

IRISH CHAROLLAIS SHEEP SOCIETY FLOCK BOOK RULES AND CONDITIONS 2017.

1. To be eligible for membership of the Irish Charollais Sheep Society (I.C.S.S.) the applicant shall be the owner of a minimum of five pedigree registered Charollais females and applicants must be over sixteen years of age. Only one membership per Department of Agriculture flock/herd number.
As and from January 1st 2018 membership applications will only be accepted during the months September to December inclusive.
- 1A. A flock prefix and flock number may be transferred to father, mother, husband, wife, partner, son, daughter, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece. A letter seeking the transfer and a letter releasing the flock number and flock prefix has to be received by the committee for consideration.
- 1B. A breeder may reactivate their membership having been dormant for no longer than three calendar years at a cost of half the annual membership subscription per year. Reactivation is subject to completing an updated flock inventory and a flock inspection being conducted. During dormancy there will not be any trading through the society i.e. flock inventory update, birth notification, sheep registration or entry to I.C.S.S. sales etc. Dormancy of longer than three calendar years will be treated as new membership which will be applied for in the normal manner.
2. The annual subscription as determined by the committee shall be paid on or before January 1st in respect of the period January 1st – December 31st in that year.
3. The Committee shall arrange for a flock book to be prepared, maintained, edited and issued to members on request and on payment of such fee as the Committee shall decide from time to time and in which all properly qualified animals belonging to each members of the Society shall be registered in accordance with the flock book Rules and Conditions of the Society in force at the time.
- 3A. The Flock Book Rules and Conditions shall be drawn up by the Committee and may be changed from time to time by the Committee. A copy of the Flock Book Rules and Conditions shall be sent to each member free of charge and any changes shall be notified in writing to members not later than one month after such changes shall have been made.
The I.C.O.S. registered rules of the Irish Charollais Sheep Society may be had upon request from the Secretary of the Society.
3. All Charollais sheep from other flock books are eligible to enter into the Irish Charollais Sheep Society flock book only after being notified to the Irish Society, who may at its absolute discretion order an inspection of any individual animal before approving entry. The importer must notify in writing within twenty days of importation details of the sheep imported to the secretary or registrar. Failure to do so will mean that the sheep will not be accepted into the flock book. The Society reserves the right to inspect imported sheep up to 60 days from importation notification being received. Registration fee of €15 per sheep to be paid by the importer. All sheep from France must be imported through the I.C.S.S. and U.P.R.A. France. Flock prefix and name shall be issued by the I.C.S.S. after flock registration.

The following rule, 5 was amended by deletion at 2011 A.G.M.

4. *As and from 2003 all sheep and semen imported will be of the genotype ARR ARR or ARR ARQ. Certification of the genotype must be lodged with the I.C.S.S. secretary or registrar not later than December 15th of the year of importation.*
5. All lambs must be clearly marked and tagged at birth and records kept with all details, which must be produced to the Society on request.
- 6A. Each animal registered in the Flock Book shall be given an official number therein by which such animal may be identified.

The following rules, 6B and 6C were amended by deletion and substituted with Rules 6D and 6E respectively at 2012 A.G.M.

- 6B. *Breeder's flock prefix to be tattooed on the sheep's right ear, individual number on the sheep's left ear. All tattoo marks must be legible. All lambs eligible for entry into the I.C.S.S. flock book will have to be birth notified to the society's registrar and tattooed by May 31st in their year of birth.*
- 6C. *All imported sheep have to display a legible tattoo by May of the year following importation.*
- 6D. As and from 26th December 2012, breeder's flock prefix and animal's individual number, hereinafter known as animal's identification number must be laser printed onto the blank portion of the animal's NSIS tag. All lambs eligible for entry into the I.C.S.S. flock book will have to be birth notified to the society's registrar and their identification number laser printed onto their NSIS tag by May 31st in their year of birth
- 6E. Sheep imported prior to 26th December 2012 must display a legible tattoo by May of the year following importation. All imported sheep must be accompanied by a pedigree certificate issued by the relevant Charollais sheep society bearing the breeder's reference number and animal's individual identity number.
7. Flock book returns must be made annually to the Registrar showing details of animals in your flock. These returns must be received annually before December 15th of each year. Progeny of stock not registered will not be eligible for inclusion in the Flock Book. If no flock return is received, the sheep from that flock will not be eligible for registration or entry in I.C.S.S. sales in the following year.
8. Sheep on which Embryo Transfer (ET) work is intended must pass a prior inspection. Sheep intended for ET work or their progeny shall be of exceptional quality. No ET work shall be carried out on a ewe unless she has produced a minimum of two crops of lambs, which have been determined as being true to breed characteristics. Intended rams for ET work must also pass a prior inspection. **Only 10% of any one registered flock can be used for ET work,** with the exception of a breeder who has been registered for a period of two years or more, with a minimum of 5 ewes and a maximum of 10 ewes. In this case only one ewe is eligible. The Society reserves the right to have all ET parentage blood typed and lodged with the Society at the breeder's expense. Dates of E.T. procedures – sponge insertion, A.I. embryo insertion, and the name of breeding company carrying out the procedure have to be notified to the Secretary 14 days before commencement. The NSIS tags numbers and embryo identification of the recipient ewes also has to be furnished within 14 days of the procedure taking place.
9. No pedigree registered female shall be put to the ram or artificially inseminated (AI) before August 7th, which will coincide with a lambing date of January 1st. Any lamb found to be born before the due date will be registered as a lamb born in that year. Lambs born before December 26th have to be notified to the secretary immediately and will be notified, numbered and registered as having been born in that year. Any breeder found to be in breach of this rule will be banned from all I.C.S.S. shows and sales the following year/season.
- 9A. Any imported lambs or lambs born to imported in-lamb females before December 26th shall not be eligible for showing or being offered for sale in ram lamb or ewe lamb classes in their first year of birth. These lambs will be regarded as hoggets for show and sale purposes. Having reached one year of age they are classed as being senior for the purpose of I.C.S.S. shows and sales.
10. The Society, its servants or agents may inspect any flock or any part thereof at any time. Any member's sheep shown or offered for sale in a public place may be inspected for pedigree identification.
- 10A. The Society, its servants or agents shall have no responsibility for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property occurring during or arising out of such inspections and all owners/breeders should insure against any liability which might arise.
11. It is the stipulation of the I.C.S.S. that all pedigree Charollais sheep shown at any show or sale shall be shown naturally without any trimming, with the exception of the squaring of the tail. Deviation of any kind from the above will render automatic disqualification.
12. All sheep except lambs for show or sale purposes must be shorn on or after April 1st that year.

13. No breeder can sell more than two imported sheep at Society sales in any one year except at a dispersal sale.
- 13A. The Society encourages that all production, reduction and dispersal sales be agreed with the committee.
Production Sale - A proportion of the breeding stock from the flock and the product of the flock is sold. reserve price may be set
Reduction Sale - The majority of sheep in the flock is reduced. A reserve price may be set.
Dispersal Sale - The entire flock is offered for sale and sold with no reserve price set.
 There shall not be any production, reduction or dispersal sales held in conjunction with the collective society members' female sale(s).
- 13B. Any breeder who advertises or has a dispersal sale will automatically lose his/her flock prefix. If he/she wishes to rejoin the Society he/she will do so in the usual manner as a new member.
- 13C. All flock dispersal sales must be notified to the secretary not later than May 31st prior to the sale.
- 13D. A minimum of €500 has to be lodged with the Society upon booking a flock sale, which is refunded upon the sale being held. The breeder shall pay all expenses incurred, advertising, catalogue printing etc.

The following rule, 13E was added at 2015 A.G.M.

- 13E. The female quota on which a breeder's sale quota is based be counted less ewe lambs or Hogget/shearling ewes. These females should not be counted as more than likely they will not be lambing thus are not producing lambs to be sold. Only the addition of females under the headings 2yrs, 3 yrs and older in the flock book be counted.
14. All sheep at a Society Sale must undergo inspection.
- 14A. All sheep at a Society sale must be registered in the vendor's flock; in the case of lambs, the vendor must have bred them.
- 14B. Sheep which are presented for inspection with illegible identification will be rejected.
- 14C. Inspectors appointed by the Society shall be absolved from any responsibility for any action taken as a result of their advice.

The following rule 14D was passed at the A.G.M. in 2011 and wording agreed by committee on 15th March 2012:

- 14D The Society, its Servants or Agents shall have no responsibility for any issue arising in relation to the fertility of registered rams purchased at a Society or other sales. Any such issue arising lies solely and remains between the Vendor and the Purchaser. However the Society does hold that a ram shall be deemed incapable of natural and effective service if the ram fails to make at least one ewe pregnant under natural breeding conditions within 90 days from date of purchase provided always that (a) any injury or illness however so caused, suffered or contracted by the ram after the sale whilst in the care of the Purchaser does not occur, or (b) the ram is not deceased.
15. Committee members may only be elected from registered flock owners.
16. Notification of all lambs born in a flock and first registration of lambs must be made by their breeder by May 31st in any given year or as they happen there after. Shearlings (hogget) rams may not be registered after May 31st following their year of birth. There is a second registration date of July 31st and third date of August 31st for lambs and hogget ewes.

Male Registrations – Closing Dates		Per Sheep
<i>Ram Lamb</i>	– May 31 st	€15
	– July 31 st	€15
	– Aug. 31 st	€15
<i>Hogget Ram</i>	– May 31 st only	€15

Female Registrations – Closing Dates		
<i>Ewe Lamb</i>	– May 31 st	€15
	– July 31 st	€15
	– August 31 st	€15
<i>Hogget Ewe</i>	– May 31 st	€15
	– July 31 st	€15
	– August 31 st	€15
September 1 st to December 15 th		€100

No registrations accepted at other times.

17. All closing dates for flock registration, sale entries etc. set by the Society shall be strictly adhered to. Members will be notified of all closing dates and failure to send in required literature by the due date may result in rejection of application or the imposition of late penalty fees; dates to be taken as postmark.
18. Rams used for pedigree breeding must be named according to the Society's method and registered in the Society's Ram register.
- 18A. As and from 2003 the registration number and registered name of sire and grandsire of each lot in each sale must be stated in all Society's sale catalogues.
19. If a replacement certificate is required for any registered sheep a signed authority from the original breeder must be produced to the Registrar authorising its issue.
20. Any malpractice in the registration of pedigree Charollais sheep will be dealt with as the Committee see fit.
21. The committee reserves the right to employ a veterinary surgeon or other specialist to assist the Society in investigating any question.
22. In the case of disputed pedigree or genotype the Society reserve the right to demand blood-typing proof. The total cost to be borne by the owner if parentage or genotype of any animal is proven to be incorrect.
23. The Society, its servants or agents in exercising its powers conferred under these rules shall not discriminate between members.
24. Senior rams will be (sold) offered for sale only at the Premier sale.

The following rule, 25 was amended at 2009 A.G.M. and deleted 19th January 2010.

25. *All senior and shearling rams must qualify at a qualifying show to be eligible for sale at the Premier sale.*
26. A breeder may only enter two females at the Premier sale. These females will be in addition to their quota of males as per rule 27. Entry fees and conditions for sheep to be entered in the Premier sale are at the end of these rules. Entry fee for sheep at other sales is €10 and is non-refundable.
- 26A. A breeder may enter a maximum of ten (10) females in the society female sale irrespective of the number of registered females in the flock book. The entry fee will be €25 per female, non-refundable should the sheep fail the Society's pre-sale inspection or be unsold. €15 will be refunded upon the sale of the female. This sale is confined to ewe lambs and hogget ewes.
27. At Society sales a breeder with 15 registered females or less in the flock book is allowed to enter a maximum of one entry; breeders with more than that number may submit one entry for each additional registered female or part thereof up to a maximum of 10 male entries per sale. Where restrictions of quota of rams per sale apply, breeders of larger flocks - 61 or more registered females in the flock book may be allowed one additional entry at these sales.
- 27A. The committee reserves the right to reduce or increase entry numbers if entries are under or over-subscribed at any sale.

The following rule, 27B was added at 2015 A.G.M.

- 27B. Roscommon society run ram sales are confined to one entry per flock irrespective of flock size. To be reviewed at 2017 A.G.M.
- 28 Breeders who arrive with sheep at sales later than the stated penning time will be fined €10 per sheep.
- 29 Sheep with black or brown spots in the fleece or skin (other than natural pigmentation of the head) that cannot be covered by a €2 coin will not be eligible for entry into Irish Charollais Sheep Society shows or sales.
- 30 The decision of the inspectors at the Premier Sale will be final. There shall be no appeal. Sheep failing inspection shall be removed from the seller's pen before 8.00 a.m. on the day of the sale and not offered for sale on the premises.
- 31 **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP;** The committee may from time to time elect such persons as it thinks fit to be Honorary Members of the Society, for life or such shorter period as the committee shall decide. Such persons shall be elected in recognition of services rendered in the pursuit of the objects for which the Society is incorporated and there shall not at any one time be more than ten such Honorary Members. Such Honorary Members shall not be called upon to pay any subscriptions and shall be entitled to attend and speak at meetings of the Society and, subject to any direction of the Committee to the contrary to exercise all the privileges of ordinary members of the Society. Honorary Members shall not have any sheep registered in the Society flock book.
- 32 The president of the society shall be elected by the committee for a term of five years commencing and ending at the A.G.M. of that year.

SOCIETY SALES

1. Each lot (1 sheep) must have a set of permanent electronic ear tag(s) (if born after January 1st 2010) and have one dispatch document per sheep.
2. All breeders are restricted to two exhibits per show class.
3. The registered pedigree identification number of each lot in each sale must be stated on entries for all
4. All sheep to be offered for sale and in the order in which they are catalogued.
5. Minimum weights at all sales:

Rams:	100 Kg.	Ewes:	80 Kg.
Ram lambs:	70 Kg.	Ewe lambs:	60 Kg.

PREMIER SALE

1. Only two female sheep per breeder may be entered at the Premier Sale in addition to their male quota.
2. Male and Female Champion and Reserve to be sold at prominent places in the sale (to be decided by the Committee on the day).
3. Sale of females will commence at 12.30p.m. followed by males.
4. Hogget rams will be sold after the Ram Lambs.
5. Substitution shall be one sheep per five catalogued or part thereof. No inter class substitution.
6. Minimum selling price at the Premier Sale is €350. Hogget rams €450.
7. Sheep in LambPlus will have their evaluations printed in sales catalogues.
8. The breeder who is balloted (not catalogued) last in the second ballot will automatically be placed in the middle of the first ballot the following year.

Substitutes –

Premier Sale substitution will be one per five sheep catalogued or part thereof.

No inter class substitution. Black ribbon around the sheep's neck signifies that the sheep is a sale substitute.

One sheep catalogued – one substitute,	Two sheep catalogued – one substitute,
Three sheep catalogued – one substitute,	Four sheep catalogued – one substitute,
Five sheep catalogued – one substitute,	Six sheep catalogued – two substitutes,
Seven sheep catalogued – two substitutes,	Eight sheep catalogued – two substitutes,
Nine sheep catalogued – two substitutes,	Ten sheep catalogued – two substitutes,
Eleven sheep catalogued – three substitutes,	Twelve sheep catalogued – three substitutes.

Format for Balloting for Premier Sale

No. of Entries	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot
1	1	0
2	1	1
3	1	2
4	2	2
5	2	3
6	3	3
7	3	4
8	4	4
9	4	5
10	5	5

Re-runs – Premier Sale- In each class any unsold sheep of the first five sheep offered for sale will be re-run at a place during the first ballot as decided by the committee on the day. Should there be only one ballot then they will be re-run at the end of their class. Other unsold sheep regardless of ballot will be sold at the end of their class.

OTHER SALES

1. From November 1st all fully scrapie monitored sheep will be penned, shown and sold separately to probationary and non-monitored sheep which will be treated as another separate group.
2. Late arrivals fined €10 per sheep.
3. The Supreme champion and the reserve supreme will be offered for sale in a place decided on the sale day by the organising committee member(s) but the owner of the reserve may elect to sell in catalogued lot number.
4. Pedigree females suitable for breeding must not be offered for sale at the same venue on the same day as a society ram sale.

Format for Balloting for other sales

No. of Entries	1 st Ballot	2 nd Ballot	3 rd Ballot
1	Number entered	0	0
2	1	1	0
3	1	2	0
4	1	2	1
5	1	2	2
6	1	2	3 etc.

If entries at a sale other than the Premier sale are restricted to two entries per breeder, there will be two ballots. One sheep per breeder will be offered for sale in the first ballot with two sheep in the second ballot and the remainder in subsequent ballot.

Balloting for society female sale will be the same as for premier sale.

Substitutes –

Other Sales,

One sheep catalogued - one substitute, Two sheep catalogued - one substitute,
 Three sheep catalogued - one substitute, Four sheep catalogued - two substitutes,
 Five sheep catalogued - two substitutes, Six sheep catalogued - three substitutes etc.

No inter class substitution

Black ribbon around the sheep's neck signifies that the sheep is a sale substitute.

Re-runs – Other Sales – In each class any unsold sheep of the first five sheep offered for sale can be re-run at the end of the first ballot. Should there be only one ballot then they will be re-run at the end of their class. Other unsold sheep regardless of ballot or class will be sold at the end of the sale.

TARIFFS for 2017

New Membership	€100
Annual Membership	€60
Premier Sale Entry Fee (Ram Lamb/Hogget Ram/Female each)	€25
Premier Sale Refund for the Above	€10
Premier Sale Entry Fee (Senior Ram each)	€35
Premier Sale Refund for the Above	€20
(The above refunds are subject to the animal being sold)	
Entry Fee for other Sales (per sheep)	€10

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– August 31 st	€15
<i>Hogget Ewe</i> – May 31 st	€15
– July 31 st	€15
– August 31 st	€15
September 1 st to December 15 th	€100
Late Arrival at Sales (per sheep)	€10
I.C.S.S. Female Sale Entry Fee	€25
I.C.S.S. Female sale Refund upon being sold	€15
Registration Fee per Imported Sheep	€15

NAMING OF RAMS

Rams used for pedigree breeding must be named by their current owner. The pedigree certificate will be reissued a named certificate. Ram naming will lead to easier identification at sales, shows etc. only rams eligible for pedigree breeding are listed in the flock book.

RAM NAMING SYSTEM

All rams will have two names.

First name must always be the flock name of the breeder (not the current owner).

Second Name, this is the choice of the current owner at the time of registration but it is important to ensure that the same second name has not already been used, check with the registrar if in any doubt. The current owner's flock name cannot be used as a second name.

e.g. for a ram bred in flock no. A3, whose flock name is Deerpark, the name allocated to the ram could be Deerpark Sultan.

British – born rams are named in exactly the same way.

French – born rams will be identified by their flock number followed by a single name

e.g. A19 2071 = A19 Sulpice.

B16 1056 = B16 Tintin.

PEDIGREE CHAROLLAIS SHEEP ORIGIN, ATTRIBUTES AND BREED CHARACTERISTICS.

ORIGIN

The breed was developed in S.E. of Paris in the Saone - et - Loire department in the 18th century to supply lean quality lamb to the exacting Paris market. Its use expanded throughout France and during the last few years large exports of pedigree stock have gone to the U.K. Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Germany, China etc.

ATTRIBUTES

Very easy lambing, stress free birth, the hardy lambs growing rapidly, being long and well fleshed and put on lean meat fast leading to a greater range of lean carcass weights. Having excellent confirmation, with a high killing out percentage, premiums are paid for Charollais cross lambs. The Charollais is an outstanding terminal sire and the retention of Charollais cross breeding ewes leads to a dramatic improvement in prolificacy, growth rate and carcass quality.

BREED CHARACTERISTICS

General Appearance

A medium sized sheep, long, well muscled and wedge shaped.

Head

Pinkish-grey, sometimes with small spots. The forehead is wide, eye sockets spaced far apart. Ears are long, thin and mobile and the same colour as the head.

Body

Long with a well muscled broad back, wide and deep chest. The line of the shoulder should retain the wedge shape.

Legs

Clean, quiet short, coloured but never very dark, and are well balanced. The front legs should not be set too wide apart and the animal must be well balanced.

Gigots

Well developed, thick and deep. The breed is primarily a terminal sire and in this respect it is imperative the fleshing qualities are off the highest order.

Bone

Excessive bone is undesirable in the breed.

Fleece

The staple length should not be long nor the fleece open. It is dense and very fine (29 microns).

Prolificacy

Adult ewes average 180% and can achieve up to 220%. Ewe lambs may be put to the ram at seven months of age and should average 130%+. Mature weight of ewes is 80-100kgs. Ewes are good mothers and milky as shown in the fast growth rates of the lambs.

Rams

Are fertile and hard workers. Ram lambs may be used from seven months of age. Mature rams weigh 100-150kgs.

Lambs

Vigorous at birth, eager to get up and suckle and are born with ease.