

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION & BYE-LAWS

The rules and governance of the Association is conducted in accordance with the Articles of Association and such Bye-Laws as determined by Council and published annually on the Hampshire Down website.

HDSBA BYE-LAWS AS AT 1st JANUARY 2020

Note: From time to time it may be necessary for the provisions relating to shows and sales and any other rule herein, to be amended. The Association reserves the right to make any alterations as deemed necessary and publish them at the earliest opportunity on the Association website www.hampshiredown.org.uk and changes so published, will take precedence over those published here.

Where additions or amendments to the Bye-Laws have been made, they are shown here in bold.

OBLIGATIONS OF ALL MEMBERS OF HDSBA:

Members must:

- Pay an annual membership subscription (see HDSBA charges) due on 1st January
- Pay an annual publicity subscription (where applicable) due on 1st January
- If any member fails to pay his subscription by 31st March in any year he shall by reason of that failure cease to be a member of the Association and his name shall be removed from the Register of Members
- Any member who is desirous of resigning his membership of the Association shall give notice in writing of such desire to the Secretary on or before 31st December in any year and his name shall then be removed from the Register of Members and the flock prefix and number will be rescinded. In default of such notice being given on or before such date such member shall remain liable for the subscription which shall next become due.
- Pay all other fees in respect of registrations, animal records, advertising etc on invoice
- Pay such other fees as Council may from time to time resolve
- Complete an annual online Flock Return (Survey) by 31st December each year.

MINIMUM SIZE OF REGISTERED FLOCK

The minimum number of sheep eligible to form and be registered as a Hampshire Down flock is two females.

IDENTIFICATION OF HAMPSHIRE DOWNS

- All lambs must be identified (double tagged) in accordance with current DEFRA (DARDNI / country of origin) regulations.
- The individual 5 digit number from such tag must be the number used to BIRTH NOTIFY (and register) lambs with HDSBA, so that the registration details on the pedigree certificate match the ear tag ID number.

- **When an animal is re-tagged because of ear tag loss, the animal will retain its original identification, but the secretary must be notified of the new tag number which will be added to the animal's records.**
- Any breeder in the UK should make sure that their flock has been registered with their local 'Animal Health Divisional Office' (this is a statutory requirement).
- **The inclusion of HDSBA Flock Number on tags is optional.**

BIRTH NOTIFICATION & REGISTRATION

The earliest lambing date is 1st December in each season. To try and ensure lambs are not born prior to this date the society recommends that rams are not introduced to the ewes until 10th July and if AI is used it isn't used before 14th July and for ET, not before 20th July.

- ALL live lambs born (male & female) must be BIRTH NOTIFIED within three months of birth.
- All ewe lambs intended for breeding either pedigree or commercially must be REGISTERED. (a higher rate applies for registrations between 1st October – 30th November) The last date for Ewe Lamb registrations is 30th November each season. **Application may be made for late registration of females at an 'added animal' fee to be set by Council.**
- All rams used in a pedigree flock must be STOCK RAM REGISTERED. The Secretary should be notified of the ram's HDSBA number as allocated to him when he was birth notified, and a chosen name. The flock master first using the Stock Ram is responsible for that registration.
- Only registered Hampshire Downs may be brought into a pedigree registered flock. However, any application for non registered, pure bred Hampshire Downs to be included in HDSBA's Flock Book will be considered by Council on a case by case basis.
- **Application for animals to be entered in to the pedigree register from another officially recognised Hampshire Down Breed Society in an EU member state, have an automatic right of entry provided that the animals (and germinal products) are accompanied by a valid zotech certificate.**
- On payment of the appropriate registration fee, ewe lambs and stock rams will be issued with an official HDSBA Pedigree Certificate.

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

All female animals should be registered by the breeder before sale. Male animals may be sold either birth notified or fully registered (it is the responsibility of the person using the ram for service for the first time to register the animal). When registered animals are purchased, the purchaser should fill in the back of the pedigree certificate with their Hampshire Down flock number and prefix and send it to the secretary. In the case of birth notified animals, the Hampshire Down identification number of the animal should be forwarded to the secretary with details of vendor and purchaser. Purchaser to pay the transfer fee.

DISPERSAL

Cancellation of membership or dispersal of a flock will result in the flock prefix and number being rescinded. Previously issued flock prefix and code will not be re-issued.

EXPORT OF HAMPSHIRE DOWN SHEEP

- For the benefit of both vendor & purchaser, HDSBA will (if asked) provide an inspector to pass an opinion as to whether selected animals are considered as 'fit for export'. Inspector's opinion will be based on the breed standard, and tags will be checked.
- Inspectors should not pass sheep for export under 14 weeks of age, nor can they be passed more than four weeks prior to date of departure.
- The inspection service will be provided at a fee to cover the inspector's travel cost.
- **In the case of exports to EU countries, the vendor must ensure a Zootech Certificate (available from the secretary) is provided to the purchaser.**

COMPLAINTS POLICY:

In the unfortunate event that you may need to make a complaint about the service that you receive as a member of HDSBA, you should firstly raise your complaint with the Secretary. If she is unable to resolve your complaint to your satisfaction, you can ask for the matter to be considered by the President who will investigate and report his findings to you as soon as possible.

BREACH OF ASSOCIATION RULES:

Any breach of the Articles of Association or Bye-Laws shall be subject to the disciplinary procedures as laid out in the Articles of Association

HDSBA SALE RULES

- 1) The sale is subject to the conditions of sale recommended for use at markets by the Livestock Auctioneers Markets Committee for England and Wales* except in so far as these conflict with the following conditions, when the following conditions shall prevail
- 2) HDSBA sales will be confined to females registered with and males birth notified to the HDSBA and are the produce of registered flocks & the property of members of the HDSBA
 - 2.1) For in-lamb ewe sales all rams specified as being the 'sire of' or 'having run with' must be registered with HDSBA
 - 2.2) 'In-lamb' means having run with a particular ram. It is not a guarantee that the ewe is in lamb. Maiden means not having run with the ram
- 3) HDSBA reserves the right to govern the number of entries at sales. A closing date for entries will be set and strictly adhered to, late entries may only be accepted if they contribute to a total that makes the sale viable
 - 3.1) The order of sale and position in the catalogue will be determined by ballot. Maximum of four lots from each vendor to be sold consecutively
- 4) Sheep must be penned according to the times specified in the catalogue
- 5) There will be minimum reserve (upset) prices for sale entries, and these will be published in the sale catalogue
 - 5.1) Any sheep sold outside the ring must not be below these minimum prices and must be booked through the Auctioneers. Any sheep failing to reach the upset price in its category will be passed out unsold.
- 6) Any charges or costs arising after the sheep have been sold (e.g. additional haulage, accommodation charges, veterinary fees etc.) will be borne by the Purchaser.

5) The Purchaser to give his full name and home address and pay for all Lots purchased immediately at the close of the sale. No Lot or Lots shall be removed from the sale premises until paid for and a pass out slip obtained from the Auctioneers but each and every lot shall immediately at the fall of the hammer be considered as delivered and be and remain in every respect at the absolute risk and expense of the Purchaser and shall be removed from the sale premises at the Purchaser's expense. The right of property shall not pass until the full purchase price is paid

6) Sheep entered as MV Accredited will only be accepted into the market and penned for sale if they are accompanied by a current SAC certificate of official MVA status which has been correctly completed

6.1) Sheep entered as Scrapie Monitored must be accompanied by a copy of the SMS certificate

6.2) Sheep catalogued with a Scrapie genotype must be accompanied by a valid certificate

7) All tags must comply with UK legislation and HDSBA rules on identification

8) All sheep must be paint-branded by the owners with the catalogue numbers only

8.1) Unless notified to the contrary on the sale entry form or catalogue, substitutes must be declared to the HDSBA and to the Auctioneers not less than 48 hours prior to the sale and must be marked with a red dot not less than one inch in diameter behind the lot number. A maximum of two substitutes will be permitted per Vendor

9) Any animal got by ET must be identified as such in the catalogue

9.1) Any rams with semen retained before sale or females which have been flushed and embryos recovered before sale must be declared in the catalogue and announced at the time of sale. Failure to do so will result in the purchaser having the right to return the sheep and be repaid the purchase price and costs.

9.2) Any female that has been subjected to any abdominal surgery including laparoscopic AI, embryo transfer or Caesarean section must be so declared in the catalogue and must be physically capable of breeding again

10) Minimum weights may be set and will be published in the catalogue

10.1) All sheep entered and forward at any sale will be inspected by an official HDSBA Inspector to ensure that:

a) their ear tag and lot numbers tally with the catalogue and with current UK legislation

b) they comply with HDSBA's breed standard

c) they are of good conformation and size and/or condition (the inspector may ask for them to be weighed)

d) they are not incorrectly docked; daggy; faulty in teeth, testicles or udder; lame or showing signs of disease

e) any sheep which, in the opinion of the inspectors is urine stained to the extent that it's a welfare issue will be excluded from the sale

f) male animals meet the expected minimum scrotum circumference (at widest) which for lambs is 30cms and for shearlings 35cms. **For early season sales the size for ram lambs will be at the discretion of the inspector.**

10.1) Any animals rejected by the Inspector will be marked by him and shall not be sold during or following the end of the sale

10.2) The Inspector's decision is final and binding and the Inspector shall be absolved from any responsibility or liability for any action taken as a result of his advice

10.3) The inclusion of any animal in the sale following any inspection is no warranty that the particular animal meets any criterion in respect of any standards or will do so in the future. Neither is it a warranty of health

11) No colouring matter may be used on head or legs. Samples of hair may be collected from randomly selected animals and analysed for the presence of colouring matter. In the event of any sheep being found to have been artificially coloured, the owner will be required forthwith by the Inspector to remove from the sale yard that sheep together with all other sheep in the same consignment. If sheep are found to have been artificially coloured the matter may be referred to the Sales Committee of HDSBA for consideration as to whether any reference should be made to the Disciplinary Committee

11.1) The use of growth promoters is banned and HDSBA reserves the right to randomly test any sheep offered for sale

11.2) Any interference with natural tooth growth is not permitted

12) All shearlings must have been shorn bare after 1st March in the year of sale

13) All rams, including ram lambs, are warranted by the Vendor to be capable of natural and effective service within 90 days of the sale. If at the expiration of the warranty period a ram is proven incapable of natural and effective service and within 14 days of the expiration of the warranty period a Veterinary Certificate is lodged with the Auctioneers confirming (on the day of examination): (a) the ram is incapable of performing a natural effective service and (b) that the incapacity is not the result of any apparent injury, accident or illness and (b) the Veterinary Surgeon has inspected the Purchaser's ewes and found them to be in normal, responsible breeding condition; then the Purchaser shall have the option of, either a refund of the purchase price, or accept a ram of similar quality. If the Vendor so wishes he shall be entitled to have access to the ram for a veterinary examination. If a settlement is not reached then an independent arbiter shall be appointed by the Auctioneers and his decision shall be final. The transport costs, veterinary fees etc., involved in returning stock to the Vendor must be borne by the Purchaser. Purchasers are advised to arrange insurance of any rams purchased

13.1) HDSBA does not guarantee the stock getting capabilities of any sheep

14) Neither the Auctioneers nor HDSBA can accept responsibility for any errors or omissions in the catalogue

14.1) Neither the Vendor nor the Auctioneers nor HDSBA will be responsible for any accident or injury to persons or property, through fire or any other cause whatsoever, nor for any damage by animals prior to, during or after the sale.

HDSBA SHOW RULES

- Shearling rams & ewes (& older sheep) must be shorn bare on or after 1st March but before exhibiting for the first time in the season
- Trimming is optional.
- Untrimmed classes: only head to be trimmed & base of tail squared ~ no carding.
- No artificial colouring of face or ears.
- Only birth notified males, and females that have been both birth notified **and** registered may be shown (exhibited by registered flock owner).
- **Sheep exhibited by any other than the breeder must have had the transfer of ownership registered with HDSBA by the date of the close of entries for that class.**

- Sheep entered in singles classes cannot be entered in a pairs class (and vice versa) at the same show (except if shows are run under their own rules which allow such) or in specific performance ram lamb classes.
- Only sheep already entered in other classes can be exhibited in the group class.
- Sheep to be sound, of good breed type & conformation. Correct teeth, legs & pasterns are most important.
- Exhibitors are not permitted to enter an animal in any class which is to be judged by a person who has bred (animal born and tagged on his/her holding) or has a financial interest in the animal. The onus on complying with this regulation rests entirely with the exhibitor
- Shows may stipulate whether the show is run under HDSBA rules unless amended to the contrary, and when specified in the individual show schedules, then those individual show rules take precedence over these. Show society rules & bye laws must be observed.