CHAROLLAIS SHEEP SOCIETY MEMBERS HANDBOOK 2024

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SALE	DATE	ENTRY FEE PER SHEEP	COMM RATE	CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES	LAST DATE FOR SUBS 12 NOON
Carlisle Hybrid Sale	Saturday 29th June James Little, Harrison & Hetherington	Males - £40 + VAT = £48 Females £20 + VAT = £24	Society 2% Auctioneer tbc	24th May	26th June
WORCESTER PREMIER + FEMALES	Saturday 6th July Clive Roads, McCartneys	Males - £40 + VAT = £48 Females £20 + VAT = £24	5%	31st May	3rd July
DUNGANNON EXPORT SALE	Monday 29th July George Wylie	£20 + VAT = £24.00	ي %	28th June	26th July
BRECON NSA EARLY	Monday 5th August Christopher Greg, Hereford	£5 + VAT = £6.00	ي %	5th July	2nd August
EXETER NSA	Wednesday 14th August Russell Steer, Kivells	£5 + VAT = £6.00	6%	1st July	13th August
CARLISLE	Friday 30th August Harrison & Hetherington	£10 + VAT = £12.00	5 %	2nd August	29th August
BALLYMENA	Monday 16th September Foster Gowdy	£10 + VAT = £12.00	ى %	16th August	13th September
BUILTH WELLS MAIN SALE	Monday 23rd September Christopher Greg, Hereford	£6 + VAT = £7.20	6%	7th August	20th September
WELSHPOOL	Thursday 26th September N R Lloyd & Co	£10 + VAT = £12.00	5 96	29th August	25th September

	•	IN-LAMB EWE & EWE LAMB SALES			
SKIPTON	Saturday 12th October Ted Ogden, CCM	£10 + VAT = £12.00	5 %	13th September	11th October
WORCESTER FEMALES	Saturday 26th Octobery Clive Roads, McCartneys	£10 + VAT = £12.00	л %	27th September	25th October
DUNGANNON EXPORT	Monday 28th October George Wylie	£20 + VAT = £24.00	%	27th September	25th October
EXETER FEMALES	Friday 1st November Russell Steer, Kivells	£10 + VAT = £12.00	5%	4th October	31st October
WELSHPOOL	Monday 4th November WLS	£10 + VAT = £12.00	5 %	4th October	1st November
	EMPTY FEMALE SALES	- SEE SECTION G4 (PAGE 13)	OF THE HANDBOOK FOR DETAILS	ETAILS	
CARLISLE	Friday 30th August Harrison & Hetherington	£10 + VAT = £12.00 PER PEN	ъ %	2nd August	29th August
	-	PRIVATE SALES 2023			
SAUCY SALE	Saturday 5th October	Welshpool Livestock Market		6th September	4th October
HEREFORD HIGH FLYERS	Saturday 19th October	Hereford Livestock Market		20th September	18th October

DETAILS OF PRIVATE SALES 2024 to be held under the auspices of the Society.

Saturday 5th October

"SAUCY SALE" Shrewsbury Market

Vendors - Robert Gregory

Guest consignors - Adrian Davies, Abbie Moseley, Charles Sercombe, Victoria Sercombe, James Danforth, Gethin Davies, Hannah Sloan, Ben & Amelia Watts, Michael Alford and Mitchel & Elizabeth Britten Auctioneers : Halls

Saturday 19th October "HIGH FLYERS" Females Production Sale Hereford Market

Vendors - Arwyn Thomas, Jennifer Curtis, Paul Curran, together with Justin Evans, Emyr Hughes, David Norman, Gareth Jones & Jim Neil .

Auctioneers : Greg Christopher, Hereford Market

SALES HANDBOOK 2024

All Charollais Sheep exposed for sale under the auspices of the British Charollais Sheep Society Ltd. shall be subject to and in accordance with the Conditions of Sale which are available from the Society Office or the Auctioneers.

A. ENTRY

- A.1 A full list of official sale dates and venues is listed in this handbook, together with entry fees, closing dates, rates of commission and last date for substitute entries.
- **A.2** Entries will only be accepted via an emailed list, or on the Standard Entry Form (paper or electronic) both available from the office.
- A.3 Entries will only be accepted from fully paid up members.
- A.4 If full payment is not received for a sale entry and there is already an outstanding balance on the account, sheep will not be entered for that sale. This will be adhered to on all occasions.
- **A.5** Entries must be submitted to the office by the closing date, including all information in full; **late entries may not be accepted. No responsibility will be accepted for the late or incorrect submission of information.**

B. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

- B.1 All sheep must have been birth notified prior to entry into an official sale. Any animal not so entered will be charged the penalty rate for Birth Notification fee without exception.
- B.2 All sales are for MV Accredited sheep, except the Exeter NSA sales (male & female) which will have a non-MV section. However, all sheep will be sold under the auspices of the Society and liable for inspection. Northern Ireland is MV clear and therefore has no scheme.
- B.3 All sheep (male and female) entered in the Worcester Premier Sale and Carlisle Hybrid Sale must be R1 Genotype and have Full Pedigree Status. Any Birth Notified animals will be upgraded at the time of entry.
- **B.4** All FEMALE SHEEP entered for sale must be Full Pedigree status.
- **B.5** All adult female sheep entered for official Society in-lamb ewe sales must have been scanned as in lamb (see Rule G1.), except for Exeter female sales where empty ewes are accepted.
- **B.6** For all rams sold at official sales, ownership of all semen rights shall be deemed to pass to the new owner. The vendor of a ram may elect to retain semen for their own use or for sale to a third party if this is stated in the sale catalogue and re-iterated by the auctioneer at the time of sale.

B.7 EXPORT SALES AT DUNGANNON - PREMIER SALE

Dungannon Premier Sale is an Export Sale, therefore different regulations and paperwork apply to flocks selling at this sale.

Scrapie Monitored Flocks - All sheep must be genotype ARR/ARR or ARR/ARQ as per Society rules. Tissue samples can be taken by the flock owner and sent to the Charollais office to be tested.

Paperwork is available through the local DVO for Export Status Sales - if in doubt, check with the regional Chairman

Remember, rams going to an export sale must be continuously resident on farm for 60 days before the sale date.

All rams must be brucella tested by your vet, within 1 month of the sale.

Non-scrapie monitored flocks - all sheep entered for Dungannon export sale MUST be genotype ARR/ARR and the blood sample must be taken by the flock owner's private veterinary surgeon and sent to approved lab. **Nonscrapie flocks cannot use DIY tissue sampling.** All rams must be brucella tested as for scrapie flocks.

Entries are open for senior rams, shearling rams, ram lambs and ewe lambs only, which can be shopwn in the appropriate class.

Dungannon Premier Sale Ram Lamb Ballot Position - the sale will be split into 3 sections, vendors will be drawn into 1 of these sections. Within the sections a random ballot will be drawn to determine the order of selling. All 2nd runs of rams will come after the 3 sections. For the following year the 3 sections will be rotated; ie the front section will move to the middle, middle to end and end to front. Also the vendors will be re-drawn within their sections to determine their place in the sale. New vendors will be allocated proportionally a section by ballot.

Ram lambs will be limited to a run of 5, in order that all vendors will have a chance to sell stock. There will be a second run of ram lambs for those entering up to 10 ram lambs.

Export Female Sale in Dungannon - only in lamb shearling ewes and ewe lambs can be entered. All shearling ewes must be scanned in lamb and a maximum of 20 sheep per vendor will be allowed. For Non-Scrapie monitored flocks the same rules as for the Premier Sale apply regarding genotypes. Scrapie Monitored Flocks are not required to supply a scrapie genotype test result.

Enquiries to Sheila Malcomson - email: nicharollaissheepclub@gmail.com

B.8 As a guide animals should achieve the following minimum weights:-

Sales (other than the Premier) Worcester Premier & Carlisle Hybrid Sale

		Carrisle Hybrid S
Ewe Lambs	55 kgs.	55 kgs.
Ram Lambs	60 kgs	65 kgs.
Shearling/Senior Ewes	70 kgs.	80 kgs.
Shearling/Senior Rams	90 kgs.	100 kgs.

C. DOCUMENTS TO SEND WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM

- C.1 Completed entry form.
- **C.2 Payment -** If full payment is not received for a sale entry and there is already an outstanding balance on the account, sheep will not be entered for that sale. This will be adhered to on all occasions. Payment should be made by Direct Debit, bank transfer (details on page 26) or card payment over the phone.
- C.3 Pedigree certificates (where applicable)
- **C.4 Scrapie Genotype results** The Society will only accept information on the scrapie genotype of those animals exposed for sale, to be included in the catalogue under the following conditions. The genotype information on sires/dams will NOT be included:-
- 1. The scrapie genotype of each animal is guaranteed to be correct by the person whose name appears as the Vendor in the catalogue.
- Copies of individual scrapie genotype certificates must be sent to the Society with the sale entry form. For Worcester Premier Sale & Carlisle Hybrid Sale the original copy of the Scrapie Genotype Certificate must be sent to the Society prior to the sale. These will be attached to the pedigree certificate for distribution to purchasers at the sale.
- 3. Vendors may not display information of scrapie genotype for any animal which has not been submitted to the Society under the above rules or without the certificate being available for viewing.

D. CATALOGING

- D.1 Reduction of entries The Society reserves the right to make a proportional reduction in the number of sheep entered within any category if they deem it necessary. Should a reduction be necessary the number of male Birth Notifications made by the breeder in the current year may be used to calculate the reduction of Ram Lambs and the previous year for Shearling Rams.
- **D.2 Runs of sheep** The maximum number of sheep per run will be 10, with the exception of NSA ram sales where the maximum number permitted will be as per the NSA ruling for that sale.
- **D.3 Ballot** At all official Society Sales the order of selling is carried out in accordance with the following rules.
- 1) Sales of less than 4 vendors per section a random ballot will be carried out.
- 2) Sections with 4 7 vendors, the 1st and last from the previous year will be set aside.
- 3) Sections with 8 11 vendors, the 1st and last 2 vendors from the previous year will be set aside.
- 4) Sections with 12+ vendors, the 1st and last 3 vendors from the previous year will be set aside.
- 5) Sections with 30+ vendors the 1st and last 6 vendors from the previous year will be set aside.

Once the vendors have been set aside the ballot will be drawn for the first and last places. The set aside names are then returned to the list and the

rest of the ballot drawn.

New vendors will not be penalised. Breeders are reminded that the ballot for each sale is carried out in isolation from other venues. At NSA sales the ballot is carried out by the NSA in accordance with their current rules.

D.5 WORCESTER PREMIER SALE & CARLISLE HYBRID SALE - Ballot & runs

rules - The maximum number of rams that may be entered by one flock will be 10 ram lambs and 10 shearlings. The maximum number of females is 4 shearling ewes and 4 ewe lambs

Runs - the maximum number of ram lambs or shearling rams per run shall be limited to 5 per vendor. Those vendors wishing to sell more than 5 per section may do so but their 2nd run of sheep will be balloted at the end of all the 1st runs for that category. The first 5 rams from a vendor will be balloted in the 1st run and any remaining in the 2nd run. Vendors may NOT move their entry from its allocated ballot position, even if sheep in their first run are not foward for sale.

Ballot Position - the sale will be split into 3 sections, vendors will be drawn into 1 of these sections. Within the sections a random ballot will be drawn to determine the order of selling. All 2nd runs of rams will come after the 3 sections. For the following year the 3 sections will be rotated; ie the front section will move to the middle, middle to end and end to front. Also the vendors will be re-drawn within their sections to determine their place in the sale. New vendors will be allocated proportionally a section by ballot.

E. PRE-SALE ARRANGEMENTS

E.1 Substitutes - Substitutes are allowed at all official sales. These must be made to the Society's office by the time and date stated for each sale (this is generally 12 noon on the working day before inspection takes place).

Substitutes must be in the same age category and the same scrapie genotype or better if declared in the catalogue. This information may either be 'phoned in or emailed. If vendors appear at the sale with an animal that does not correspond to the entry (original or substitute) then they will be rejected.

So that the pedigree catalogue for each sale is not degraded, vendors may only substitute a certain number of sheep dependent on the number they have entered. The scale for substitution will be as follows:-

- Up to 3 sheep entered
- 1 substitute allowed

4 - 6 sheep entered

2 substitutes allowed

7 or more sheep entered -

3 substitutes allowed These changes must be notified to the office, who will in turn inform the auctioneers and inspector of the ear numbers of the sheep to be presented for sale - no further alterations will be accepted.

For female sales vendors may be allowed a greater number of substitute entries, where scanning results have rendered the animals not suitable for sale. In all instances, substitutes will only be accepted that are within the same category.

F. PROCEDURE AT SALES

F.1 Inspection procedure - All sheep must be presented for inspection in the marked area. No sheep are to be unloaded and penned without prior instruction.

At NSA Builth sales, the inspection will be carried out by the NSA officials.

All sheep that are rejected by the Inspector must be removed from the market. We reserve the right to mark sheep that have not been removed from their pens by the required time.

All sheep must be marked with their lot number by use of a paint brand prior to inspection. Unmarked sheep will not be inspected. The Society expressly forbids the use of OP dips and other obnoxious substances within the sale area or prior to sale.

- **F.2 TIMES OF ENTRY & INSPECTION -** These will be issued to all vendors. and must be adhered to, to prevent penalties being imposed for late arrivals.
- **F.3 INSPECTION** At all official sales the Society may appoint a panel of inspectors who shall consider the points listed below. The Society's inspector is empowered to disbar any animal from the sale which does not comply with any of the matters contained in clauses 1 7. The inspector's decision shall be final and binding to all concerned and neither the inspector, the Society, nor the Auctioneers shall be liable to the owner of such animals or any other person or company for damage or for any loss arising out of such rejection.
- 1. That the animal's identification is as required by legislation and the Society and corresponds to the ear number as entered for sale. Animals without the correct identification will be rejected from the sale.
- 2. The animal is not suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
- 3. All rams must have two adequately sized testicles of approximately the same size and normal consistency.
- 4. That the animal is of a quality commensurate with the level set by the Society and is of adequate weight for the age and shows no malformation in structure.
- 5. The teeth are in the correct position. Account will be taken of the age of the animal.
- 6. There is no abnormal deviation in the structure of feet and/or legs.
- 7. Ewes shall be sound in udder.

Inspection is a condition of entry of the Society and compliance with this inspection shall in no way form a guarantee to the purchaser of the animals so inspected.

Breeders are also reminded that although the Society welcomes the presentation of untrimmed sheep at Society events these animals must be paint branded with their lot number. Untrimmed animals should be presented clean and tidy. **F.4 SHOW CLASSES -** Show classes will be held at some events. The classifications for each sale and the name of the judge will be circulated to all vendors prior to the sale.

Entries at all Society Sales, shall be restricted to 2 entries per class per vendor. The Judging of Pen classes will take place at certain sales and details of this will be given in the catalogue.

- **F.5 DISPLAY OF ROSETTES/PERFORMANCE DATA -** Only cards or rosettes won at the sale at which the animal is present may be displayed, along with standardised authentic Signet information. Winners of the pen classes will be issued with one prize card for their pen.
- **F.6 MINIMUM SELLING PRICES -** General minimum selling prices will apply to all sales held under the auspices of the British Charollais Sheep Society (with the exception of Dispersal Sales). Minimum selling prices vary for the Worcester & Dungannon Premier Sales.

MINIMUM SELLING PRICES	General Sales All Regions	Dungannon Premier	Worcester Premier & Carlisle Hybrid Sale
Rams, Senior/Shearling	300 gns	500 gns	600 gns
Ram lambs	250 gns	400 gns	500 gns
Empty Shearling Ewes	200 gns		500 gns
Empty Ewes	180 gns		
In-lamb Shearling Ewes	300 gns		
In-lamb Ewes	200 gns		
Ewe Lambs	200 gns	300 gns	400gns

G. SPECIAL RULES FOR IN LAMB EWE SALES HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SOCIETY

G.1 IN-LAMB GUARANTEE - Council have ruled that all ewes must be guaranteed by the vendor as scanned in lamb, and are guaranteed in lamb as of the date of the sale and for a period of 7 days following.

For Dispersal Sales only, vendors may elect to sell the sheep as 'running with ram' where no guarantee is implied. Ewe lambs may be sold as empty.

G.2 INFORMATION FOR IN-LAMB FEMALE SALE CATALOGUES

- 1. All information must be submitted on one form and by the closing date for the sale. Anything received after this date may not be included.
- 2. All female sheep must have their pedigree certificate submitted with their entry or a request for the animal to be upgraded.
- 3. All in-lamb ewes must have their service details submitted with the entry form.
- 4. All Charollais service sires as stated in the catalogue must be Full Pedigree Registered, at the time of entry. Entry will not be accepted for females

that are in-lamb to sires that are not Full Pedigree Registered.

- 5. All in-lamb ewes must have their scanning details submitted to the office by the substitute entry deadline (at the latest).
- 6. These requirements must relate to substitute entries i.e. all information must be available at the time of substitution.
- 7. The Society reserves the right to scan all female sheep at time of arrival at the market.
- 8. The Society will accept for sale registered Charollais ewes that have been mated to rams other than registered Charollais. These will be catalogued at the conclusion of the main sale of in-lamb ewes; irrespective of their scrapie monitored flock status.
- 9. Exeter NSA sale can take empty females at this time, or running with the ram.

G.3 RULES FOR EMPTY FEMALE SALES

- G.31 Entry fee is £10 per pen to hold a maximum of 5 empty ewes.
- G.32 All females are to be Birth Notified
- G.33 No information on breeding will be included in the catalogue.
- G.34 Sheep may be of any age (ewes, shearlings, lambs) but not mixed within the pen.
- G.35 All sheep must be correct in teeth and udder.
- G.36 All sheep are guaranteed empty at the time of sale by the vendor.
- G.37 The Society will check that all sheep have been birth notified.
- G.38 No genotyping is required.
- G.39 Entries of Full Pedigree animals will be accepted at £10 each (1 per pen). Pedigree details for these sheep will be entered into the catalogue.
- G.40 The same rules apply for all substitutions.

H. REFUNDS

A full refund of entry fees will be issued in the following circumstances :-

- H.1 Cancellation of the sale, with no alternative date offered;
- H.2 The flock is barred from selling due to disease restrictions imposed by government.
- H.3 The flock has a veterinary certificate confirming the animals are unfit for sale due to infectious or contagious disease.

I. NATIONAL SHEEP ASSOCIATION SALES

Brecon NSA Early Sale Exeter Builth Wells II Monday 5th August Wednesday 14th August Monday 23rd September

- I. 1 These sales are held in conjunction with the National Sheep Association. Therefore TWO ENTRY FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED - a NSA form and a BCSS standard form.
- I. 2 NSA Entry Forms Builth Wells sales NSA entry forms should be obtained from: - Jane Smith, NSA Sale Secretary, Long Wood Farm, Trostrey, Usk, Monmouthshire NP15 1LA Tel: 01291 673939 email: jane@nsaramsales.co.uk

Completed NSA entry forms for Builth Wells sales to be returned to:-Hereford Market Auctioneers, The Livestock Centre, Roman Rd, Hereford HR4 7AN Tel: 01432 761882

Exeter Sale NSA entry forms should be obtained from and returned to:-Sue Martyn, NSA South West Ram Sale Secretary, Hornacott Barton, Boyton, Launceston, Cornwall. PL15 9RL Tel: 01409 271385. - Email: suem@nationalsheep.org.uk

I. 3 Females at NSA Sales - At both Builth Wells sales a limit will be set of 6 females per vendor/breed. The vendor must be a consignor of a ram/s for that breed. Females may also be entered for Exeter NSA sale. BCSS Entry Forms for all NSA sales are to be returned to the Society.

J. SALE DEFINITIONS

- **J.1 DISPERSAL SALE -** The term "Dispersal Sale" shall apply where all the registered stock are sold and the registered prefix and reference letters are given up by the breeder. Any subsequent registrations shall be under a new flock prefix and reference.
- J.2 RETENTION OF SEMEN & EMBRYOS For all rams sold at official sales, ownership of all semen rights shall be deemed to pass to the new owner. The vendor of a ram may elect to retain semen for their own use or for sale to a third party if this is stated in the sale catalogue and re-iterated by the auctioneer at the time of sale.

Embryos which have been collected from ewes and are to be retained, must be declared by the vendor in the catalogue.

At all sale the vendor may elect to retain semen and/or embryos but a full declaration of the number of doses and/or embryos must be written in the catalogue. The vendor must further confirm if semen and/or embryos will be retained for third party sales or own use only.

J.3 REDUCTION AND PRODUCTION SALES - The term "Reduction" sale shall apply when the major number of the sheep in the flock are sold. The term "Production" sale shall apply when a proportion of the breeding stock from the flock and the product of the flock is sold.

EXTRACTS FROM THE BRITISH CHAROLLAIS SHEEP SOCIETY CONDITIONS OF SALE

(4) FERTILITY GUARANTEES

(a) Rams and Ram Lambs

(i) All rams and ram lambs are warranted by the seller capable of natural and effective service within three calendar months from the date of the sale. In the case of Worcester Premier Sale & Carlise Hybrid Sale, this warranty is extended to four months. If at the expiry (the male fertility guarantee period) the ram or ram lamb has failed to prove himself capable of natural and effective service and a veterinary surgeon's certificate is lodged within 14 days from the date of expiry of the male fertility guarantee period with the auctioneers specifying that the ram is so incapable and further that the veterinary surgeon has inspected the buyer's breeding ewes and found them to be in normal responsible breeding condition and not in the aforementioned incapacity then the buyer may return the animal to the seller.

(ii) The animal shall be deemed incapable of natural and effective service if it fails to make at least one ewe pregnant during the male guarantee period under natural breeding conditions and is so certified as being incapable by veterinary surgeons certificate aforementioned. The Society recommends that the veterinary surgeon follows the "Guidelines on the examination of rams for breeding" and also the "SVS Examination Certificate" as issued by the sheep Veterinary Society.

(iii) The buyer shall during the male guarantee period give the animal sufficient opportunity to prove that he is capable of natural and effective service.

(iv) Ewes which have been "sponged" and or treated with hormone treatment to induce or synchronise ovulation shall not for the purpose of this guarantee be "in normal condition".

(b) Ewes and Ewe Lambs

(i) All females offered for sale are warranted not to be in lamb unless otherwise stated in the catalogue or announced by the auctioneer at the time of sale.

(ii) If within fourteen weeks after the day of the sale a female sheep warranted not in lamb as aforesaid proves to be in lamb and within sixteen weeks after the day of sale the purchaser gives to the auctioneers written notice supported by a certificate signed by a veterinary surgeon such female sheep has been proved to have been in lamb then if the sheep lambs naturally at a date which proves it to have been in lamb at the date of sale either the purchaser may return the sheep and her lamb if any to the Vendor or at the sole option of the Purchaser the Vendor shall pay to the Purchaser as and for ascertained and agreed liquidation damages to cover all expenses depreciation in value and other damages whatsoever a sum equal to 25% of the purchase price of the sheep. (iii) If any female sheep which was described in the catalogue or at the time of sale as being "scanned in lamb" or in lamb proves not to have been in lamb at the time of sale and within 7 days after the day of sale the Purchaser gives written notice to the auctioneers of his intention to return the animal supported by a veterinary surgeon's certificate that such sheep has proved not to have been in lamb then the purchaser may return such sheep to the Vendor.

(iv) The Vendor shall specify in the catalogue the identification of the ram with which the female has been running.

(v) Except where stated to the contrary in the catalogue or at the time of sale every ewe described as with lamb at foot is warranted to be suckling all the lambs with which it is sold. If notice in writing is given to the auctioneer within 5 days after the day of the sale that there has been a breach of warranty then the Purchaser may return the ewe or ewes and lambs to the Vendor.

(vi) All females offered for sale are warranted correct in the mouth and udder at the time of sale unless otherwise described in the catalogue.

(vii) If any such sheep is proven to be unsound in mouth or udder that is to say is lacking any of 8 broad teeth or has damaged or worn teeth or defected udder and notice of such unsoundness is given to the auctioneer within 5 clear days after the day of sale supported by a certificate signed by a veterinary surgeon then either the purchaser may return the sheep to the vendor or at the sole option of the purchaser the vendor shall pay to the purchaser as and for ascertained and agreed liquidated damages to cover all expenses depreciation in value and other damages whatsoever compensation at the rate of 66.66% of the purchase price.

(c) It is hereby agreed that:-

(i) Incapacity due to injury from whatever cause, illness suffered or contracted after the date of sale is not covered by the guarantee.

(ii) Death within the respective guarantee period voids any liability under this guarantee.

(iii) In cases where the Vendor insures his liability under the fertility guarantee the insurers shall assume the rights and remedies of the vendor under the guarantee subject to the terms of the insurance policy.

These are extracts from the Society's official Conditions of Sale. If you require a full copy please contact the Society offices.

RULES FOR IDENTIFICATION

All lambs born from 1st December 2010 that are kept for breeding will require two ear tags - these **must** be breeding tags (not slaughter tags). One of these tags must be an EID tag and the other a visual tag. The EID tag must be yellow and the visual tag can be the colour of the breeders' choice. Breeders may select the type and manufacturer of the tag they prefer. It is preferable for the EID tag to be inserted in the lamb's left ear.

- 1. The lamb's individual number will be the ETAS number as allocated by the tag company. Therefore this number will run on from year to year and will correlate with the number of the electronic chip. Please enter this FIVE DIGIT NUMBER on your registration form. If your number is shorter than 5 digits we will insert leading zeros on our records.
- 2. Breeders will continue to add as 'Management Information' their BCSS Flock Letters. This can be either on just the visual tag or both tags. Some electronic tags do not have sufficient space for management information to be included.
- 3. In addition to your flock letters you will add two numerals to indicate the year of birth of the lamb; therefore for this year this will be '24'. This will be 'Management Information' and should be on either just the visual tag or both tags. This should be printed with your flock reference letters.

24ABC00123

NB our lambing year starts from 1st December and so all lambs born on or after that date will have the '24' suffix.

This will have the advantage that the electronic number will tie up with the official Charollais number BUT we will add the year number on the data base so that you will be able to tell the year of birth on the pedigree certificate and from the visual tag.

On all documentation with the Society ie Birth Notification forms, Sale entry forms please insert the entire number ie 24ABC00123 etc. We need the suffix number in order to identify the sheep correctly.

PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE RULES ON EID & MOVEMENTS

ENGLAND AND WALES SCOTLAND NORTHERN IRELAND www.defra.gov.uk www.gov.scot www.daera-ni.gov.uk

REGISTRATION CHARGES FOR 2024 (From 1st January 2024)

Flocks who wish to maintain the pedigree status of their flock should enter the details of ALL lambs born on the Grassroots system. Sheep must be birth notified in numerical order.

The breeder will then decide which animals to notify with the Society. All data is to be submitted to the Society, BUT NO CHANGE WILL BE MADE FOR LAMBS THAT THE BREEDER DOES NOT WISH TO NOTIFY. Notificvations and payment shall be submitted to the Society by the dates indicated below.

BIRTH NOTIFICATION SUBMISSION CHARGES

0-2 mths	Over 2 mths but before 30/09 in year of birth		0-2 mths	Over 2 mths but before 30/09 in year of birth	
Grassroots £2.50	Grassroots £5.00	Grassroots £12.50	Grassroots £3.00	Grassroots £6.25	Grassroots £15.00
(£3.00 incl.	`	(£15.00 incl.	· ·	`	(£18.00 incl.
VAT)	VAT)	VAT)	VAT)	VAT)	VAT)

Payment must be sent with all birth notifications unless you have elected to pay by Direct Debit. Payment for notifications must be sent by return.

- Birth Notified rams are eligible for entry into Official Society Sales.
- All Birth Notified animals must be the progeny of Full Pedigree Registered sires and dams.
- All sheep at the Worcester Premier & Carlisle Hybrid Sales must be Full Pedigree Registered.
- All female sheep must be Full Pedigree Registered prior to entry into an Official Society Sale.
- All service sires of in-lamb ewes entered for official Society sales must be Full Pedigree Registered.
- All sheep entered for shows must be Birth Notified with the Society.
- All rams and ewes must be Full Pedigree Registered prior to the birth notification of their progeny.

UPGRADING

	Paper submission plus card certificate	Printed Certificates
EWE LAMBS Upgraded > 12 months	£8.00 (£9.60 inc. VAT)	Only on special request
SHEARLING EWES Upgraded > 24 months	£12.00 (£14.40 inc. VAT)	Charged at cost +
RAMS Upgraded at any time	£20.00 (£24.00 inc. VAT)	Only on special request

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP - From 01.01.24, a Change of Ownership fee of £5 (+ VAT) will be payable by the vendor.

SCRAPIE TESTING FOR RAMS

All rams born on or after 1st December 2013, upgraded to full pedigree, must have an individual test result for Scrapie genotype submitted to the office. This information will be entered onto the sheep database and appear on the pedigree certificate and in Society sale catalogues

CHAROLLAIS LAMBING YEAR

The official start date for the Charollais breeding season will be 7th July each year. Pedigree Charollais sheep should therefore neither be artificially inseminated nor run with the ram prior to this date. The lambing year for Charollais runs from 1st December to 30th November in each year. Lambs may only be Birth Notified with the Society by the owner of the ewe at the time of birth.

NAMES FOR FULL PEDIGREE RAMS

We encourage members to give rams a name at the time of upgrading. Names for 2022 born rams should begin with the letter "A" Names for 2023 born rams should begin with the letter "B" Names for 2024 born rams should begin with the letter "C" The naming of females is at the discretion of the breeder. This informatic

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EMBRYO TRANSFER & ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

Applications to register lambs born by embryo transfer and / or artificial insemination must be accompanied by a certificate signed by the veterinary surgeon carrying out the work. This must certify the identity of the sire and dam and recipient ewe where applicable. The form must also confirm the date the procedures were carried out.

RAMS

If your lambs are sired by natural service by a ram not in your ownership, confirmation is to be submitted to the Society either by post or electronic methods from the owner of the ram, that the registration details are correct and that you had permission to use the sire as recorded.

If birth notifying lambs via Grassroots, a form is automatically generated and sent to the ram owner, so no action is required by you. It is the responsibility of the ram owner to inform the Society if any such registrations of lambs are either incorrect or that the breeder did not have permission to use the sire as stated.

If ewes are purchased from a society sale where details of the service sire are printed in the catalogue, it is not necessary to submit a ram service form.

REGISTRATION OF CHAROLLAIS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

The Society will enter into the breeding book, animals of the same breed, line or cross that are eligible for entry under the Society's breed criteria, without discrimination on account of their country of origin.

DNA TESTING OF RAMS

For all 2024 born lambs, and beyond, it will not be possible to register them unless a DNA parentage result has been submitted for their sires.

In 2022 the Society started on the process of collecting DNA samples from our stock. We offered members the chance to submit samples (free of charge) from their stock rams for analysis. What happens is that blood samples from the rams have DNA extracted and Neogen analysis this with a 50K SNP chip. In other words 50,000 pieces of information. As a breeder you do not receive any 'result' from this analysis. But the DNA information is stored with Neogen for future work. So if your animals have data stored it is then possible to parentage check their progeny.

For 2024 born lambs we now require that the sire of these lambs have had a DNA sample taken. So to upgrade a ram for pedigree use they will require both a Scrapie Genotype result and evidence of a DNA sampling having been done. The next step is when you DNA the next generation (ie 2024 born lambs and onwards) we will inform Neogen of who the sire of the lambs is and they will check this against their DNA records. They will inform us if the recorded sire is incorrect and we will contact the breeder to ask you for an alternative sire. We understand that genuine mistakes occur with tagging, recording of information, fostering etc. The majority of queries are sorted out quickly without any further issues. We can then assure breeders that the sire recorded is indeed correct.

The collection of DNA samples not only allows us to correctly record parentage but gives the breed the opportunity to move forward to genomic performance evaluation and also select for specific gene markers.

BREED STANDARD

This breed standard should be used by breeders to make their selection of breeding stock. Judges also will apply this standard in their assessment of animals at shows.

GENERAL

The Charollais breed is a terminal sire breed so emphasis on selection should be placed on its excellent fleshing qualities and growth. The purpose of the breed is to breed rams for crossing with commercial ewes to produce quality meat lambs for slaughter. Easy lambing is an important trait associated with the breed; so skeletal structure is essential. The fineness of bone of the breed also contributes to the higher killing out % of their progeny. Selection and assessment of the breed falls into two categories; structural correctness and breed characteristics.

STRUCTURAL CORRECTNESS

Teeth - Teeth should ideally be short, straight and directly onto the pad. Deviations away from this optimum either back, forward or splayed are undesirable.

Feet and Pasterns - Feet should be neat and balanced, cleats should not be open nor misshapen. Pasterns should be short, straight and upright.

Shoulders and Topline - Shoulders should be well fleshed and level. They should not be narrow and pointed nor too heavy and coarse. The breed should not carry excessive fat over the shoulder. Topline should be strong and level with good length.

Front Legs - Straight, balanced legs are most desirable; neither too close nor too wide apart. They should be a good colour. Bone should neither be too fine or heavy. Soundness of movement is important.

Back Legs - Legs should be set well apart but not extreme. There should be a good definition of hock; not over bent or too straight. Again bone should neither be too fine or too heavy. Good balanced mobility is important.



BREED CHARACTERISTICS

Loin This should be long, wide and deep. The eye muscle should be full. Animals should not be over fat across the loin.

Gigot The gigot should be thick, deep and full. The rump should be thick and wide. Narrow, sloping rumps are undesirable.

Growth Growth is important in the breed, therefore well grown sheep are of merit. However sheep that are just tall and without good fleshing qualities are not of merit. Big is only beautiful if accompanied with good loin and gigot.

Head A good Charollais head is full of character, alert without wool. The skin colour is pink with a varying amount of creamy, sandy or white coloured hair. The varying amount of hair gives animals within the breed a difference in appearance. A distinctive feature of the breed is a white flash above each eye. Regional / breeder preferences as to amount and colour of head hair are acceptable. Heads should not be too small in the muzzle and should be broad between the eyes. Females should have a kind head and rams a stronger masculine head.

Fleece The breed should have a good quality fleece; dense but not too long nor open. It should be complete over the body without breaks but not extending down the legs or over the head.

SHOWING REGULATIONS

- 1. All sheep must be identified as specified by the Society and current UK legislation and registered with the Society.
- 2. Sheep must be shorn bare on or after 1st December
- 3. With regard to the haltering of sheep for show, exhibitors must adhere to the regulations of the relevant Show Authority and the direction of the stewards.
- 4. The exhibition of sheep with black spots is discouraged.
- 5. The exhibition of sheep with shaved heads is strongly discouraged and judges are encouraged to discriminate against animals presented in this manner.
- 6. Exhibitors may use natural colouring to enhance the appearance of their animals.



CHAROLLAIS SHEEP SOCIETY INFORMATION FOR NEW FLOCKS OWNERS

MAEDI VISNA - ACCREDITATION SCHEME

Maedi Visna is a disease of sheep. Since the first Charollais sheep were imported from France they were all tested to be clear of this disease. From that date we have encouraged our breeders to remain free of the disease.

Northern Ireland is Maedi Visna clear and therefore does not have a scheme for flocks.

This is achieved through an accreditation scheme, which is run by the SRUC's Premium Sheep and Goat Health Scheme. Maedi Visna is a slow degenerative disease which can cause severe economic losses in infected sheep flocks through deaths from pneumonia and wasting and its knock-on effects such as poorer fertility, reduced milk production resulting in increased lamb losses and lower weight gains in lambs. There are also losses from the premature culling of adult sheep because of mastitis, occasionally arthritis and paralysis.

SAC vets are urging sheep farmers who sell breeding sheep to join the Maedi Visna (MV) Accreditation Scheme, as the disease becomes more common in non-accredited flocks. SAC Veterinary Investigation Officer said: "Some farmers may think because MV is not widely recognised, that it is not worth joining the scheme but the incidence of MV is increasing."

All our official Society sales are for sheep from MV Accredited flocks (with the exception of Exeter that has a non-mv section), so you can purchase in the knowledge that these animals have been tested free from this disease. We would urge all new flocks to join the Maedi Visna Accreditation Scheme. It is best to contact the scheme prior to moving accredited sheep onto your holding. If you have recently purchased stock then you should contact the

Sheep & Goat Health Scheme, Greycrook, St Boswells, TD6 OEQ Telephone: 01835 822456 Email: healthschemes@sruc.ac.uk for full details of the scheme.

SCRAPIE GENOTYPING

Most farmers will be aware of the disease scrapie to which all sheep breeds are susceptible. Those who have experienced the disease in the past will inform you just how devastating it can be. However the sheep industry was fortunate to have a government backed scheme to help eradicate the disease. This was through the blood testing of animals and looking at their DNA to identify those animals which are most resistant to the disease. Through the use of resistant genotypes the disease can be completely avoided. We were lucky within the Charollais breed that our genotype profile was relatively simple and the supply of the most resistant genotypes plentiful.

The national scheme finished in 2009, but we are still able to test our animals through commercial genotyping service providers.

The results from these tests gives the following genotypes :ARR/ARR (Group 1)ARR/ARQ (Group 2)Virtually resistant genotype

Scrapie has been identified in the Charollais breed in all the following genotypes:-

ARQ/ARQ ARQ/VRQ

VRQ/ARQ VRQ/VRQ

ARR/VRQ

We would encourage members to keep testing their stock. At our breed Premier Sale held at Worcester Market in July, all the stock are tested and have genotype ARR/ARR. Also all rams born in the 2014 year and later will have to submit an individual test result for scrapie genotype, before they can be upgraded to Full Pedigree Status.

Contact the Society if you wish to arrange for some of your flock to be tested. We can supply you with testing kits.

SCRAPIE MONITORING SCHEME

The Scrapie Monitoring Scheme is run by SRUC as part of the SGHS operation. If you wish to join the scheme contact them for details.

There are advantages within the rules for scrapie genotype ARR/ARR animals; but breeders will have to support this information with documentation from an authorised laboratory.

The main reason for joining the Monitoring Scheme is to allow for the export of animals to EU Countries and Northern Ireland. Export of ARR/ARR animals from non-monitored flocks is also allowable. To facilitate trade many flocks who take part in female sales have joined the scheme.

Council felt that it should be the choice of individual flocks if they still wish to continue with the scheme. Facilities for tested ARR/ARR animals will be provided at our official in-lamb ewe sales. This scheme is different from individual testing and is primarily to facilitate export of stock. Contact for scheme details and application forms : Premium Sheep and Goat Health Schemes Greycrook, St Boswells, TD6 OEQ Telephone: 01835 822456 Email: healthschemes@sruc.ac.uk

PERFORMANCE RECORDING

It is Society policy to encourage the use of genetic evaluation to enable Charollais breeders to make genetic improvements to carcase quality and the growth rates of the breed. Signet provide the genetic evaluation and performance recording service for Charollais breeders.

Currently there are approximately 60 flocks performance recording over 4,000 lambs a year. To search flocks, animals and animals for sale go to: www.signetdata.com

All sheep in recorded flocks can be directly compared to other Charollais using 23 EBVs and two Indexes. To find the sheep with the top genetic merit use searches and reports (which are updated monthly): stock sires, shearling rams, ram lambs and the 'High Five Report' (top ranked ram lambs from each flock).

In catalogues, the breed benchmark is published and is updated annually. This shows how a sheep's genetics rank compared to the rest of the breed, use the benchmark to select sheep in the top 50%, 25%, 10% and 5% for an EBV and Indexs. Catalogues also include a brief explanation of how each EBV relates to on farm performance.

For more information on performance recording your flock please contact:

SIGNET BREEDING SERVICES Samuel Boon AHDB Beef and Lamb Signet Breeding Services, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire. CV8 2TL Tel: 024 7647 8829 Email: samuel.boon@ahdb.org.uk

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Adult Membership Associate Membership £66.00 per year (inclusive of VAT) Associate Membership £30 per year (Zero rated for VAT) 10 year membership £660.00 (inclusive of VAT)

Junior MembershipsFREE DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP - take part in all activities(Ages 10-30)and receive all publications digitally.PRINTED PUBLICATIONS - Take part in all activities, but
receive printed publications - £12.FULL MEMBERSHIP - (as per adult) - all benefits,
registration of flock + membership to Young Breeders
Group - £66.

Membership runs from 1st January each year and all members will be sent an invoice for their subscription. In order to qualify to register sheep, enter Society sales, or exhibit sheep at shows subscriptions must be paid in full.

Gift Aid As a Registered Charity the Society is able to claim Gift Aid on Subscriptions. If you haven't completed a form please contact the office.

Flock Registration New flocks must be registered with the Society for a fee of £30.00 plus VAT. The member can chose the name for their flock and the Society will allocate the prefix letters.

Voting Rights: Fully paid up members may vote at General Meetings and at the Annual General Meeting. One subscription allows one vote.

Publications: All paying members may receive the following publications f.o.c:
♦ Charollais Matters
♦ Farmers Future
♦ Sale Catalogues (on request)

Society Events All Members will be advised of all Society Events held nationally and meetings within their region.

Change of Address Members should notify the Society in writing.

Transfer of Membership/Flock Prefix This may only be transferred to a member of your immediate family.

Resignation You must notify the Society in writing if you wish to cancel your membership. If you pay by direct debit you must also cancel the instruction with your bank. No refunds will be issued against resignations received one month after the subscription renewal date.

Payment of Accounts Payment can be made by Ebanking (details below), or by card payment over the phone.

Bank: BarclaysSort Code: 20-99-08Account No. 30196851Please use your Flock letters as the reference for your payment.

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

The Council is comprised of the National Chairman, an elected Member (Regional Chairman) from each region and the retiring National Chairman who remains on Council for a further year. Elections in each region will take place by postal ballot to appoint a Regional Council Member who will be eligible to serve on the Council of Management for a period of 3 years and will be subject to re-election at the end of that period. A Retiring Member shall not be eligible for re-election if he has served two consecutive terms of 3 years on the council immediately prior to the proposed election.

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT 2024/2025

Region	Chairman	Date of Election
National Chairman	Charles Sercombe	2021
Scotland	Russell Gray	2023
North of England	David Norman	2022
East of England	Stuart Dunkley	2021
Central England	Dave Roberts	2022
Wales	Adrian Davies	2021
South West England	Patrick Tully	2023
Northern Ireland	Sheila Malcomson	2021

The Council of Management meets regularly during the year. If there are any issues which you wish to be discussed at a Council Meeting, then please either contact your Regional Chairman or speak/write directly to the office. A report on the matters discussed at all Council Meetings is published in Charollais Matters and Bulletins.

MEETING DATES 2024

AGM Friday 24th May

Sysonby Knoll Hotel, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire

Regular Council meetings will be held by Zoom during the year. Autumn meetings TBC.

REGIONAL COMMITTEES

These comprise of the Regional Chairman, Regional Vice Chairman, Regional Secretary and elected Committee Members. Some regions appoint area Co-ordinators and/or Publicity Officers.

EVENTS 2024

Balmoral Show – 15th - 18th May 2024 Balmoral Park, Belfast - www.balmoralshow.co.uk

Devon County Show – 16th - 18th May 2024 Westpoint, Exeter - www.devoncountyshow.co.uk

Royal Bath & West Show – 30th May - 1st June 2024 The Showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset - www.bathandwest.com

Royal Cornwall Show – 6th - 8th June 2024 The Showground, Wadebridge - www.royalcornwallshow.org

Royal Three Counties Show – 14th - 16th June 2024 The Showground, Malvern - www.royalthreecounties.co.uk

Royal Highland Show – 20th - 23rd June 2024 Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston, Edinburgh - www.royalhighlandshow.org

Great Yorkshire Show - 9th - 12th July 2024

Harrogate, North Yorkshire - www.greatyorkshireshow.co.uk

Royal Welsh Show – 22nd - 25th July 2024

Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd - www.rwas.wales/royal-welsh

USEFUL CONTACTS

Northern Ireland Members contact

Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road BELFAST BT4 3SB Tel: 0300 200 7840 www.daera-ni.gov.uk

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QUALITY MEATS SCOTLAND

Rural Centre, West Mains, Ingliston, Newbridge EH28 8NZ Tel: 0131 510 7920 www.qmscotland.co.uk email: info@qmscotland.co.uk

H.C.C. (Meat Promotion Wales)

Ty Rheidol, Parc Merlin, Aberystwyth. SY23 3FF Tel: 01970 625050 Email:info@hybucig.cymru https://meatpromotion.wales/en

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SHEARWELL DATA LTD

Putham, Wheddon Cross, Minehead, Somerset TA24 7AS Tel: 01643 841611 Email: sales@shearwell.co.uk www.shearwell.co.uk

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE SHEEP INDUSTRY

National Sheep Association The Sheep Centre, Malvern, Worcestershire WR13 6PH Tel: 01684 892661 Email: enquiries@nationalsheep.org.uk www.nationalsheep.org.uk

Livestock Information Service

The Livestock Information Service (LIS) for sheep, goats PO Box 6299 Milton Keynes MK10 1ZQ Email: support@livestockinformation.org.uk Tel: 03300 416577

CARISLE HYBRID SALE Saturday 29th June

WORCESTER PREMIER SALE RAMS & EWES Saturday 6th July