TEXEL
SHEEP SOCIETY

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11**. Conditions of Entry to all Shows and Sales held under the auspices of the Society.**

11.1 This section covers all sales held under the auspices of the Society i.e. all National, Club and specific private sales. Refer to catalogue.

11.2 All sheep to be from Maedi Visna scheme accredited flocks operated by the SRUC Sheep Health Scheme. Northern Ireland is free from MV as such sheep flocks in Northern Ireland are not required to be part of the MV Scheme.

11.3 All female sheep MUST BE FULLY REGISTERED and all male sheep to be fully registered or birth notified and thereby eligible for full registration with the Society.

11.4 All sheep entries must clearly show whether the animal is single, twin, triplet, quad, etc. or ET and this information to be clearly shown in the Sale Catalogue.

11.5 Adult sheep must be bare clipped after 1st April each year.

11.6 No dressing, trimming, clipping or excessive use of dips on the fleeces of sheep will be permitted. No artificial whitening on any part of the sheep is permitted. An inspector may be present at the sale or show, they have the authority to disqualify any sheep, which in their opinion, are below a minimum standard with regard to breed type or are found to be contravening the Society Byelaws, right up to the point of sale. The decision of the inspector shall be final and failure to accept the inspector's decision will result in the entire consignment or show team being rejected.

11.7 The Society requires that all pedigree Texel sheep carry two ear tags, in accordance with current government regulations, each clearly identifying the breeder's unique UK flock number and 5-digit unique individual animal ID. The Society flock book number allocated to that animal in the registry will be the individual ID, prefixed with the year number and pedigree flock code i.e XXX2000001. One of the tags shall be an EID tag and the other a visual tag. Management information including the pedigree flock code and year of birth can be included on the tags. Any animal with incorrect or indistinct identification or only carrying one tag will be rejected from the sale or show, unless the Society has been notified in advance of the inspection and a dispensation certificate accompanies the animal to the sale/show. The decision of the inspector shall be final and failure to accept the inspector's decision will result in the entire consignment/show team being rejected.

11.8 The categories/class of sheep offered for sale or show will be as defined on the entry form.

11.9 If any animal offered for sale has had semen or embryo's collected from it, or used as a sire, the vendor must declare this on the sales entry form (Online or Paper entry) and is solely responsible for checking the sales catalogue entry and substitution catalogue entry (if applicable) and reporting any omission or error to the Society prior to the inspection taking place. Failure to do so will exclude the sheep from the sale. Whilst every effort is made to ensure accuracy of information contained within each catalogue, no responsibility can be accepted by the Society for any errors or omissions or any reliance on use of the information. Purchasers should satisfy their queries/concerns with each vendor, prior to purchase of sale lots.

11.10 The Society reserves the right to take blood, tissue or wool samples, archive DNA, genotype sheep presented by members.

11.11 Once inspected at a society sale, an animal must remain in the sale yard until offered for sale.

11.12 Commission will be applied by the Auctioneer on the following bases and detailed in the catalogue. All sheep will be sold in guineas. **National Sales;** Society's levy amounting to 1.5% of the gross sale price, in addition to the Auctioneers standard commission of 5p in the guinea. **Recognised Clubs sales;** Society's levy amounting to 0.5% of the gross sale price in addition to any levy collected by the Club and the Auctioneers Commission of 5p in the guinea. **NSA/other sales;** Society's levy amounting to 1.0% of the gross sale price in addition to the Auctioneers Commission of 5p in the guinea.

11.13 All vendors entering shows and sales agree to abide by the Society's conditions of entry and conditions of sale.

11.14 All sheep will be sold under the Society's Byelaws.

12. Special Additional Conditions of Entry to National Sales & pre-sale show

12.1 If the Scrapie Genotype is declared in the sale catalogue or at point of sale and subsequently found to be incorrect, for whatever reason, the purchaser shall have the right to return the animal and to claim the full purchase price from the vendor.

12.2 All sheep will be subject to a veterinary inspection. Any animal or group of animals, which do not reach the veterinary inspection standard, will not be eligible for sale. The decision of the veterinary surgeon will be final and any animal or group of animals failed will be removed from the sale and forfeit the entry fee.

12.3 All sheep to have been bred by the vendor, other than the Shearling Ram Classes.

12.4 One substitute per section, per consignor permitted, which must be notified prior to the deadlines as stated in the schedule for each sale or on iTexel. Each substitute will be marked clearly with a bright luminous spray on the centre of the back at the market by inspectors. Substitute catalogue will be available online and/or at the market.

12.5 Prize winners at the show prior to sale, which subsequently leave the ring unsold, forfeit all trophies and prize money awarded.

12.6 All sheep entered at the National Sales will be sold subject to the minimum selling price published in the sales catalogue.

12.7 If due to circumstances out with the Society's control, the sale has to be cancelled, the Society and/or its agents will deduct any expenditure incurred from the gross entry fees received and will reimburse vendors with any residual balance.

12.8 The initial entry ratio restrictions for the National Sales will be as detailed with the pre-entry form.

12.9 Vendors sale entries are decided by the Society applying the initial entry ratio to the average number of birth notifications for the vendors flock, received in the three previous years from year of sale. New members and expanding flocks have the right for appeal. The Society reserves the right to amend entries as required. This may include a cut back of vendors, due to COVID 19 social distancing rules impacting on each different venue/sale capacity. The Society will endeavor to ensure any additional cut back of vendors is carried our fairly.

12.10 Ballots for all National sales will be drawn by the Societies Chief Executive in sale order based on presale entries with notification placed on the society website prior to opening of main entries. The system for each national ballot is as follows:

12.10.1 ***Northern Ireland National Sale, Ballymena.*** In 1999, the names of all vendors entered in the sale, in each section of the sale, were drawn in a straight ballot. This ballot was then divided into thirds within each section and each third given a unique colour code. In the year 2000, and subsequent years, the colour-coded thirds will rotate backwards by one (each year) and the vendors within each third will be drawn by a fresh ballot each year. Any new vendors will be drawn at the beginning and end of each sale section in equal proportion and will then join the relevant colour-coded section. Any vendor not presenting their consignment for sale will keep their position within their colour-coded section in the ballot providing they present their consignment the following year. If a vendor does not present his consignment for 2 consecutive years, the flock will be regarded as a new vendor.

12.10.2 ***Scottish National Sale, Lanark.*** The ram lamb section of the Sale will be drawn in a straight ballot with the first and last twenty vendors in the section the previous year entered in the draw after the first and last twenty vendors are drawn in the current year. The gimmer and shearling ram section will be based on a straight ballot with the first ten and last ten vendors in the previous year entered in the draw after the first ten and last ten vendors are drawn in the current year.

12.10.3 ***English National Sale, Worcester & the Welsh National Sale, Welshpool.*** Each section of the Sale will be drawn in a straight ballot with the first and last five vendors in the section the previous year entered in the draw after the first and last five vendors are drawn in the current year within each section.

12.10.4 Flocks that have a junior membership may be balloted with a known family adult membership flock, unless the junior flock has greater than 1 entry allocated. Adult flocks cannot move to the junior membership ballot.

12.10.5 **The National Show & Sale, Carlisle.** Each section of the Sale will be drawn in a straight ballot and not published prior to the publishing of the catalogue.

12.11 All vendors to fully comply with any conditions of sale being imposed by Government bodies or the Auctioneer.

12.12 All pre-entries and main entries must be made online, and the entry fee detailed for each sale will be collected by Direct Debit.

12.13 It may be necessary for the Show and Sale format to be amended. The Society reserves the right to make any alterations as is deemed necessary up until the time of the sale.

12.14 Society National sales & Shows operate as unsegregated sales in relation to the government regulations for the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme. Therefore, any sheep from SMS flocks will need to meet the SMS rules in regard to ARR/ARR scrapie genotype certification. Members are reminded that if they bring animals to society sales event who do not have the certification, they will be unable to return with them without risking their flock health status. Maintaining a flock health status remains the responsibility of the flock owner.

12.15 National show and sale Carlisle will operate with amended bye laws 12.2, 12.4 as follows;

12.15.1 Vet inspection of sale entries only, any sheep failing inspection are not permitted to be shown. Sheep entered to the show only are not veterinary inspected.

12.15.2 One substitute per section. Substitutes will be identified with a red neck tag. Gimmer substitute catalogue will be available online prior to the sale. The ram lamb catalogue will only be published online on sale day.