



## BYE – LAWS 2021

1. The Sales shall be held annually at Kelso on the second Friday of September.
2. Notice of all Lots of sheep intended to be brought forward for sale must be lodged with the Auction Company employed, at a date set by them, and in good time prior to the date fixed by the Committee for the close of entries, which is Wednesday 3rd August 2021.
3. Each Auction Company will be held responsible for payment to the Border Union Agricultural Society of all entry money in respect of all sheep entered for the Sales by that Company at the rates laid down by the Committee.
4. The Committee shall determine the number of Sale Rings it may be necessary to have and the order in which the several lots of sheep shall be brought forward.
5. Each Lot of sheep shall be sold in the Ring fixed by the Committee and in the order of the Ballot and in that Ring only and the Auctioneer exposing such Lot and the owner of such Lot shall be bound to see that this rule is strictly carried out.
6. Any Consignor, within one Ring, failing to present at least 75% of the number of sheep balloted will be liable to a penalty as set out in Rule 7, unless he can satisfy the Committee as to the reason for the non- presentation of his rams. Where applicable a Veterinary Surgeon's Certificate must be produced prior to the Sales stating number of sheep examined and cause of their non- presentation.
7. In the event of any infringement of Rules 5 or 6 the party so infringing them shall be liable to a penalty of not less than £60, or £6 per sheep, whichever is the greater, and for all loss and damage which may be sustained, and furthermore, the Committee are empowered to refuse future entries from any Consignor infringing the said rules.
8. Entry Money – The Fee payable will be £10 for each ram entered. Each Lot of 5 rams and under which will be charged a Minimum Entry Fee of £50.00. VAT will be added to all charges at the current rate (20%). *All Entry Fees AND Auctioneers Charges must be paid by the Auctioneers if, for whatever reason, sheep are withdrawn after the entries are lodged with the Border Union Agricultural Society.*
9. The whole sheep shall be penned and the Sales shall commence at all the Rings at such time as shall be arranged by the Committee, **which in 2021 is 11.00 a.m.**
10. Each Lot must be in the Collecting Pen in the division to which it belongs as the last sheep in the preceding Lot shall have been disposed of.
11. Any Lots that may not be ready in the Collecting Pens when their turn for selling arrives will not be allowed to come forward until all the others in that division have been disposed of.

- 12.** No Consignor can have two ballots in any one Breed of sheep unless he has 40 or more sheep of that Breed entered for sale. The number of Rams must be divided equally if exposed in one Ring.
- 13.** No Consignor to be allowed more than two ballots of any one Breed of sheep.
- 14.** In the case of two ballots the number presented for sale must be in proportion to the number balloted.
- 15.** Sheep withdrawn must not be re-exposed for sale. Any Consignor contravening this rule will be liable to a fine of £100 per sheep.
- 16.** Sheep not balloted will not be eligible for entry to the Sales. Any Consignor contravening this rule will be liable to a fine of £100 per sheep.
- 17.** Loss or Damage: The Directors of the Border Union Agricultural Society accept no responsibility or liability whatever the loss, injury or damage to any person, animal or property on the Showground or its approaches.
- 18.** Shepherds or owners must remain in charge of their respective Lots until 6 p.m. on the day of the Sales and will be responsible to see that purchasers get proper delivery up to that hour (when the Sales are officially closed). Any rams delivered after 6 p.m. are at the entire risk of the purchaser.
- 19.** In the event of any Consignor guaranteeing rams as stock-getters, intimation of any claims in respect of rams not fulfilling the warranty must be intimated TO THE AUCTIONEER before 14<sup>th</sup> December following the Sales, accompanied by a Veterinary Surgeon's Certificate. The amount of any claim will be restricted to the purchase price of the ram and will not include any loss of profit or consequent loss or any other claim.
- 20.** NO RIGS shall be exposed for sale at the Border Union Kelso Ram Sales.
- 21.** Maedi-Visna Accredited sections will be provided where applicable. All M.V. Accredited Rams will be eligible to be sold in the Accredited section. This MUST be intimated to the Auctioneers at time of entry otherwise they will be sold in the Non-Accredited Maedi Visna section.
- 22.** All Rams presented for sale must be in a fit and healthy condition, in accordance with the [Welfare of Animals at Markets Order 1990](#) (As amended).
- 23.** Sheep Scab Preventative Measures  
All sheep must be treated with a licensed product for the control of sheep scab, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, within 14 days prior to their arrival at the Ram Sales.
- 24.** The Ram Sales Committee reserve the right to appoint Veterinary Surgeons to carry out random inspections on any individual ram or Lot on the Showground. If any evidence of infectious or contagious disease, for example CLA, orf, etc., is suspected, the individual Ram or all Rams from that Consignor may be expelled from the Showground. The decision of the Veterinary Surgeons will be final.
- 25.** All Auctioneers participating at the Ram Sales must be valid Members of either the Institute of Auctioneers and Appraisers in Scotland or the Livestock Auctioneers Association and in addition are employed by or are a corporate Member of either of these organisations.
- 26.** There will be strictly NO SMOKING in any Marquee at any time.
- 27.** All Rams should be clearly numbered on their back. If any Rams are not clearly numbered on their back, they will not be eligible to be sold in the Sales. The only exception to this Rule is Registered Bluefaced Leicester, which shall be numbered using a plastic label (provided by BUAS) secured round the Ram's neck.
- 28.** It is a condition of entry that all Consignors accept, and comply with, the Bye Laws of the Border Union Kelso Ram Sales.