

Lleyn Sheep Society

Conditions of Sale at Society Sales

**BALLYMENA (export sale only), CARLISLE, EXETER,
ROSS-ON-WYE, RUTHIN AND WELSHPOOL**

ELEGIBILITY

1. Only registered Lleyn sheep aged 5 years and below, and belonging to members of the Lleyn Sheep Society, will be accepted in the Society's official Sales.

ENTRIES

2. Entries to the Sales must be made on the official Entry Forms. All relevant details must be completed in full. Only sheep thus entered will be allowed in the Sale. (However, see para 4). **NOTE: If the details are not fully completed the Entry Form will be treated as void.**

3. **Rams**

Ram and ram lamb entries are only accepted according to the following sliding scale:

(i) To sell 1 ram/ram lamb you must present a minimum of	0 ewes/ewe lambs at the Sale
2 rams/ram lambs you must present a minimum of	10 ewes/ewe lambs
3 rams/ram lambs you must present a minimum of	20 ewes/ewe lambs
4 rams/ram lambs you must present a minimum of	40 ewes/ewe lambs
5 rams/ram lambs you must present a minimum of	50 ewes/ewe lambs
6 rams/ram lambs you must present a minimum of	60 ewes/ewe lambs

(ii) SIX rams/ram lambs is the maximum that will be accepted at any one sale per flock.

(iii) There is no limit to the number of females which can be entered.

(iv) In the case that a Vendor is unable to bring females to a sale, then that Vendor will only be allowed to sell one ram at that sale (not the whole consignment). A Vendor presenting a reduced number of females at any one sale must comply with the existing sliding scale for the number of rams allowed.

Entry fee allowing ram/female ratio exemption – only operative at time of entry/before closing date

The current ram-female ratio remains. Up to 3 rams for a sale treat the same. Should the breeder wish to bring 4 - 6 rams without enough females they must pay a £50+vat(€70+vat)/head entry fee for the extra rams, payable to the Society at time of entering (non-refundable). For example, a breeder wishes to bring 6 rams and 20 females – they would pay £150+vat entry fee (3 x £50+vat). Another breeder brings 60 females and 6 rams = no charge) or 4 rams and 30 females = £60 (1x£60)

3. The Society will permit one substitute ram or ram lamb **per vendor per sale on condition that the substituted ram is of the same age as that entered. Notification of the substitute to be given to the Society's Secretary three clear days prior to the date of the Sale.**
The substituted ram to have a green dot on its shoulder and this to be the responsibility of the seller.

4. Members are not allowed to enter the same sheep in two or more of the Society's Sales in the same year.

IDENTIFICATION

6. **Tagging**

- (i) Ewes born in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and ewe lambs born in 2025 – must be tagged with information defined by Defra in both ears.

The Society tag will act as the third tag but should members wish not to have three tags then they must include Society information (flock number, year number and individual number to match the EID

- tag) on the visual tag in addition to Defra requirements.
- (ii) Rams born in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 – rams passed the inspection will have a unique Society tag in the right ear carrying Society Management information.
 - (iii) Ram lambs born in 2025 – please ensure that you have properly tagged the ram lambs with EID tag and visual tag. Ram lambs will not carry the unique Society tag.

ALL SHEEP ENTERED MUST BE PROPERLY TAGGED AND THOSE NOT CONFORMING WITH THE ABOVE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE SALE.

It is the individual Member's responsibility to comply with the current Government tagging regulations and Members are strongly advised to check the requirements with Defra (or equivalent).

PRESENTATION

- 7. All sheep must be accompanied by the appropriate Ministry movement licence and, in the case of Maedi-Visna Accredited stock, a Maedi-Visna movement form. In the absence of either form, sheep will **not** be permitted to unload.
- 8. All sheep are to be penned as advised on the official sales catalogue. Late arrivals will be refused admission to the sale ring.
- 9. The sheep will be penned in two sections: Maedi-Visna Accredited and Non Maedi-Visna Accredited.
- 10. Sheep presented at the sales must be untrimmed. Moreover, the Society discourages artificial colouring of wool. In the event of any sheep creating inspection difficulties, the vendor will, at the discretion of the Inspectors, be asked to wash them.
- 11. A Member selling in more than one lot must mark each lot differently.
- 12. Rams presented for sale must **NOT** be shorn before 1st May and **NOT** after 15th July.
- 13. All ewes must be sound in mouth and udder and any complaints for any defects should be reported to the Auctioneers within two hours of the end of the sale. A two-year ewe or over must have reared a lamb, and no ewe shall have run with the ram prior to the sale (the Vendor will be responsible if in default). Clause 53 and 66 of the "2009 LAA Conditions of Sale" will be enforced.
- 14. Undocked sheep will not be accepted.
- 15. All sheep showing forward in teeth must be declared at the time of sale, otherwise they are returnable.
- 16. A fine of £20 + VAT per pen could be imposed if a vendor fails to present his or her sheep. This fine will also apply to the failure to present a ram or ram lamb previously entered.
- 17. All prize winners at Shows preceding the Sale must be presented for sale through the ring.
- 18. A Vendor who has allowed a ram lamb or wether lamb to pass through the Sale and be sold as a ewe lamb will not be paid for that lamb and the Buyer will be refunded the amount paid by him for the 'ewe lamb', the Vendor losing all claims to that lamb, provided that the Auctioneers are informed within 7 days.

DISPLAYS

- 19. Vendors are allowed to display only the following items on their sheep pens:
 - Flock Boards
 - Only rosettes which have been won at the Show before the Sale are allowed.
 - Lleyn Gold
 - Official cards issued by Signet
 - DNA results

SHEEP INSPECTION

20. A panel chosen by the Society's Council will inspect all sheep from outside the pen. However, should a problem arise then the Panel will have authority to go into the pen to inspect. Any entry which does not meet the Society's standards will be withdrawn. **NOTE: THE PANEL'S DECISION IS FINAL** and any query arising from the Inspectors' decisions should be directed to the Secretary or other Society Representative on the day of the Sale.

ORDER OF SALE

21. The order of the Sale will be: five year old ewes, four year old, three year old, two year old, shearlings and, finally, ewe lambs. The sale of rams will follow except where the circumstances of a particular Sale dictate otherwise, in which case a relevant notice will be printed in the Sale Catalogue.
22. The order of the Sale within these categories will be by a ballot in the presence of a Society representative. The Sale catalogue will be printed strictly in accordance with the outcome of the ballot.
23. Re-runs of sheep through the sale ring – the first three pens of shearling ewes and ewe lambs if they were unsold they can be offered for sale again at the end of the relevant section. This rule does not apply to aged ewes or rams which cannot be offered again.

MINIMUM SALE PRICE

24. No rams or ram lambs shall be sold for a price less than 300 guineas. Ewes/ewe lambs are not subject to restriction and will be sold in pounds.

RAM FERTILITY

25. Any ram/ram lamb sold is warranted to be capable of, and effective at, natural service. If such a ram is proved to be incapable or ineffective at natural service and written notice to that effect, supported by a Veterinary Surgeon's certificate, is given by the Purchaser to the Auctioneer within 10 weeks after the Sale date, then the Purchaser may return the ram to the Vendor who shall, at the Purchaser's option, either replace the ram with another ram of equal value, capable of and effective at natural service, or refund the purchase price of the animal together with such costs and charges as the Purchaser may be entitled to.
26. For the purpose of this claim, the Veterinary Surgeon's certificate shall state:
- (i) that the ram's incapacity or ineffectiveness is not the result of injury, accident or illness which had occurred after the time of the Sale;
 - (ii) that, upon examination, the Purchaser's female breeding stock had been found to be in normal breeding condition;
 - (iii) that the Purchaser is not responsible for the ram's incapacity or ineffectiveness.
27. Lambs which are born to a ram which has been proved infertile by a Veterinary Surgeon cannot be allowed registration except by the permission of the previous owner.

RAM GUARANTEES

28. If a ram has been used, or semen retained, the owner must declare it in the catalogue or at the time of sale. It is up to the buyer to ascertain this before purchasing.

ANIMAL HEALTH

29. Members are **seriously recommended** to treat sheep against scab within 28 days before the sale.

30. Vendors with sheep showing signs of any contagious disease at any Sale will be asked to remove the sheep from the market premises immediately and those sheep will not be offered for sale. Where necessary, the whole consignment may have to be removed. If a Vet is called, and supports the Society's decision, the fees incurred will be the responsibility of the Vendor.

DISPUTES

31. In case of dispute between the Vendor and the Society in which a Veterinary Surgeon is called, if the Veterinary Surgeon finds in favour of the Vendor, the Society will be liable to pay the veterinary fees. However, if the Veterinary Surgeon finds in favour of the Society, the Vendor will be liable to pay the veterinary fees.
32. A Society Committee will be present to be consulted in the case of disputes.
33. Any complaint should be made to the Auctioneers within 2 hours of the end of the Sale and before the removal of animals from the Sale premises.
34. Any dispute concerning the ear tag numbers of sheep sold at the Sales will be the responsibility of the Vendor and any cost incurred as a result will fall entirely upon the Vendor.
35. If sheep have not been tagged correctly, according to the Society's rules (see para 6), the Purchaser may, within 2 hours of the end of the Sale and before removal of the animals from the Sale premises, return the animals to the Vendor and be refunded the purchase price. However, should any disputes arise which involve Maedi-Visna accredited sheep that have been moved by the Purchaser to the non Maedi-Visna accredited section, any claim will be void.

GUIDANCE TO BUYERS

36. Ram and ram lambs will be sold in guineas; ewes and ewe lambs will be sold in pounds.
37. Prospective buyers should please note that, whilst all female sheep have been inspected to the best of the Inspection Panel's ability, it is in your interest to select carefully the sheep that are compatible with your pedigree breeding or commercial requirements.
38. For the benefit of buyers, the definitive year numbers are as follows:

2020 – 20, 2021 – 21; 2022 - 22, 2023 - 23, 2024 - 24, 2025 - 25.

ANY MEMBER WHO DOES NOT HONOUR THE CONDITIONS OF SALE WILL BE STRUCK OFF THE SOCIETY'S REGISTER.