



PURE BREED REGISTRATION

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REGISTERED BREEDS INSPECTORS' GUIDELINES

The members of the Registered Breeds Committee greatly value the contribution Registered Breeds Inspectors make in upholding breed standards, maintaining the integrity of our Pure Breeds Register, and educating our breeders. The following guidelines should assist you in your job and help unify practices across the country. They should be read in conjunction with the Registered Breeds Regulations as found in the current BCSBA Flock Book. You are encouraged to communicate with the Registrar or Convenor of the Registered Breeds Committee about any issues which occur in the field that will help us revise these guidelines.

1. All inspections of new flocks are arranged through the Registrar who fields formal requests from individual breeders and who has a formal process of contacting inspectors and coordinating activity. Please do not inspect sheep unless requested to do so by the Registrar. Breeders may request opinions about their stock, but these requests do not constitute formal inspection and stock so examined cannot be entered into the pure breed register.
2. Sheep without brass or plastic ear tags are not eligible for inspection. All sheep must be presented with the minimum fleece length for the breed. The records of all sheep put up for inspection must be viewed and approved as accurate and in order at the time of inspection.
3. A registered sheep must conform to the stud standard for that breed and have no conformation or inheritable faults. The wool type is assessed according to its suitability for handcraft, including spinning, weaving, felting, etc. Colour and variation of colour shall not be considered a fault.
4. All inspections are undertaken by two inspectors working together at the same time. These inspectors may be both Black and Coloured Registered Breeds Inspectors or one registered black and one white stud Inspector. They are considered equal in status and no inspector can 'pull rank' on another by reason of age, experience, membership, standing in the association, etc.

5. Both inspectors must agree that a sheep reaches the required standard before it can be passed for registration. If the inspectors cannot agree, the sheep must not be passed.
6. Sheep which have not passed inspection due to inheritable faults cannot be re-inspected in future. Sheep which have not passed inspection due to acquired faults such as scald or mange are eligible for re-inspection. In both cases, their ear tag numbers must be recorded on the inspection form.
7. Inspectors are responsible for filling in and signing the Registered Breeds Inspection forms and returning them to the Registrar as soon as possible after inspection. Approved expenses will be processed by the BCSBA Treasurer on a quarterly basis.
8. Inspections are required:
 - a. Prior to drawing semen for export;
 - b. Prior to exporting live animals;
 - c. Sheep for transfer not previously inspected.

Any breeder wishing to export live animals, semen, ova, or embryo must arrange inspection in advance of export, and in the case of semen, in advance of drawing semen. All records must be available for the inspector to view at the time of inspection. Inspectors need to fill out the special Export Inspection Forms, which are available from the BCSBA National Secretary. Note that these are different from the standard Registered Breeds Inspection forms. Also, please refer to the most current MPI and overseas export regulations and requirements.

Guidelines passed
Registered Breeds Committee
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