

THE BRITISH TEXEL SHEEP SOCIETY LIMITED

Bye Laws 1 - 10 General Rules (December 2018))

1 Membership.

New members pay a joining fee and a subscription fee. Thereafter an annual subscription fee from 1st October each year. New members' subscription fees will only be accepted by Direct Debit and must use our online registry service. Society membership entitles members to make use of all services and gives them the right to sell their sheep at the Society sales, subject to rules and conditions of entry.

2 The Pedigree Register.

The Society maintains a flock book that contains all stock whose dam and sire are pure bred and have been registered according to Society rules. For this purpose, pure-bred means either listed in the British Texel Sheep Society's flock book or, in the case of imported stock, in any pedigree Texel register recognized by the local competent authority. For the purpose of accurate record keeping, the Society issues an annual flock return (Census) that must be completed and returned by 31st October. Failure to return the completed Census by the due date will result in suspension of pedigree record processing until the Census is received by the Society office.

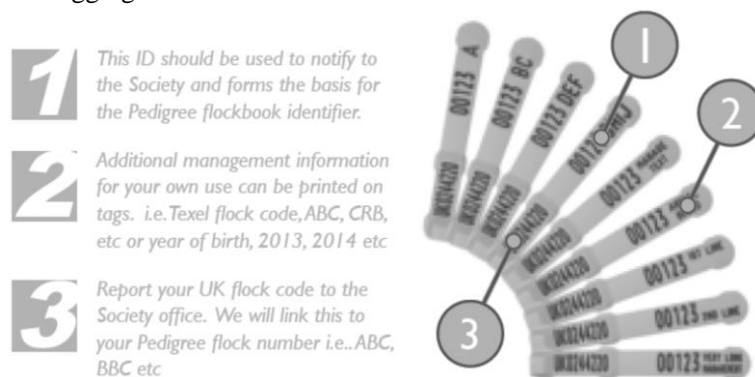
Members who are on direct debit can sign up to on-line services of the Society's BASCO database. Members can birth notify lambs, register females and complete the annual flock return (Census) regularly online and at reduced rates.

3 Birth Notification and Registration System for Pedigree Breeding.

Identification.

Lambs must be identified in accordance with current UK legislation. Lambs will carry two ear tags, one of which is electronic (yellow tag) the other a visual tag of another colour. Both tags must show the UK number followed by the individual 5-digit number. Breeders may choose the type and manufacturer of the tag they prefer. The yellow EID tag should be inserted in the lamb's left ear. The lamb's individual number will be the ETAS number as allocated by the tag company. The numbers will run on from year to year and will correlate with the number on the electronic chip. The visual tag may display additional management information such as the Society official three-letter flock code and the last two digits of the year of birth. Management tags alone will not be accepted as identification in any circumstances.

Example of tagging:



Birth Notification.

All lambs intended for pedigree breeding must be birth notified in their year of birth. The Society operates a price matrix in relation to the date of submission and the charges levied.

The Society produces personalised individual birth notification forms for each flock, detailing all fully registered males and females. Online members receive reduced rates and are not provided with paper birth notification forms.

4 Registration – Males.

An application for male registration along with receipt of a DNA Sample by the Society is required prior to a male being used for pedigree breeding. DNA Sample kits will be provided by the Society on request. Purchased birth notified males will only be registered to the new owner if a ram docket is submitted or a proof of purchase in the form of a sales invoice.

5 Registration – Females.

All females used for pedigree breeding must be fully registered prior to sales entry, private sale or breeding. In any event females must be registered before 31st October in the year following their year of birth. The registration of females is the responsibility of the breeder, not the new owner.

6 Transfer of previously registered males and females into new flocks.

When registered animals with certificates are purchased, the purchaser should fill in the back of the certificate with their flock code and name and send it to the Society office along with payment for transfer into their flock'

Export of stock.

Males and females should be registered prior to export. Registration fees for males and females are the responsibility of the exporting flock/owner.

7 General Conditions.

Registration certificates may be revoked at the discretion of the Society, subject to investigations and disciplinary action.

On becoming a member of the Society a flock prefix and code will be issued at the discretion of the Society and remains in the ownership of the Society. Cancellation of membership or dispersal of a flock will result in the flock prefix and code being returned to the Society. Previously issued flock prefix and code will not be re issued.

Birth Notifications or transfers into a flock that has begun dispersal procedures will not be permitted.

The Society reserves the right to DNA sample; store genomic information and parentage verify all males and females entered into its flock book.

8 Rules regarding the Use and Sale of Semen.

Males must be fully registered with the Society before their semen may be sold.

The vendor must disclose semen is retained when a pedigree male is offered for sale.

9 Rules regarding Embryo Transfer (ET) work and the sale of Ova and Embryos.

An application for male registration along with receipt of a DNA Sample by the Society is required prior to a male being used for pedigree breeding. Females must be fully registered prior to entering the ET Programme.

Any embryo/recipient ewe carrying an embryo, which is sold, must be accompanied by a copy of the relevant AI and ET certificate(s).

The Society reserves the right to make any spot checks on any animals involved in ET work.

10 Breach of Society Rules.

Any breach of the Society's rules shall be subject to the disciplinary procedures as laid out in the Articles of Association.

From time to time it may be necessary for the provisions relating to Shows and Sales to be amended. The Society reserves the right to make any alterations as deemed necessary.