

BRITISH ROUGE SHEEP SOCIETY

THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE BRITISH ROUGE SHEEP SOCIETY

1. The object of the Society is to maintain the purity of the British Rouge Sheep and to promote their improvement. The Society shall collect, verify and preserve the pedigrees of the said sheep and other information relating to them.
2. a) Each applicant for membership shall complete and render to the Secretary a form of application provided by the Society.
b) The annual subscription for breeding members shall be £30 plus VAT and Associate members £20 plus VAT or such annual sum as the Council shall determine from time to time.
3. Members of the Society shall conform with the Constitution of the Society and with the rules of the Society and shall avoid conduct which appears to be derogatory of the character of or prejudicial to the interest of the Society; and a member may be held responsible for the conduct of his bailiff, shepherd or other employee or agent.
4. The Council at their absolute discretion and without stating any reason have the right to refuse the renewal of membership.
5. Council members shall be elected to represent specific districts to be determined by Council from time to time.
 - a) Members will be proposed for election by postal vote or co-opted at the next AGM for a period of office not exceeding eight years but may be re-elected by a postal vote.
 - b) Members of Council must be fully paid up members of the British Rouge Sheep Society and must be engaged in breeding and registering Rouge Sheep.
 - c) Chairman and Vice Chairman shall serve a minimum period of two years and be re-elected annually at the AGM.
 - d) The majority of members within one region can at any time call for a general meeting to re-elect in writing a Council member.
6. a) The Council may elect any ex-president as an honorary life president and may elect any person as an honorary member for such period and subject to such conditions as they think fit.
b) The Council may co-opt any member on to Council to assist in the running of the Society as they think fit.
7. a) Only pure-bred Rouge Sheep which have a minimum of three generations pedigree will be allowed to be registered with the Society and no grading up will be allowed.
b) The Society will only register imported sheep which have a minimum of three generations pedigree.
8. Unless disqualified by any other rule, a lamb whose sire and dam are registered is eligible for entry in the flock book. Animals in order to be eligible for registration must conform with these rules on all material points.
9. Embryo Transfer and Artificial Insemination will be allowed subject to the relevant rules in force at the time. Details of which are available from the Society on request.
10. The Society reserves the right to blood type at random for any reason.
11. Members shall keep a private flock book and no entry shall be received for the Society's flock book unless the breeder of the animal to be entered keeps a private flock book. Such private flock books shall be regularly written up in ink and open at all times to inspection duly authorised by the Society.
12. If any member shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Council to have made a wilful false entry in the flock book, such a member shall be reprimanded.
13. All lambs must be earmarked in accordance with the regulations laid down by the Council from time to time by tattooing or double ear tagging before the date by which they are to be Birth Notified or they may be ineligible. The ear number of all animals must be stated on the birth notification form. Members must provide EID numbers which will be printed on the pedigree certificate.
14. Applications for birth notification and registration must be notified to the Society on the appropriate forms which are obtainable from the Society. Conditions and method of registration must be observed and may be changed by Council from time to time.
15. Pedigree certificates must be issued by the Secretary for all and the fee shall be fixed by Council from time to time.
16. Every member must adopt a Prefix and Flock Initials before he can register an animal and pay such a fee as shall be determined by Council from time to time which will entitle him to exclusive right to such a prefix and flock initials as long as he is breeding pedigree British Rouge Sheep. The adopted prefix and flock initials shall be applicable to all animals registered by the Society for that member and no other member may make use of the same in any form in naming his sheep.

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Additionally, where a sale is conducted as a dispersal sale the use of that particular flock prefix and flock initials will cease from the date of dispersal. Even if a new flock is founded, by the same owner and on the same premises, then an alternative prefix will require to be registered.

17. All sheep (including lambs) sold as pedigree stock through Society Sales shall be accompanied by a pedigree certificate, which will be issued by the Society.
18. Pedigree imported sheep are automatically registered with the Society when the importer pays the inscription fee of double normal transfer fee or such a fee as shall be determined by Council from time to time.

SALE RULES

1. Official pedigree Society Sales are open to all paid up Society members that have registered Maedi Visna (MV) Accredited flocks or are from a free region.
2. All pedigree sheep must be fully registered and will be sold in guineas.
3. The Auctioneers will pass from the sale any animal not receiving bids to the value set by Council for individual sales for pedigree registered sheep.
4. Commission will be deducted at the rate of 5p in the guinea on all pedigree sheep sold, together with a 2% Society levy.
5. Any animals in the Sale premises which are sold by private treaty after the Auction are subject to the full commission and levy on the price realised and all such transactions must be passed through the Auctioneers.
6. Transfer of ownership will be dealt with by the Society.
7. All sheep at sales will be identified with number tags hung around their necks.
8. No sheep to be presented while suffering from any contagious disease or it may result in the whole consignment being sent home.
9. The vendor shall be responsible for the correctness of identity, and all sheep must have official ear tattoos or double tagging.
10. The purchaser must satisfy himself as to the soundness and correctness of his purchase, to lodge any faults and misrepresentations to the Auctioneers within one hour of the conclusion of the sale.
11. All sheep of all ages will be inspected and may be rejected from the sale for any of the reasons listed in the inspection points, or for infringing rules on presentation. Shearlings found to have four adult teeth shall be marked with a yellow dot on shoulder, and this shall be announced by Auctioneer at time of sale. The decision of the inspector shall be final. Any rejected sheep must be removed from the sale premises.
12. Any two shear or older female offered for sale must have had lambs birth notified with the Society during the previous two years, and must be correct in the udder unless notified.
13. If any female has undergone abdominal surgery (laproscopic AI or Caesarean section) the fact must be declared in the catalogue and she must be physically capable of breeding again.
14. Aged rams must have progeny registered with the society. All rams to be warranted stock getters and prove to be capable of natural service. If a ram is proved to be infertile or incapable of natural service, the purchaser has 14 weeks to submit to the Auctioneers a claim substantiated by a veterinary surgeon's certificate. The V.S. certificate shall certify that the ram's incapacity or ineffectiveness is not the result of injury, accident or illness happening after the time of the sale. It shall also certify that the purchasers female breeding stock have been found, on examination, to be in normal breeding condition and that they are not responsible for the ram's incapacity or ineffectiveness. The purchaser shall have the option of, either, a refund of the purchase price or, accept a replacement of similar quality. If the vendor so wishes he shall be entitled to have access to the ram for a veterinary examination. If no settlement is achieved, then the Auctioneers shall appoint an independent arbiter and his decision shall be final. The transport costs, veterinary fees etc., involved in returning the stock to the vendor must be borne by the purchaser
15. All male sheep to have two correct testicles. No rigs or chasers to be shown or sold.
16. If semen has been taken from any ram offered for sale, the fact MUST be declared at the time of sale.
17. All sheep to be sold in appropriate class and in the owner's flock group.
18. All sheep must be forward for penning at the times laid out in the sale catalogue.
19. 1 Substitute entry per 5 entries will be accepted. All information must be lodged with the auctioneers one week prior to the sale day. Substitute entries must be marked with a red dot on the shoulder.
20. All lambs offered for sale shall be in excess of the guideline weights
Ram lambs: 50 kgs and over
Ewe lambs: 40 kgs and over
21. Rejected sheep are not allowed to be sold through the ring and should be removed from the market

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INSPECTION POINTS

Your sheep will be rejected from Society Sales or Shows for any of the following points
THESE ARE ONLY GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. For having an undershot or overshot jaw
2. For having poor conformation, or for being underweight for age.
3. For having badly formed legs or feet (too twisted or too straight) or for poor locomotion.
4. For having black wool (including marks and spots in the fleece)
5. For not being true to type.
6. For having ill health, or for giving reasons to believe that the animal is not capable of breeding.
7. For NOT complying with the Society's rules for the showing and selling of sheep.
8. Members are respectfully reminded that teeth grinding is a severe contravention of desirable welfare practices. Disciplinary action will be taken against any member found to have carried out this practice.

PRESENTATION OF SHEEP AT SHOWS AND SALES

1. Sheep presented at Shows and Sales at one year of age or older must be shorn bare after the 1st January and before being presented at their first show of the current season.
2. Rouge lambs are not to be faked in any way by carding comb, shears, etc., except to tidy up head, throat and chest, square tails and take long ends off under the belly and around the legs. **NO OTHER PART OF THE LAMB MAY BE TOUCHED.** (see diagram)
3. Hair on faces and legs may be removed and the faces and legs may be washed and or lightly dressed with colourless oil, but may not be artificially coloured in any way. The use of hair removing substances is strictly forbidden.
4. All male sheep to have two correct testicles, no rigs or chasers to be shown or sold.
5. No lambs to be born before 1st January. If born before this day, they become a Shearling on reaching 1st January and must be tattooed/ear tagged with the appropriate letter. The Society reserves the right to make spot checks on lambing dates.

Shaded area wool can be trimmed
White area wool cannot be touched

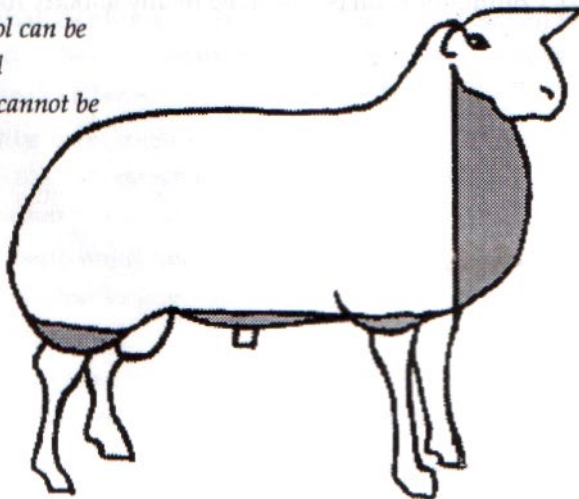


DIAGRAM ILLUSTRATING WHERE ROUGE LAMB CAN BE TRIMMED

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RULES GOVERNING THE SHOWING OF BRITISH ROUGE SHEEP

All persons exhibiting Rouge Sheep at shows where sheep are shown under the auspices of the British Rouge Sheep Society must be fully paid up members of the Society and sheep must be registered with the Society.

No exhibitor shall present a sheep before a judge at any Show where the judge has or has had a financial or breeding interest in that animal at any time.

The Society may appoint an inspector to inspect lambs for dressing at the National shows and reserves the right to appoint an inspector at any show where sheep are shown under the British Rouge Society rules.

The Royal Highland Show

The Great Yorkshire

The Royal Welsh Show

The Royal Ulster Show – to be run under the rules and conditions of the Northern Ireland Rouge Club.

ANY LAMB INFRINGING DRESSING REGULATIONS WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO COMPETE WITHIN THE SHOW CLASSES OF THAT SHOW OR AT ANY SALE UNDER ROUGE SHEEP SOCIETY RULES.
THE DECISION OF THE SOCIETY INSPECTOR SHALL BE FINAL.

The Society, its representatives or the disciplinary committee shall be absolved of any liability for any action taken as a consequence of their decision.

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS. The Society cannot accept responsibility for any error or omissions.

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