBONA is operational, you can receive services on any of your sheep regardless of where they were originally registered. There is no need to belong to CSBA in 2019 unless you need to do something before the ISBONA operational date or unless you want a specific CSBA benefit. After the ISBONA operational date, a 2019 membership in CSBA will no longer entitle you to register sheep through them and you must be affiliated with ISBONA as a member or pay ISBONA non-member rates. You should contact ISBONA if you already had to pay a fee to CSBA since we don't really want you to have to pay two membership fees unnecessarily.

CSBA does not pro-rate membership fees. This is why we suggest waiting until you actually need services rather than simply renewing now. But it is up to you.

5. After the ISBONA operational date, I still want to use CSBA. How do I do this?

You cannot do this. CSBA cannot register US bred and born sheep after ISBONA becomes operational; only ISBONA can do this. You can access services as an ISBONA non-member if you don't want to become a member of ISBONA.

6. I already joined **CLRC** and I plan to do that again. Why isn't that good enough?

It is confusing, but you did not really join CLRC. Previously you were affiliated through CSBA since it was the only available breed association. Look at your certificates or your membership card closely and you will see CSBA is your breed association. If you paid a membership fee, you were a member in CSBA, otherwise you paid CSBA non-member rates. CLRC is not a breed association, but a registrar contracted to handle all of the paperwork, customer service, etc for breed associations. So you may have joined through CLRC's website, but you were actually joining another organization.

In 2019 and beyond, ISBONA will be your primary breed association replacing CSBA, and CLRC will continue to do all the same functions they do now.

7. Do I pay in USD or Canadian funds and will my credit card still work?

USD funds are used for ISBONA. In general, if your card worked before, it will still work. If not, you will have to resolve with CLRC since they are the corporation which is processing the transactions.

\* This page is informational only for breeders in Canada because they will continue to use CSBA as their breed association.