



BYLAWS

MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATIONS

1. Every member of the Society shall be allocated a flock number.
2. Every member intending to keep a flock must register a flock prefix which shall consist of one name only.
3. All lambs must be ear-tagged as close to birth as possible, with the flock number of the breeder, the individual number and the year of birth recorded on the ear-tag (WHSS ear-tag).
4. Any sheep not marked with the breeder's flock number, the individual number and the year of birth (WHSS ear-tag) will not be considered registered and its progeny shall be ineligible for inclusion in the flock book.
5. Only progeny from registered, individually named sires and registered females shall be entered in the flock book.
6. The owner of the dam at the time of the lambing is the breeder of all progeny.
7. The breeder wishing to register his sheep must be a member of the Society and must have paid his subscription for the year. Sheep must only be registered by the breeder.
8. All ram lambs entered in the flock book must be named with the breeder's flock prefix followed by a name. In the breeder's first year of registration all ram lamb individual names to start with "A", then "B" in the second year etc.
9. The Council reserves the right to appoint inspectors or an inspector to inspect or examine any entry for registration, who shall have the power to accept or reject the entry or report to the Council.
10. All flocks shall be eligible for inspection at any time as the Council may direct by two inspectors appointed by the Council and they shall have the power to reject the flock, individual sheep or report to the Council.

MEMBERS' CONDUCT AT SHOWS

1. All sheep shall be either entered in the flock book, or eligible for entry in the flock book, in the year they are being shown.
2. All sheep shown shall be correctly ear-tagged in accordance with the Society's current rules.
3. All sheep entered in shows shall be presented washed.
4. No colouring, whitening or other agent shall be permitted.
5. All Wiltshire Horn Sheep that are shown shall be true to the 'standard type' of sheep as described in Wiltshire Horn Sheep Breed Standard.
6. (a) All rams two-shear or upwards shall have been used and proved as stock getters.
(b) All ewes aged two years or older entered in show classes shall have lambed in that year.
7. All stock attendants must be turned out in an acceptable standard. Stock attendants must wear white coats when showing sheep.
8. Sheep shall be correctly handled at all times.
9. Every exhibitor shall send at least one attendant to be in charge of their stock.
10. Members conduct, shall at all times uphold the good name of the Wiltshire Horn Sheep Society.

SOCIETY'S SHOW AND SALES

All the above bylaws relating to WHSS shows will apply to the shows held at the Society's Show and Sales.

1. All sheep entered in the Show and Sales must be registered with the Society and any lambs born in the year of the sale must be registered, and fees paid, prior to inclusion in the catalogue.
2. No entry shall be accepted unless accompanied by the WHSS ear-tag number of the exhibit and the flock book number of the sire.
3. Details of each animal must be stated on the entry form. Entries "To Be Advised" shall not be accepted.
4. Exhibitors are required to guarantee the correctness of the pedigree, the history and description of each entry together with the correct entry of their sheep in the flock book.
5. All sheep must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor at the time of the show and sale.
6. The Society reserves the right to refuse or restrict entries.

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7. Sheep must be presented, penned and numbered at the time published in the catalogue.
8. Any entry not correctly ear-tagged with the breeder's flock number, individual number and year of birth, as recorded in the flock book, shall be excluded from the Show and Sale.
9. The Society reserves the right to appoint inspectors to appraise sheep and any judged to be incorrect will be marked. Any animal marked as incorrect shall not be eligible to be shown, but may be offered for sale through the auction ring.
10. It is strongly recommended that all sheep entered in the show and sales are presented washed. Only washed sheep shall be eligible for entry in the show classes.
11. Animals shall be sold under the auctioneer's usual sale conditions.
12. An exhibitor may put a reserve price on any of their entries.
13. Private sales of sheep must not take place unless first offered for sale in the auction and then the sale must be made through the auctioneers.
14. All exhibitors must send at least one attendant with their stock, which shall be in their sole care subject to the orders and regulations of the stewards. Attendants must ensure sheep are presented at the ring in time for their lot number to be called.
15. Exhibitors will in all cases be responsible for their stock and shall also be responsible for any damage done by themselves, their servants or their stock. The Council shall not be responsible for any loss arising from accident or other cause.
16. All exhibitors must comply with all DEFRA regulations in place at the time of show and sale and it is their sole responsibility to do so.
17. Any objections concerning the Society's bylaws shall be made in writing and handed to the Secretary or their representative, within an hour of the auction having finished and shall be accompanied by a £25 deposit which may, at the discretion of the of the secretary, or their representative, be refunded. The Secretary or their representative has the right to defer the objection for a ruling by the Council at the next Council meeting. The decision of the Secretary or their representative or the Council, including any decision as to the payment of costs and expenses, shall be final and binding.
18. Should the vendor commit or knowingly suffer any breach of these bylaws, he/she shall be deemed guilty of conduct derogatory to the character of the Society and be liable to be removed from the Society.

JUDGES' PANEL

1. A sub-committee of not less than 4 people from within the Council, who have successfully shown in the past, shall form the judges' panel. (Members to be co-opted on if there are not enough Council members eligible to be on the sub-committee.
2. The Panel to consist of an unlimited number of people who have successfully showed in the past.
3. The Panel to be revised annually by the sub-committee.
4. All judges on the panel to be fully paid up members of the Society.
5. The Panel shall only be used when show societies approach the WHSS for the names of appropriate judges.
6. The Sub-committee may at any time consider judges not on the panel for special events i.e. foreign judges.
7. The sub-committee has the right to withdraw any judges from the panel without stating any reason.
8. All judges chosen to judge at Society shows are representing the Society and therefore must be suitably attired.
9. All judges must judge to the best of their ability and to the 'standard type' of sheep as described in the Wiltshire Horn Sheep Breed Standard.