

Damara Sheep Breeders' Society of Australia Incorporated
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By-Laws

1. Purpose

As per Constitutional Item '64. By-laws', these are regulations adopted by the Damara Sheep Breeders' Society of Australia Incorporated, as at 17 February 2022.

2. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended from time to time by the Committee and will take effect from the date of the amendment.

3. Definitions

Subject to the Act and the Constitution;

"Ordinary members" means members with a stud operation entered into the Flock Register. "Ordinary membership" and "Stud membership" have the same meaning and are interchangeable terms.

"Purebred" means an animal with fifth cross (F5) or purer breeding.

"Regulation" means a rule or by-law as defined in the Constitution.

"Society" means the Damara Sheep Breeders' Society of Australia Incorporated.

4. Membership

4.1 Ordinary membership

Ordinary members of the Society are provided access to the Stud Register and are provided with full voting rights. Ordinary membership is principally intended for members wishing to register Damara sheep.

4.2 Stud members

Stud members are Ordinary members of the Society who are associated with a single stud operation entered into the Flock Register.

4.3 Associate membership

Associate members are not provided access to the Stud Register and not provided with full voting rights.

5. Stud Prefix and Flock Number

5.1 Stud Prefix

On applying for Ordinary membership, the applicant shall submit a stud prefix (up to 20 letters) that shall be used as a prefix to and as part of the name of every sheep of which they are the breeder and which is submitted for registration. If the prefix is not available, then a prefix will be allocated. The Registrar may decline to register or record any stud or flock name, stud prefix or flock code which, in the opinion of the Registrar, resembles that of any other breeder of livestock whether in Australia or elsewhere or which they perceive as contrary to the interests of the Society.

5.2 Stud Flock Number

All new stud members will be allocated a flock number that will be unique to that stud.

5.3 Members with more than one Flock

Where a member has more than one flock of sheep, whether running on the same property or elsewhere, that member may record with the Society a separate stud prefix code in respect of each flock and pay any prescribed fee in respect of each flock.

5.4 Transfer and re-allocation of Prefix

In the case of a dispersal sale the vendor can choose to transfer their prefix stud name provided written approval is provided to the Registrar and with the approval of the Committee. Otherwise on completion of a dispersal sale the flock number will be retired from future use unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

5.5 Stud Re-activation

A stud whose membership has lapsed for a period greater than twelve months and who is seeking to reactive that membership, a lapsed membership fee equivalent to the stud membership fee may be charged for each lapsed year at the discretion of the Committee.

At the discretion of the Committee, all eligible sires used during the lapsed period must be registered with the Society. A stud inspection by the Committee or a Committee appointed inspector for compliance to breed type may also be required.

6. Sheep Identification Number

All sheep registered in the Society's Flock Register will be allocated a unique registration number.

Every sheep for which registration is applied in the Flock Register must be permanently identified with a unique number in accordance with the following numbering convention:

Tag numbers allocated to the animal by the breeder are to comprise six digits; the first two being the year of birth, the remaining four digits being for the tag identification number of the animal.

7. Naming Sheep

In addition to the Sheep Identification Number, a member may submit a name of up to 20 letters or numeral spaces per sheep on the registration application. The selected name is preceded by the stud prefix, and the total must not exceed 40 spaces.

8. Registrations and transfers

8.1 Rams

All rams 'at stud' are to be registered with the Society.

No rams with unknown pedigrees can be used as stud sires.

8.2 Ewes

All stud ewes are to be registered with the Society or otherwise eligible for registration with the Society. To have eligible stud offspring, ewes are required to;

- have a tag number from the stud of origin, and
- be born from a registered sire.

Stud ewes may be unregistered however must be registerable.

9. Pedigree

Pedigrees are to be kept for all animals by Ordinary Members, identifying;

- the registered sire,
- the eartag number of the dam that may also be registered,
- the registered sire of the dam, and
- the date of birth for the animal. Should a specific date not be identifiable, an approximate date is acceptable.

Denoting the colour of all animals in their registration records is optional.

Ewes of no known background with purebred attributes will require photos, videoclip, or other imagery of each as well as any supporting information on the sheep to be submitted to the Society's Committee to assess for purity and eligibility for Foundation Flock and Stud purposes.

No ewes with no known pedigree can have descendant rams registered for two generations after being used as Foundation stock in a new stud.

10. Transfers

Transfers of registered animals are to be recorded in the Flock Register. The transferer to submit details of the of the sale, exchange, gift, or other disposition of a registered sheep or any interest therein to the Society within sixty (60) days and pay any transfer fees.

A transfer of a registered animal to an Associate member or a non-member of the Society may be recorded in the Flock Register, detailing the transferee's name and address.

11. Annual Flock Return

Each stud member will be required to submit an annual return to the Secretariat each year containing all data as requested on the annual return form.

Version History

Vers 22-1	17 Feb 22	Installation of Bylaws.
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