

# Royal Bath & West Show 2024

## LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS

### GENERAL

**SHOWGROUND HOLDING NUMBER: 36/225/8000**

#### RECEPTION OF ANIMALS

The Showground will be open for the reception of animals as follows:

<b>TUESDAY</b>	12:00noon to 7:00pm	All stock
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:00am to 8:00pm	All stock and animals for exhibition on Trade Stands

**The Stock Gate will be closed between 9:00am and 6:00pm each day of the Show.**

**Animals not in the Showground by these times will be liable to be refused entry.**

#### RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXHIBITORS AND THEIR STOCK ATTENDANTS

1. Exhibitors or their Stock attendants must be competent and take total responsibility of their stock at all times whilst on the Showground. All persons in charge of exhibits will be required to parade or exhibit the animals in their charge at times as directed by the Stewards of the Show. Stock attendants must be in attendance at least a quarter of an hour before the time appointed for exhibiting the animals under their charge in the Show Rings. No Stock attendants shall be allowed to lead more than one animal at a time in the Judging Rings or Main Ring.

Exhibitors will be held responsible for the behaviour of their Stock Attendants and for the consequences of any misconduct. Stock Attendants entering the Judging Rings and the Main Ring must be dressed to comply with the bio-security regulations.

2. Every exhibit must be the bona fide property of the Exhibitor at the time of entry. In the event of the death of an Exhibitor between the date of entry and the date of the Show, the executors of the deceased will be deemed to be the Exhibitor. If an animal is sold after the date of entry the change of ownership must be notified to the Entries Office. A substitution fee of £5 + VAT will be made for each such alteration.

An entry made by a partnership cannot be entered in the Exhibitor Bred class unless the animals or groups of animals are owned and bred by the same partnership.

- i) An animal is defined as Exhibitor Bred if the animal is defined as exhibitor bred if it was bred by the exhibitor on the exhibitor's holding.
  - ii) An animal born as a result of embryo transfer is deemed "Exhibitor Bred" if at the time of embryo collection the donor female was in sole or joint ownership of the Exhibitor. (See also Regulation 26(c)(iii)).
3. All exhibits and persons in charge of such exhibits will be subject to the Orders, Regulations and Rules of the Show. The Stewards have the power to remove from the Showground the Stock or property belonging to, and to cancel the admission ticket of any Exhibitor who infringes any of the Regulations or Conditions of the Show, or who refuses to comply with any instructions given by the Stewards, without any responsibility attaching to them in consequences of such removal.

4. Except in the case of death or personal injury caused by negligence of the Show, its servants or agents, the Show will not be responsible for death, injury, disease, damage or loss caused to any Exhibitor or to his or her servant or agent or to any animal, article, plant, machinery or thing of whatever nature brought onto the Showground.
5. The Exhibitor shall indemnify the Show against, and take full responsibility for all claims, damages and expenses whatsoever in any way arising out of the presence of the Exhibitor, his servants, agents, exhibits, vehicles or equipment on the Showground.
6. Any infringement of any of these regulations or conditions will subject the Exhibitor to a fine of £50, and to the forfeiture, by order of the Show, of any prize to which he may be entitled (in addition to all other consequences attaching to such infringement). The Show reserves to itself the right to inform other Agricultural Associations of such decisions.
7. Acceptance of the foregoing provisions shall be condition of entry. Please note that CCTV is in operation.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS**

8. All livestock exhibitors should ensure they have adequate Public Liability Insurance cover.
9. Exhibitors are reminded that they must conform to the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and other relevant Health and Safety legislation. Exhibitors must also comply to The Equalities Act 2010 (formerly The Disability and Discrimination Act; the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005; the Health Act 2006 incorporating the Smokefree Legislation.
10. Smoking (including E-cigarettes) is not allowed in any of the livestock buildings, sheep lines, dairy, parlour or any indoor areas. Owners of animals being exhibited will be held responsible for the behaviour of their stockpersons and for the consequences of any misconduct of such stockpersons. Anyone offending in this respect will be dealt with in such a manner as determined by the Show Officials. Environmental Health Officers and Trading Standard Officers will be in attendance at the Show and have the authority to take appropriate enforcement action.
11. No oil, cooking stove or barbecue of any description must be used in the Stock Lines and anyone found offending, will be dealt with in accordance with Regulation 6.
12. All electrical equipment being used on the showground must have a current Safety Test Certificate and be in a safe condition. Electrical sockets must not be overloaded.
13. iPhone/ipod and other appliance chargers must not be left plugged in and charging in sleeping accommodation or cattle lines unattended.
14. All Gas appliances coming onto Showground must have a current Gas Safety Inspection report/certificate completed by a Gas Safe Registered Engineer.
15. Designated clipping points must be used. The use of electrical appliances with long leads which traverse the floor of the building is prohibited. Extension leads may only be used uncoiled
16. In the event of it being necessary to evacuate any structure in the event of fire or other emergency, please follow the instructions of the Show Incident Officers on site or Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Services Fire Officers. Do not re-enter the building/structure unless authorised to do so by the Show Incident Officers or a Fire Officer.
17. All vehicles containing living accommodation must be fitted with a fire extinguisher.
18. The Cattle lines will be closed to the general public whilst animals are being moved for judging or Grand Parade. Wheelchairs or prams will not be allowed in the stock lines at these times.

19. Livestock Exhibitors are reminded that the show environment can be upsetting for livestock, even those of normally placid temperament. Livestock with unstable or aggressive temperament should not be brought to the Showground. When in the opinion of the Officers, the Stewards, the Police or enforcement authorities, an animal's behaviour poses an immediate threat to the people in its vicinity, the Show reserves the right to take appropriate action to mitigate the threat. The Show, its employees, servants and agents shall stand absolved from any obligation to make good any loss or damage suffered as a consequence of enacting this regulation.
20. Use of external electric/petrol generators on the showground or in any of the car/lorry parks is prohibited.

#### **COMPETENCE OF EXHIBITORS**

21. All Exhibitors must have the physical ability, relevant experience and be competent to handle the animal in their charge at all times. Handlers must be in good health and properly trained in safe work methods (HSE AIS35 Housing and Handling Cattle).

It is a condition of entry that all stock handlers, and especially children, should only handle animals where they have the necessary strength and experience to cope with the said animal. Children must always be under the direct supervision of, and accompanied by, a competent adult.

#### **ANIMAL WELFARE**

22. Bath and West Shows Limited expects all Exhibitors to observe best practice at all times. **Exhibitors must ensure arrangements are in place to ensure stock at the show are adequately monitored throughout the period of the show.**

**If an exhibitor has to leave the site, the Chief Steward must be informed of such absences. The exhibitor must also ensure there is a clearly identified person responsible for the stock and contact details provided.**

#### **TRANSIT OF ANIMALS**

23. From January 2007 Welfare in Transport Regulation (EC) no. 1/2005 will apply. NOTE: It will be an offence to transport any female animal for whom 90% or more of the gestation period has already passed or female animals that have given birth in the previous week.
24. Exhibitors transporting animals over 65kms will require an Animal Transporter Authorisation and as from January 2008 it is a legal requirement to have a Certificate of Competence for transporting animals over 65kms (please check with your local authority).

#### **BIOSECURITY**

25. The Show is licensed by DEFRA in accordance with the requirements of the Animal Gatherings England Order 2010. All animal attendants are asked to co-operate by observing the Bio-Security rules. The animal areas should be kept clean and free from faecal contamination. Attendants should wear protective clothing and footwear capable of being disinfected whilst in the animal area. When leaving the animal area, attendants should remove protective clothing, wash their hands and ensure that footwear is clean and disinfected. When Showing or attending Parades, clean white coats or "Breed Uniforms" should be worn and suitable footwear capable of disinfection. (No Trainers)

## ENTRIES

26. a) Entries to be made online at:  
**www.bathandwest.com.**

Entries must be received in the Entries Office by the closing date. If an animal is entered in more than one class, this must be clearly stated.

b) **Dairy Cattle Only**

- i) Individual cattle entries, pair entries and group entries must be received in the Entries Office not later than **6 May** together with the correct fee.

c) **All Other Cattle**

- i) Individual cattle entries, pair entries and group entries must be received in the Entries Office not later than **or 15 April** together with correct fees.

Please note: As a condition of your entry limited exhibitor information will appear in the catalogue and on the Society's website. For classes run under Breed Society rules, your details will be verified with the society concerned to ensure your eligibility to enter.

Please see the Society's website for full details of our privacy policy.

- ii) An animal may be substituted for any other in the **same breed and same class only**. Full written details of all such substitutions must then be received not later than **20 May**. Substitutions will not appear in catalogue.

- iii) No exhibitor is permitted to exhibit more than two animals in any one class which are the result of an embryo transfer from the same parentage.

- d) **Showmanship** – for Beef, Dairy and Pigs, animals must have competed in breed classes at the show. Sheep exhibitors may bring cross-bred sheep to the show, provided consent has been obtained from the Show Manager, but the animals must travel, arrive and be penned with sheep already entered by the exhibitor in breed classes.

Every Exhibitor or Competitor is requested to examine carefully the list of Prizes and Conditions, as he/she will be held responsible for the correctness of his/her Certificate of Entry. An Exhibitor omitting to give information asked for on the entry form with regard to age, breeder, name, sire, dam, etc. of an animal, will be liable to have his/her entry disqualified.

If an Exhibitor or Competitor fails, when called upon by the Stewards or Show Officials, to prove the correctness of his/her Certificate of Entry to their satisfaction, the Entry may be disqualified, and any award made to it cancelled.

## FEES

27. The fees payable for Stock entries and Pen fees are clearly shown at the beginning of each section. Entry Fees will only be refunded in the event of cancellation of Classes, the loss of accredited status, or a **DEFRA** order prohibiting the exhibition of animals at the Show.

Sheep - Exhibitors must book and pay for each pen, up to a maximum of 5 pens (including kit pen) per breed being shown. Any pens booked over this number will not be allocated and fees paid will not be refunded.

After entries close, any spare pens will be allocated.

28. No Entry will be accepted unless the fee accompanies it.
29. Where a Prize is offered for a pair or pen of animals, a single Entry Fee is payable.

## TICKETS

30. Wristbands, which admit to the Showground and all Livestock areas, will be issued to attendants in charge of Cattle, Sheep and Pigs as follows:

- Cattle: First animal = 2 wristbands.  
Every subsequent animal = 1 wristband up to a maximum of 2 (maximum of 4 in total) - subject to the discretion of the office.
- Pigs: First animal = 2 wristbands.  
Every subsequent animal = 1 wristband up to a maximum of 2 (maximum of 4 in total) - subject to the discretion of the office.
- Sheep: First animal = 1 wristband.  
Every subsequent animal = 1 wristband up to a maximum of 2 (maximum of 4 in total) - subject to the discretion of the office.
- Fleece: 2 x day tickets  
(except where exhibitor is already in receipt of tickets for other entries).
- Livestock Vehicle Pass: to be used on vehicles carrying livestock only, not private cars. Drivers must be in possession of either a day ticket or wristband.

## AMALGAMATIONS

31. The Show reserves the right to amalgamate or cancel classes should the number of entries in any section of Cattle, Sheep or Pigs, be less in number than three Exhibitors.
32. In the event of entries in a group class being less in number than two Exhibitors, the Show reserves the right to cancel the class.

## SUBSTITUTIONS

33. When, after entry, an animal dies or becomes unfit for exhibition, the Exhibitor will be permitted to substitute another entry in the same class without payment of any further fee upon affording evidence of death or illness and furnishing written particulars of the substituted entry in time for the alteration to be made in the published catalogue. See also Regulations 2 and 26.

## ANIMALS NOT ENTERED FOR EXHIBITION

34. If any animal is brought into the Showground without having been entered for exhibition, unless prior consent has been obtained from the Show Manager, then pursuant to Regulation 6, the owner shall be liable to a fine of up to £50 and to the forfeiture of any prize awarded to him or her.

## ROSETTES

35. No animal shall be decorated with colours other than rosettes awarded at the current Show.

## TROPHIES

36. Exhibitors wishing to have trophies engraved should do so at their own cost, but any engraving must be similar in size, style and layout to previous engravings to ensure consistency. The Show will seek reimbursement for the cost of repairing any damage caused to trophies through mishandling or engraving.

## PLACARDS

37. No person will be allowed to fix any placard, or take down any placard in the Showground, without permission of the Stewards.

### **PENNING OF STOCK**

38. The Show, its Officers and Servants, will not be liable for any errors that may happen in placing or penning the stock or articles to be exhibited. The attendants must ensure they are placed and penned according to their entries.

**The Show reserves the right to limit the number of stalls/pens per exhibitor per breed.**

### **FODDER**

39. **Straw.** The Show will provide the initial bedding for all stock; subsequent straw from big bales will be available in the lines each morning.

### **RECEPTION OF ANIMALS**

40. The Showground will be open for the reception of animals as shown on Page 1.

### **DEPARTURE OF ANIMALS**

41. Animal may be:  
Loaded from 4:00pm on Saturday  
Depart from 4:30pm on Saturday

### **REMOVAL OF ANIMALS**

42. No animal can be removed from its place in the Showground except at the time stated in this schedule.

### **LICENSING AND DOCUMENTATION.**

43. All animals will be examined by a Veterinary Surgeon.

ANIMALS ENTERING THE SHOWGROUND MUST PRESENT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS AT THE VETERINARY INSPECTION POINT:

- a) **CATTLE** **BCMS Passport.** Applies to all cattle, including calves, for show or exhibition. The Show will electronically record all movements onto and off the Showground. Barcode labels will be provided for other movements. **Exhibitors must ensure that all previous movements are recorded.**
- TB Certificates.** In line with Reg 73, all cattle must be pre-movement tested and certificates will be checked upon arrival. Please bring a copy to the Show of completed tests ensuring the tested animals are linked to the exhibitor's name. Please mark on the lists the specific animals brought to the show and present to the Veterinary Office upon arrival.
- b) **SHEEP** **ARAMS 1 Licence.** Applies to all Sheep. After completion at the entry gate, the Show will retain the two copies of entry (the white copy of which will be forwarded to the Animal Reporting & Movement Service). The yellow copy will be returned to the owner.
- MAEDI-VISNA.** A completed SAC Sheep Health Scheme Certificate, with a valid expiry date, will be collected at the Veterinary inspection point.
- c) **PIGS** Exhibitors must ensure that they have a printed copy of the eAML2 "Haulier Summary Sheet" to be handed in at the Stock Gate on entry to the Showground.

44. ANIMALS LEAVING THE SHOWGROUND MUST PRESENT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS AT THE DEPARTURE GATE:

- a) **CATTLE** None
- b) **SHEEP** **ARAMS 1 Licence.** Applies to all Sheep. Exhibitors should ensure relevant section is completed by a representative of the Show, at the Sheep Stewards' Office, prior to departure. The yellow copy will be retained at the Stock Office.
- c) **PIGS** Exhibitor to ensure they have a valid "Haulier Summary Sheet" for transport. Only the eAML2 system to be used.

**VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS**

- 45. Where the judges are in doubt, as to age or soundness, or where the Stewards may consider it necessary, the decision of a Veterinary Officer in such cases shall be final and conclusive. Should the decision be against the animal to which a prize has been awarded, such animals and/or Exhibitor shall be disqualified from receiving such prize.
- 46. Exhibitors shall be liable to pay for all drugs used by the Veterinary Officers in the treatment of their animals and exhibitors should ensure they have means of payment, either by cash at the time or via card by contacting the veterinary practice. It is a condition of entry that the Veterinary Officers may on their own authority give such emergency treatment as they may consider appropriate in the event that the owner or his representative cannot be found.

**ANIMALS RECEIVING TREATMENT**

- 47. The Owner or Exhibitor of an animal entering the Showground within the withdrawal period of any medication must provide the Veterinary Officer with a written declaration giving full details of the treatment their animal has received.

**DISEASED ANIMALS**

- 48. Every exhibitor shall indemnify the Show against all actions, claims, proceedings and demands by any person, company or other representative body of whatsoever nature in respect of any matter, directly or indirectly connected with the bringing onto the Showground of any animal which may have been suffering from any contagious or infectious disease or which develops such a disease whilst on the Showground and in addition the Exhibitor shall pay all costs and expenses incurred by the Show in connection with any such claim. The Show's Veterinary Officers are authorised to refuse permission for any animal to be admitted to, or to have removed from, the Showground any animals affected with contagious or infectious disease. The Exhibitor of such animal may obtain a certificate from the Show, stating the nature of such disease or infection. Concealment of disease will render the Exhibitor liable to disqualification in accordance with Regulation 6.

**RINGWORM**

- 49. Exhibitors are specially cautioned not to send to the Show animals which are exhibiting any visible signs of Ringworm in any stage. Any animal found to be so affected will, on the advice of the Veterinary Officers, be disqualified from competition and removed from the Show, and will subject the Exhibitor to a fine not exceeding £50 in each case.

**ORF**

- 50. Exhibitors are especially cautioned not to send to the Show animals which are suffering from Orf in any stage. Any animal found to be so affected will, on the advice of the Veterinary Officers, be disqualified from competition and removed from the Show, and will subject the Exhibitor to a fine not exceeding £50 in each case.

## SCAB

51. It is recommended that sheep are treated for Scab a fortnight before the Show.

## MALPRACTICES

52. a) If it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Stewards or Show that an exhibitor or competitor has knowingly signed an incorrect Certificate, or knowingly given an incorrect pedigree of any animal, or brought forward an animal whose ear number does not correspond to that on the entry form, or has attempted to enter any animal or other exhibit or to obtain a prize by any other unfair means at this or any other Agricultural Society's Shows, or is under exclusion from any Breed Society for fraudulent practice, the Show may in its absolute discretion cancel all awards made to such exhibitor or competitor, to disqualify him or her from exhibiting or competing at future Shows of the Company, and to inform other Agricultural Associations of their action in this respect.

- b) The Show **will not tolerate** the administration to exhibits (entered either for competition or sale/demonstration) of tranquillisers or other drugs which may in any way affect the performance of the animals in question to have the effect of making it behave in the Show ring in a manner which is not natural. In addition, no show animal should receive any veterinary medicinal product without an accompanying letter of authorisation from the exhibitor's veterinary surgeon which must be on practice headed paper and include the identification of the animal by ear tag number with the reason for the medication. The show veterinary surgeon reserves the right to refuse to allow the medication or, if this is not accepted by the exhibitor, to exclude the animal from the showground.

The Show reserves the right to take any necessary samples. Any person or exhibitor (or his representative) who is found to have administered or permitted the administration of any such tranquiliser or drugs to any Show exhibit will be reported to Bath & West Shows Ltd and dealt with at their discretion. In addition, the matter will be referred to the appropriate Breed Society or Organisation.

- c) Sedatives and tranquillisers must not be administered by exhibitors to their own or other exhibitors' stock except by the Show Veterinary Surgeons or following their advice. The veterinary surgeon must be called upon immediately a problem arises or for advice regarding fractious stock.

## OBJECTIONS

53. Any Exhibitor wishing to lodge an objection, having reference to Livestock exhibited at this Show, must make the same in writing on a form to be obtained from the Show Office, and deposit the sum of £50. If, on investigation, the objection is not sustained to the satisfaction of the Organising Committee, the sum thus deposited shall, at the discretion of the Committee, be forfeited to the funds of the Show. All objections should be delivered to the Show Office no later than 17.00 on the day of the award or the first day of Show, as appropriate, and no objection will be **subsequently** received, unless a reason, satisfactory to the Disqualifying Committee, be assigned for the delay. Should the objection be with regards to welfare, the initial investigation will take place with the Show Official veterinary surgeon, prior to the disqualifying committee being convened if required. The Vets decision shall be final. Should the Vet uphold the objection, then the Disqualifying Committee may be convened. In all other cases, the judge's decision shall be final.

54. The Disqualifying Committee will consider such objections at a time and place to be fixed by them, at which time and place any person making an objection is expected to attend. Objections will not be entertained from any person or organisation not exhibiting in the same class as the animal to which objection is raised. The Show reserves the right to refer an objection to any Authority or Organisation to adjudicate, wholly or in part, in respect of that objection, on behalf of the Show. The decision of the Disqualifying Committee shall be final.

- The Disqualifying Committee of The Society shall include a legal advisor and a Senior Steward of the Shows or department concerned and will be chaired by the Honorary Show Director and Organisers of The Show.



## ADJUDICATION OF PRIZES

### JUDGES

55. If, for any reason, a judge is unable to attend the Show or is more than 30 minutes late, the Show reserves the right to appoint a replacement. Every effort will be made to inform Exhibitors of the change.
56. **The judges are instructed as follows:**
- a) NOT TO AWARD ANY PRIZE OR COMMENDATION TO ANY ANIMAL WHICH CONTRAVENES THE WELFARE REGULATIONS.
  - b) To draw the attention of the Stewards to any exhibit that has been improperly prepared for exhibition or is wrongly entered.
  - c) If a Judge has presented before him/her an animal which he/she has bred, owned or had an interest in he/she shall place all the other animals in the class and call in the Show's referee to place the animal in question.
  - d) To award in every class, in addition to the prize money, Award Rosettes at the Judge's discretion providing the exhibit is of sufficient merit.
  - e) In no case, shall a prize be awarded unless the Judge deems the entry to have sufficient merit, and should the Judge consider the exhibits unworthy of the highest prizes offered, it shall be in their power to award a lower prize.
  - f) Immediately after judging each class, to sign the Judge's award sheet, noting any disqualifications.

### AWARDS

57. Only the signed awards of the Judges are accepted by the Show as evidence that a prize has been awarded, and the production of the prize card or the rosette by an Exhibitor will not entitle him/her to the prize. The Show reserves to itself the right to withhold any prize, if in the opinion of the Stewards, the conditions and regulations have not been properly complied with, or if, in the opinion of the Judges, there is insufficient merit.

### REFEREE

58. Should any question arise upon which the Judges may desire a further opinion, the Stewards shall provide them with a Referee.

### PAYMENT OF PRIZES

59. All prize money may be collected in cash at the Ice Event Booth, in the Showering Pavilion, on presentation of the prize money voucher between 08:30hrs and 18:00hrs. Stewards will issue winning exhibitors with a prize money voucher which **MUST** be redeemed during the period of the Show. Please see conditions on the reverse of the prize money voucher.

#### **Vouchers not presented during the show will be forfeited.**

60. Prize money for Champions and Reserve Champions will be paid by BACS after the Show. Any exhibitor refusing to parade stock when requested to do so by the Stewards, or who has left the Show early without first obtaining the permission of the Chief Livestock Steward, will forfeit any such prize money.

### INTERPRETATION OF REGULATIONS

61. The Show reserves to itself the sole and absolute right to interpret these or any other prescribed conditions and regulations, or Prize Sheets, and to settle arbitrarily and determine all matters, questions or difference in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Show. Also to refuse and to cancel any entries, disqualify Exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, vary or cancel awards of prizes or reserve numbers, and relax conditions, as the Show may deem expedient.

## CATTLE

The General Conditions and Regulations of the Show also apply to this Section

### HERD BOOKS

62. Every animal entered for competition must be entered or certified as eligible to be entered in the Herd Book of its Breed, or Grading Register, except where otherwise stated at the top of the breed classification. All cattle must be ear tagged in accordance with BCMS and ear tags must be clearly legible. Where an animal is entered by the Exhibitor as eligible for entry in the Herd Book of its Breed, proof of such eligibility must be given on the entry form. Exhibitors with animals entered in more than one herd book must stipulate at the time of entry, in which breed they wish to exhibit. All Cattle must be wholly or partly owned by the person in whose name the entries are made. Exhibitors must have their registration and milk record certificates available for examination if required.

### COWS

63. For the purpose of the Show, all female cattle shall be considered as cows after they have calved a second time.

### IN-CALF ANIMALS

64. A veterinary certificate of confirmed pregnancy by ultrasound or manual palpation (not milk progesterone) for cows entered in the **Beef Dry Cow** classes must be available for inspection by the Chief Cattle Steward at the Show.

### CALVING

65. An animal will only be deemed to have had a calf if it has had a natural gestation period.

### COWS CALVING AT SHOW

66. Where an animal calves prematurely or aborts it must be returned home together with all other show animals from the same registered premises immediately after a full range of samples has been taken **(subject to regulation 22)**.

### SECURING OF CATTLE

67. All cattle must be properly secured to the satisfaction of the Officers of the Show on being brought to the gate of the Showground, or they will not be admitted. All Bulls must have a ring or clamp attached to the nose and, in the aged class, must be provided with a strong chain.

Bulls aged 10 month and over must be fitted with a nose ring and must be double tied in the lines. Exhibitors of bulls must also comply with Guidance Note AIS35 issued by the Health and Safety Executive concerning the safe custody and handling of bulls at Agricultural Shows. All other cattle must be halter-led whilst in the Showground. Stock attendants are responsible for their own Cattle at all times.

### PARADES OF CATTLE

68. All cattle will be required to be paraded as directed by the Stewards. It is especially requested that Stock Attendants during judging and parades, shall wear white coats or Breed Uniforms and suitable footwear, capable of being disinfected, or the uniforms as specified by their Breed Society. Exhibitors must ensure that sufficient Stock Attendants are available to lead all first, second and third prize winning animals for Cattle Parades.

### BREED SOCIETY QUALIFICATIONS

69. All cattle must comply with the qualification standards laid down by the respective Breed Societies, as shown under the classification for these Breeds. Milk Record and Qualification Certificates must be available for examination at the Show, if required, and exhibitors must certify on their entry forms that their entries qualify in accordance with these conditions.

## HEADBOARDS

70. Exhibitors of Cattle may erect headboards giving name, catalogue number and sire of their animals. Exhibitors of Dairy Cattle will be permitted to erect headboards giving milk records of their animals with the figures for 305 days only, not lifetime. Exhibitors of Beef Cattle will also be permitted to erect headboards giving weight statistics of their animals. The Show will hold exhibitors entirely responsible for the accuracy of information displayed. Cattle exhibitors will also be permitted to erect Herd Signs above their animals, but these must not exceed 1m high.
71. No Breed Society stands are to be located in the breed lines.

## MILKING ARRANGEMENTS

72. Cattle must be milked in the Dairy and **not** in the Cattle Buildings. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring their milking machine is washed through before use. The Show is no longer able to pay for any milk produced at the Show.

## TB PRE MOVEMENT TESTING

73. **ALL** Cattle coming to the Show, must have had a pre-movement test with a negative result within 60 days of the END of the Show in line with current Defra regulations.

These results should also accompany cattle arriving at the Show. Failure to provide test results will mean exclusion from the showground.

Calves must be under 42 days of age when leaving the showground to be exempt from pre-movement testing. There is no minimum age for TB testing of calves to facilitate pre-movement testing for the Show.

## ANTIBIOTICS.

74. Any cow treated with antibiotics 7 days prior to the Show must be milked into a dump bucket **and the milk placed in the tank provided, not into the drainage system.** Any Exhibitor or his agent or servant who in the opinion of the Show has delivered milk to the Dairy containing antibiotics or any other foreign substance without declaring such to the Dairy Steward in charge shall be liable to compensate the Show for all the milk contaminated by such delivery.

## MALPRACTICES

75. Any artificial contrivance or device of any description found on or proved to have been used on an animal at any time whilst that animal is in the Showground, either for preventing the flow of milk or for any other improper purpose, will disqualify that Exhibitor from being awarded a prize, and any prize awarded to that Exhibitor at the Show prior to discovery will be forfeited. The Owner of the said animal may be prohibited from again entering Stock for any of the Company's Shows, for such period as the Company may see fit. For the purpose of this Regulation, the term "improper practice" shall be held to include setting of teats, and generally any other practice which results in the animals being shown other than in a natural state, and the Show reserves the right to have all animals inspected at any time once on the showground, either prior to, during, or after judging. In addition, to ensure there is compliance with this rule, any Dairy Breed Champion is liable to be routinely inspected by the Show's Veterinary Officers, immediately after judging.

## SHEEP

The General Conditions and Regulations of the Show will also apply to this Section.

### SHOW RULES

76. All sheep to be shown in accordance with their respective Breed Society rules (if in place).

### FLOCK BOOKS

77. Every animal entered for competition, must be entered or certified as eligible to be entered in the Flock Book of its Breed. All sheep must also be tagged or tattooed in accordance with DEFRA requirements and with the rules of their respective Breed Societies, where such rules exist. Where an animal is entered by the Exhibitor as eligible for entry in the Flock Book of its Breed, proof of such eligibility must be given on the Entry Form.

### PENS OF SHEEP

78. In the classes for pairs or pens of Sheep, the animals in each pen must be of the same flock.

79. The welfare of the animal must not be compromised when purchasing penning.

### PARADES OF SHEEP

80. All sheep will be required to be paraded as directed by the Stewards. It is especially requested that Stock Attendants, in the absence of Breed Uniforms, wear white coats and suitable footwear capable of being disinfected, at judging and parades. Exhibitors must ensure that sufficient Stock Attendants are available to lead all Champion, Reserve Champion and first prize winning animals for Sheep Parades.

### TAIL DOCKING

81. The Mutilations (Permitted Procedures) (England) Regulations 2007 Schedule 5.5. In all cases, enough of the tail must be retained to cover the vulva of a female animal or the anus of a male animal. Sheep entered for the Royal Bath & West Show will be inspected on arrival or in the lines by Show Veterinary Officers, members of the local Animal Health Trading Standards Service and/or DEFRA Animal Health. Further enforcement action may be taken by Animal Health Trading Standards in relation to any sheep that are found to be in breach of welfare legislation. Any sheep which do not comply with the aforementioned legislation will not be eligible to be shown in the Ring. See regulation 56a.

### SCRAPIE

82. Arrangements for an Approved, Unsegregated Sheep Show will apply. By signing the entry form (or submitting entries on line) exhibitors are confirming that all females of all breeds except Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset entered are:-

- a) non-pregnant
- b) have not lambed within 30 days prior to entry to the Showground
- c) not subject to procedures which change the seasonal breeding pattern.

By signing the entry form (or submitting entries on lines) exhibitors are confirming that all females of the Dorset Horn & Poll Dorset breeds, and any animal subject to procedures which change the seasonal breeding pattern are:-

- a) non-pregnant
- b) have not lambed in the previous 30 days.

### MAEDI VISNA ACCREDITED SHEEP

83. Entries will only be accepted from Maedi Visna Accredited Sheep in the Beltex, Blue du Maine, Blue Texel, Charollais, Lleyn, Millennium Bleu, Suffolk, Texel and Zwartbles and Any Other Continental breeds. Separate accommodation will be provided for both Accredited and Non-Accredited categories of Sheep under the Scottish Agricultural Colleges (SAC) Sheep and Goat Health Scheme for all other Breeds. Exhibitors must ensure that certificates are in date.

## PIGS

The General Conditions and Regulations of the Show will also apply to this Section.

### HERD BOOKS

84. In the Pig Classes, every animal entered for competition must be registered in a published volume or accepted for entry in a forthcoming volume of the appropriate British Pig Association's Herd Book or British Lop Society's Herd Book or proof of their birth must have been given to the appropriate Association or Society. (It is not sufficient for an animal to be "eligible for registration"). Animals registered in a Grading Register of a Herd Book are not eligible for entry. Ear number, registered name, Herd Book number and date of birth of each pig must be supplied for printing in the catalogue together with the name of the breeder in cases where the exhibitor is not also the breeder. All pigs must be ear tagged/tattooed in accordance with DEFRA regulations.

### QUALIFICATIONS - FEMALE PIGS

85. (a) At all Shows in 2023, female pigs (all breeds) born before 1 January 2022 shall be eligible to compete only if in the six calendar months prior to the Show they have farrowed, suckled and reared to four weeks of age, a birth notified litter of pigs.

(b) At all Shows in 2023, female pigs born on or after 1 January and before 1 July in the year before the show must within 18 months of the date of birth have farrowed, suckled and reared to four weeks of age a litter of pigs, a birth notified litter of pigs.

### QUALIFICATIONS - BOARS (all Breeds)

86. (a) Boars of two years of age and over (all breeds) must be certified as having sired at least three LIVE litters within twelve months preceding the day of the Show. The pigs comprising such litters are to have been litter notified in the British Pig Association's Herd Book or British Lop Society's Herd Book or proof of their birth must have been given to the appropriate Association or Society.

(b) Boars aged twelve months or over at the time of exhibition must have their tusks cut prior to the Show.

(c) All boars must be shown by two competent adult handlers equipped with protective boards.

### SOWS WITH LITTER

87. All Pigs exhibited with a Sow shall be her own produce, of the same litter and not exceeding two months old at the time of the Show.

### COLOURING

88. The use of artificial colouring, whitening and/or powder on pigs, as well as the removal or addition of spots by artificial means is prohibited. (White woodflour is permitted).

**New or amended regulations are marked in the margin**

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