

The Cannabis Breeder's Rights FAQ

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What are the Cannabis Breeder's Rights?

Cannabis and hemp breeders need a standardized way to convey their wishes and intentions for the genetics they release. The Cannabis Breeder's Rights is a licensing schema much like Creative Commons is for software and media. It defines rights related to propagation, commercialization and attribution. [www.LeBlancCNE.com/cannabis-breeders-rights/]

What's the story behind the CBR?

During Hempfest 2015, DJ Short expressed a desire for a way to release his genetics to the public with some degree of protection and control over how they are used.

"I don't want to own my strains. I don't want to patent it. But my biggest fear is that someone else will take my work and prevent me from working with it. And I see as the only solution to this is to make all of this public domain and open source."

DJ Short <https://youtu.be/0veCgnBJDU0?t=38m46s>

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In response I defined 22 designations that describe combinations of propagation rights (cloning, breeding, no propagation, etc.), commercialization (free and/or for sale) and attribution (credit or anonymous). Breeders, seed distributors, and others are strongly encouraged to use one or more CBR designations so that customers know in advance what rights they have before they purchase seeds, clones, pollen, tissue culture, etc.

The Cannabis Breeder's Rights is not intended to replace patents or other plant protections. It exists parallel to them, that is something can be patented or trademarked and still have a CBR designation.

Why did you write the Cannabis Breeder's Rights?

I'm not a breeder, a commercial grower nor do I sell seeds. My own personal interest is identifying and preserving CBD-rich cannabis, heirloom landraces and vintage hemp cultivars.

I want breeders'n'seeders, the original OG farmers, to get their fair share as hemp and cannabis become mainstream. Legalization and normalization means Big Corporations making Big Money. But it all begins with the plant and those responsible for today's cannabis and hemp cultivars deserve to share in the profits if they so desire. What breeders'n'seeders all need is a simple, standardized way to convey their wishes as they distribute their genetics.

How does it work?

The Cannabis Breeder's Rights are free, as in beer. All are encouraged to use it in marketing pieces, on packaging and in conversation. A licensing schema only works if people use it.

Coming from 30+ years in software I know that a standard is established only when it's widely used. A standard is only as strong as its community of users. Please help CBR reach critical mass. We need to educate each other, our customers and business partners if it's to become a useful tool.

The Cannabis Breeder's Rights are completely voluntary and optional. No, there is no enforcement component. That was never my intention. All I want is hemp and cannabis genetics to have an associated business model assigned by the breeder.

I want breeders to control their work in the marketplace and not get left out. I wrote the Cannabis Breeder's Rights out of respect and in solidarity to all those who brought us and the plant to this point.

What are the various Cannabis Breeder's Rights designations?

Cannabis Breeder's Rights v2.0				
classification	propagation	commerce	attribute	
CBR: N	no propagation allowed	N/A	N/A	<i>grow & harvest only</i>
CBR: L	per license agreement	per license agreement	per license agreement	<i>custom licensing agreement</i>
CBR: C-I	cloning allowed	in-house use only	N/A	<i>not publicly released</i>
CBR: C-C-C	cloning allowed	commercial sales	credit given	<i>commercial nurseries</i>
CBR: C-C-N	cloning allowed	commercial sales	no credit given	<i>commercial nurseries</i>
CBR: C-F-C	cloning allowed	free distribution	credit given	<i>free as in beer</i>
CBR: C-F-N	cloning allowed	free distribution	no credit given	<i>free as in beer</i>
CBR: S-I	seed production allowed	in-house use only	N/A	<i>non-feminized seeds</i>
CBR: S-C-C	seed production allowed	commercial sales	credit given	<i>non-feminized seeds</i>
CBR: S-C-N	seed production allowed	commercial sales	no credit given	<i>non-feminized seeds</i>
CBR: S-F-C	seed production allowed	free distribution	credit given	<i>non-feminized seeds</i>
CBR: S-F-N	seed production allowed	free distribution	no credit given	<i>non-feminized seeds</i>
CBR: B-I	breeding allowed	in-house use only	N/A	<i>not publicly released</i>
CBR: B-C-C	breeding allowed	commercial sales	credit given	<i>\$</i>
CBR: B-C-N	breeding allowed	commercial sales	no credit given	<i>\$\$ because the brand itself is worth something</i>
CBR: B-F-C	breeding allowed	free distribution	credit given	<i>free as in beer</i>
CBR: B-F-N	breeding allowed	free distribution	no credit given	<i>free as in beer</i>
CBR: P-I	no propagation restrictions*	in-house use only	N/A	<i>not publicly released</i>
CBR: P-C-C	no propagation restrictions*	commercial sales	credit given	<i>\$</i>
CBR: P-C-N	no propagation restrictions*	commercial sales	no credit given	<i>\$\$ because the brand itself is worth something</i>
CBR: P-F-C	no propagation restrictions*	free distribution	credit given	<i>free as in beer</i>
CBR: P-F-N	no propagation restrictions*	free distribution	no credit given	<i>free as in beer</i>

* clones, seeds, breeding, grafting, tissue culture & anything else that works, present or future.

One more more CBR designations can be assigned including a custom license (CBR: L). For example, Zulu Time is a cultivar released under two Cannabis Breeder's Rights designations, one commercial (CBR: L) and another one free (CBR: P-F-C). [www.LeBlancCNE.com/Zulu-Time/]

What's the current version?

Cannabis Breeder's Rights ver 2.0

[https://www.academia.edu/38245865/Cannabis_Breeder_s_Rights_ver_2.0]

Cannabis Breeder's Rights ver 1.1 (deprecated)

[http://www.academia.edu/21432883/Cannabis_Breeders_Rights_ver_1.1_deprecated]

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