

BYE LAWS 11 - 12

SECTION C

May 2017

11. Bye-Law 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, Premier and Club Sales
- 11.2** All sheep to be from Maedi Visna accredited flocks and must be accompanied by the relevant documentation.
- 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 Texel Sheep 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 entered at Shows and Sales under the auspices of the Texel Sheep Society 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 will be present at the sale, 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 Bye-laws, 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 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 the Society flock book number allocated to that animal. One of the tags shall be an EID tag and the other a visual tag. Any animal with incorrect or indistinct identification or only carrying one tag will be rejected unless the Society has been notified in advance of the inspection and a dispensation certificate accompanies the animal to the point of inspection. Animals born prior to January 1st 2011 can be identified with a tag plus a tattoo for Society purposes. Hand written tags will not be acceptable for animals born after December 31st 2010. The decision of the inspector shall be final and failure to accept the inspector's decision will result in the entire consignment being rejected.
- 11.8** The categories of sheep offered for sale 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 Texel Sheep Society reserves the right to blood sample, and /or archive DNA from any sheep and/or take wool samples for forensic testing.
- 11.11** Once inspected, an animal must remain in the sale yard until offered for sale.
- 11.12** All sheep will be sold in guineas. All sheep sold at National Sales will be subject to the Society's levy amounting to 1.5% of the gross sale price, in addition to the Auctioneers standard commission of 5p in the guinea. All sheep sold at sales organised by the Society's recognised Clubs will be subject to the 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.
- 11.13** All vendors must sign the declaration, agreeing to abide by the Society's conditions of entry and conditions of sale, on the entry form.
- 11.14** All sheep will be sold under the Society's Bye-laws (Bye-law 11 Conditions of Sale)
- 12. Bye-law 12 – Special Additional Conditions of Entry to National Shows and Sales**
- 12.1** Scrapie Genotyping is no longer mandatory. 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 to the Society using the form provided with the detailed entry form, via post or e-mail prior to the deadlines as stated in the schedule for each sale. Substitution fees may apply; refer to "pre sale entry schedule". 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.
- 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 as detailed in the "Pre Entry Sales Schedule".
- 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 in the 'Pre Entry Sales Schedule'.

12.9 Vendors sale entries are based by the Society applying the initial entry ratio to the average number of birth notifications 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.*

12.10 Ballots for all National sales will be drawn by the Societies Chief Executive in sale order based on pre sale entries with notification placed on the society website by the date detailed on the 'Pre Sale Entry Schedule'. 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 he/she 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.

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

12.12 All Entry Forms must be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee detailed on the entry form if not on 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.