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These Bye-laws are to be read in conjunction with and are complimentary to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Jacob Sheep Society Ltd ('the Society') and supersede all previous Bye-laws.

1. LIFE MEMBERS

Membership is subject to Article 43 and the following conditions:

- a) All applicants must have been a member of the Society for a period of no less than 10 years or have attained the age of 60 years.
- b) The fee for life membership shall be 12 times the amount of the annual subscription at the date of application and life membership shall not be transferable.
- c) In certain circumstances Council may waive a proportion of the qualifying period in return for an appropriate increase in the Life Membership fee.

2. JUDGES PANELS

Official and Provisional Judges panels. These shall be drawn up by the Council of the Society ("the Council") and shall consist of Society members having considerable knowledge of the Jacob breed. All members of the Judges panels must comply with the specific qualifications set out in clauses 2(a) (1) and (2) below and in addition, Society members who are appointed to the Provisional Judges panel on or after 6th. November 2008 must retire from the Judges panels on reaching 75 years of age.

(a) For the Provisional Judges Panel a member must:

- (i) be a fully paid up member of the Society; and
- (ii) be the owner of a flock of Jacob sheep at the time of appointment, and have been involved in their care and management, and have had at least three years experience of showing Jacob sheep

- (iii) complete an application form, available from the J.S.S. office. Two members of the Official Judges Panel, who have knowledge of the applicant's flock over the last two years, must countersign this form. The applicant must lodge the completed form with the Secretary by 30th September in any year.
- (iv) must agree to attend at least one Judges Forum each year. They should also exhibit their own sheep whenever possible and take note of the actions of the judge and any comments made.

Provisional Judges shall NOT officiate at any Royal Shows, major County Shows, or Shows and Sales but will be available for selection to judge at all other shows.

(b) Up-grading from the Provisional Judges Panel to the Official Judges Panel.

All Provisional Judges will be considered for election to the Official Judges Panel provided:

- (i) They have served on the Provisional Panel for at least 3 years.
- (ii) They have fulfilled their obligations as a Provisional Judge to the satisfaction of the Field Officer. For this purpose they must provide the Field Officer with details of their judging experience and names of judges from the Official Panel who have seen them judge.
- (iii) That Council has raised no objections about their competence as a judge or their behaviour in or out of the show ring.

If for any reason a Provisional Judge is not up-graded within 5 years their name will be removed from the Provisional Panel. That member will be eligible to re-apply to become a member of the Provisional Panel after a further 3 years.

(c) For the Official Judges Panel a member must:

- (i) Be a fully paid up member of the Society; and
- (ii) Be the owner of a flock of Jacob sheep at the time of appointment;
- (iii) Agree to attend one Judges Forum each year.

On appointment to the Official Judges Panel, judges will be available for selection to judge all shows and Shows and Sales.

(d) Disqualification.

The Council may remove a member of either panel in the following circumstances:

- (i) If he ceases to be a member of the Society;
- (ii) If he continually refuses to officiate when invited to do so;
- (iii) If he continually fails to attend judges forums or
- (iv) For any other reason at the discretion of the Council.
- (v) In the event that the behaviour of any judge leads to a complaint being made to the Secretary or other Officer Holder of the Society that complaint shall in the first instance be referred to a sub-committee convened for this purpose comprising the Chairman, the Field Officer and the Regional Council Member representing the region in which that judge resides who shall consider the evidence of the behaviour complained of, discuss the matter with the judge concerned and, if they consider it to be sufficiently serious, shall refer their findings to the Council whose decision on the judge's disqualification or otherwise shall be final.

3. INSPECTIONS

- (a) Sheep for registration.** An Official Panel Judge **must** inspect Appendix "B" Ewes for registration in the Society's Flock Book (as to which see bye-law 5(e) and (f) below).
- (b) Sheep at "Shows" and "Shows and Sales.** Only an Official Panel Judge may carry out inspections at Shows and or Shows and Sales.
- (c) Sheep for Export.** If requested by the buyer, an Official Panel Judge will inspect any sheep to be sold for export. The buyer shall reimburse that Judge's travelling expenses plus £20 payable to the Society for making the arrangements.

4. BREED STANDARD

General Appearance: The Jacob is an alert, active sheep being upstanding and deep bodied; white with well defined black patches; head and neck generally black with a white blaze on the face extending down the chest. Both sexes are to be horned.

(a) **Head:** The head should be clear of wool forward of horns. All sheep should have a clear white blaze. A symmetrical blaze with even black cheeks is preferred. In adult sheep a pink nose in conjunction with a broad white face is undesirable. A dark nose is preferred. Dark bold eyes are preferred with no tendency to split eye deformity. Ewes should have a fine feminine appearance, whilst rams should be thicker set and masculine. Both shall be correct in the mouth.

(b) **Horns:** Sheep should have either four or two horns. Where there are four horns the top pair should grow upward from the top of the head and have no forward growing tendency. There should preferably be space between the top and lower horns. Where there are two horns there should preferably be space between the roots of the horns at the crown of the head, and there should be a space between the horn and the sheep's cheek. Black horns are preferred. Horns should grow in such a way as to ensure that a sheep is free from injury and is not in discomfort when feeding.

(c) **Neck:** Strong, of medium length, and well set on the shoulders.

(d) **Body:** Back - straight, level from base of neck to setting on of tail - which should be broad. Well sprung ribs, with a deep body, forming a good bottom line. Tail should be well set up on the chine with well developed thigh.

(e) **Legs:** These should be medium boned and of medium length, clear of wool below the knee and hock. They should preferably be white with little or no black. All sheep shall be correct on their pasterns.

(f) **Fleece:** Of a medium quality, white with well defined black patches. Preferably, the skin beneath the white areas should be pink, and beneath the dark wool should be black. There should be little or no kemp. Mottled wool and skin are undesirable. The average staple length should be 3" to 7" (75 mm to 180 mm). There should be a good degree of springiness.

5. FLOCK BOOK - RULES FOR REGISTRATION

(These rules apply to sheep registered from 1st January 2010)

(a) Flock book. A Flock Book shall be produced and published each year by the Secretary containing details of the previous year's lambs of all members. Members wishing to register sheep must follow the rules set out below and notify the Secretary during the year of the details of their lambs to be registered, using the forms provided for that purpose.

(b) Registration. A member submitting details of lambs for registration must be a fully paid-up Member of the Society and have registered a Flock Prefix. It is the responsibility of the member who owns the Dam at the time of the birth of the lambs to register those lambs.

No member may register a lamb bred by another member.

(c) Identification Numbers. Each Jacob sheep for registration must be identified with the following numbers:

- (i) The Society Membership number of the breeder.
- (ii) The European Identification Number of the individual sheep. (For clarification, this is the unique animal number that comprises a Europe Country identifier and species code followed by the sheep's EU flock mark and individual number)
- (iii) The European Identification Number is also the number that will be used by the Society to identify the individual sheep in the Flock Book.

DUPLICATED INDIVIDUAL SHEEP NUMBERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

(d) Tagging. Visual tagging may be by Ear tag or Pastern tag. EID tagging may be by Ear tag, Pastern tag or Bolus.

All members' Jacob sheep **must** be tagged according to the rules laid down by the European Commission for the country where the member keeps his flock.

All **registered** Jacob sheep **must** be separately identifiable with the Breeder's membership number, either on a separate tag or on a flag attached to a tag.

In EU member states where Electronic Identification is required, the Primary tag must be coloured in accordance with the tagging rules of the country where the sheep is domiciled at birth (Yellow in the UK). In the UK, the matching Second tag may be of any colour other than yellow, red or black which are the reserved colours. White with black lettering is recommended.

UNREGISTERED SHEEP leaving their holding of birth **MUST NOT CARRY** a tag marked with the breeder's Society membership number except for those going direct to slaughter or through a dedicated slaughter market. Unregistered sheep going for further finishing or through store markets **MUST NOT CARRY** a tag marked with the breeder's Society membership number.

(e) Appendix "A" and "B" of the Flock Book

- (i) Unregistered ewes owned by a member qualify for entry into Appendix "B" of the Flock Book. Members may apply **ONLY ONCE** during their membership for inspection of unregistered ewes for entry into Appendix "B". This application must be comprehensive and include the pedigree details of both the ewes and the ram(s) to be mated with them. Applications must be in writing and include several photographs of each ewe. A ewe that has been accepted for entry into Appendix "B" will be treated as a "foundation ewe" and no further inspections will be required.
- (ii) Ewe lambs are not eligible for registration into Appendix B
- (iii) The female progeny of a foundation ewe may be registered by the breeder. In that case those ewe lambs will be automatically upgraded into Appendix "A" and the pedigree certificates over-printed with the word "APPENDIX".
- (iv) All Appendix "B" ewes **must** be individually identified with a special tag issued by the Field Officer
- (v) A contribution of £10 maximum (or such other sum as Council may from time to time decide) will be charged for each ewe inspected. No further fee will be payable to register ewes that are approved for Foundation Ewe status.

NO RAM LAMBS BORN TO APPENDIX "A" OR "B" EWES WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION.

(f) Registration forms. The following forms shall be used for all registrations

Form FB. This form must be used for registering purebred lambs from registered parents for entry into the Flock Book. NO INSPECTION IS REQUIRED.

Form App. A. This form must be used for registering purebred ewe lambs born to foundation ewes sired by a registered ram, for entry into Appendix “A” of the Flock Book. NO INSPECTION IS REQUIRED

Form App.B. This form must be used for registering purebred female sheep entering Appendix “B” of the Flock Book. AN OFFICIAL PANEL JUDGE MUST INSPECT AND ACCEPT SUCH SHEEP AS SUITABLE FOR FOUNDATION EWE STATUS.

(g) Registration fees. The registration fee for female sheep is £4 and for male sheep is £13 (or such other sums as Council may from time to time decide). After 30th November in any year, late registrations will only be accepted on payment of double fees.

(h) Pedigree Certificates – will be issued for all sheep registered. Duplicates may be obtained from the Secretary on payment of £2 per certificate.

6. NEW MEMBERS

(a) All new members will be contacted by the Regional Council Member (or his appointee) for the Region in which they reside and if practicable, an introductory meeting arranged. The purpose of this contact is to welcome the new member to the Society and the local region and to deal with any queries that the new member may have regarding Jacob Sheep or the Society.

(b) A new member wishing to register lambs must: -

- (i) Apply for a flock prefix.
- (ii) Complete the form provided for this purpose with the ear tag numbers of all sheep owned.
- (iii) Unregistered Ewes owned by a new member qualify for entry into Appendix ”B” of the Flock Book (as to which see by-law 5(e) above)

7. MEMBERS' RECORDS.

All breeders of registered sheep must maintain a suitable register of their own flock. Movement of all sheep to and from a member's premises must also be recorded in accordance with the current requirements of the European Council. The breeder/seller of any registered sheep shall be responsible for completing the Pedigree Certificate of any animal sold and transferring that certificate (or a duplicate of it) to the new owner.

8. RULES FOR SHOWS

The rules for members wishing to show Jacob sheep are as issued by the Council. These rules must be read in conjunction with the Rules for Entry as laid down by the particular Show Society. All sheep entered will be judged in accordance with the Jacob Sheep Society Breed Standards.

Members should note carefully the following:-

- (a) ALL JUDGES should be from the Jacob Sheep Society panels.
- (b) Jacob Sheep Society Championship Rosettes will ONLY be issued to Shows where a judge has been chosen from the Society's list of Official or Provisional Judges;
- (c) ALL EXHIBITORS must be fully paid up members of the Jacob Sheep Society unless the Show Society's Regulations otherwise provide;
- (d) ALL SHEEP shown, born prior to 1st January of the year of showing, MUST be correctly REGISTERED with the Secretary;
- (e) LAMBS born before 1st January cannot be shown as lambs;
- (f) LAMBS shown must be from registered parents and eligible for entry to the Flock Book, and have an identification ear tag;
- (g) All Show Schedules which state in "FULL WOOL" mean in Full Fleece untrimmed except for light dagging around the tail;

- (h) All sheep to be shown must be shorn bare on or after 1st January and show no previous years growth;
- (i) LAMBS - All lambs are to be shown to the best advantage;
- (j) COLOURING - No colouring matter, dressing, bleaching or chemical agent (except the use of DEFRA approved non-bloomdips) may be used on sheep with the exception of COLOURLESS oil on the horns;
- (k) The use of growth promoters, steroids and tranquillisers is FORBIDDEN;
- (l) ALL EXHIBITORS AND ASSISTANTS MUST wear white coats when showing their sheep;
- (m) SMOKING IS FORBIDDEN IN THE JUDGING RING;
- (n) Judges and inspectors are instructed to disqualify any member contravening these Rules;
- (o) At the Royal Highland, and the Royal Welsh Shows, all sheep may be inspected by a Society judge before commencement of judging. Any member whose sheep are found not to comply with the Society's rules shall be disqualified from exhibiting and reported to the Council. He will also be warned in writing that he may be disqualified from showing sheep for a specified period to be determined by Council.

9. SHOWS AND SALES

Two Society Official Shows and Sales will be held annually at which the Society will award rosettes to the Champion, Reserve Champion and up to sixth place in all classes. These Official Shows and Sales will be organised by the Society Secretary, the Society Field Officer and the RCM in whose region the sale is organised. No other sales of Jacob sheep may bear the prefix "Official".

The Society Field Officer shall appoint three Inspectors to officiate at the two Official Shows and Sales. The organisers of the each Show and Sale shall appoint a Judge and a reserve judge.

Society Approved Shows and Sales may be held in any region that satisfies Council that it will apply all rules laid down by Council for that Show and Sale and has received Council's permission to hold such Show and Sale. Approved

Show and Sales must be held on dates after the two Official Shows and Sales. The Society is not responsible for any of the costs incurred relating to Approved Shows and Sales, but Council may agree to authorise a contribution towards the cost of rosettes.

All sales will be conducted in accordance with the following Rules for Shows and Sales:

- (a) All vendors must be FULLY PAID UP members of the Society.
- (b) All tags must comply with European Council and Jacob Sheep Society regulations in force at the time of the sale. Sheep not correctly tagged (i.e. without the breeder's Society Membership Number and the sheep's individual European Identification Number), may not be sold in ANY section of the sale.
- (c) A sheep may be substituted for an original entry provided that any substitution is by a sheep in the same class and that both the Auctioneer and the Society Secretary are advised not later than 7 days prior to the Show and Sale. Any substitute sheep must be identified with RED TAPE around its RIGHT-HAND horn.
- (d) All sheep entered for any Show and Sale must be onsite and penned by 8.30 a.m. on the day of the Show and Sale. Late arrivals will be excluded from the Show and Sale.
- (e) No sheep may be sold as registered at any Show and Sale unless the registration form for such sheep is lodged at the office of the Society Secretary at least TWENTY-ONE days before the relevant Show and Sale.
- (f) Foundation ewes registered in Appendix "B" and ewes or lambs registered in Appendix "A" are NOT eligible to enter the show classes of any Show & Sale. However such animals are eligible to be sold in the special Appendix sheep section of any sale provided the special conditions that apply to these sheep are listed in the sale catalogue and read out in the sale ring by the auctioneer.
- (g) All registered sheep entered and forward at any Show and Sale must be inspected to ensure their tag numbers tally with the catalogue and that they comply with the Society's breed standard. Any sheep failed by the Inspectors will be excluded from both the show and the sale. Should

there be any slight faults with older sheep that the Inspectors wish to pass, the vendor will be informed and told that the Auctioneer will announce the fault before the sheep is sold. Should the vendor refuse permission for this announcement, the sheep will fail its inspection. The Inspectors' decision will be final.

- (h) The vendor must lodge a Society Pedigree Certificate, marked with the lot number, with the Auctioneer for any registered sheep offered for sale.
- (i) Ewes that have run or are running with a ram will be accepted at Society Approved Shows and Sales that take place AFTER 15th AUGUST in any year. However this will only be allowed on the condition that the ram used is registered in the Society Flock Book and its details are fully stated in the Sale catalogue.
- (j) Only rosettes that have been won on the day of the Show and Sale may be displayed at the sheep pens. NO OTHER ROSETTES MAY BE DISPLAYED although details of previous successes may be displayed.
- (k) No sheep shall be sold at a Show and Sale that has not been entered in the sale catalogue or in the Auctioneer's late entry list. No other sheep may be brought to any Show and Sale unless the Society Secretary and the Auctioneer has been notified and permission given.
- (l) ALL SHEEP SOLD, MUST BE SOLD IN THE SALE RING OR THROUGH THE AUCTIONEER'S OFFICE.

