

BYLAWS OF THE TEXEL SHEEP BREEDERS SOCIETY

Section I: Membership

1. Any individual, partnership, institution, or other entity meeting the requirements as outlined below and by approval of the Board of Directors, may become a member upon application. Memberships will be provisional for the first year. Prospective members may reside anywhere worldwide.
2. Membership categories:
 - a. Charter/Annual: This category includes any member owning or representing an organization that owns Texel sheep. Such members must pay annual dues and are entitled to vote on Society business and serve as directors, officers, or committee members.
 - 1) Each paid membership shall be allowed one vote in any matters regarding Society business including election of the Board of Directors.
 - b. Youth Members: This category includes any bonafide 4-H or FFA members who have an interest in Texel sheep. These members will not be required to pay any dues and will have no duties or entitlements within the Society.
 - c. Associate: This category includes any person not actively engaged in Texel sheep production but with an interest in the breed. Annual dues will be required for this membership. No duties or entitlements will apply.

Section II: Annual Dues and Other Fees

1. Annual dues will be determined by the Board of Directors and ratified by the membership at the next annual meeting. The Board shall be authorized to set any other fees as may be necessary from time to time.
2. The fiscal year of the Society shall begin on January 1 of each year. Dues shall be considered delinquent if not paid in full by April 1.

Section III: Board of Directors

1. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board of Directors elected from and by the Charter/Annual members.
2. The Board will consist of five directors elected to three-year staggered terms following expiration of the initial terms of the founding Board.
3. A director may not serve more than two consecutive terms (six years). In the case where an individual has filled a vacancy within an unfinished term, such person may serve two consecutive terms beyond the partial one.
4. Persons who have served the maximum allowable time will not be eligible for reelection until the next regular annual meeting following the one in which their service ended.
5. Initial terms of the members of the founding Board shall not be counted toward the above limits.
6. Vacancies within unfinished terms will be filled by the person who received the highest non-elected vote tally in the previous election. If this person is unavailable for service, the Board shall appoint a suitable individual to fill the remainder of the unfinished term.

Section IV: Director Meetings and Quorum

1. Meetings may be called at the discretion of the President or any three Directors.
2. Notice must be sent to the Directors ten (10) days prior to the meeting date by the Secretary.
3. A quorum of the Board shall consist of three (3) Directors.

Section V: Board Officers

1. The Board shall annually choose from among itself a President, Vice President, and an Auditor.
2. The President shall preside at all member and director meetings.
3. The Vice President shall perform the President's duties when necessary, and any other functions as directed by the President.
4. The Auditor shall periodically review the financial records of the Society and report the status of such to the Board.
5. Vacancies in any of the above three offices shall be filled from among the Board as chosen by the Board.

Section VI: Committee Chairs

1. The Board shall appoint from among the Directors, Chairpersons for any committees that it may establish.
2. The Chair will be a non-voting member of that committee.

Section VII: Compensation for Directors

1. Individual Directors may be reimbursed for expenses incurred while conducting official business of the Society. These expenses shall include telephone, FAX, postage, copying and any other expense that the Board shall deem appropriate. Documentation for the expense must be submitted to the Board.

Section VIII: Secretary/Treasurer

1. The Board of Directors will appoint a Secretary/Treasurer (here-to-fore and —after referred to as Secretary) to manage the daily business affairs of the Society. The Secretary may be a member of the Society but will not serve it in any other capacity.
2. The Secretary's duties will include:
 - a. recordation of all proceedings of annual, special, and Board meetings
 - b. maintenance of Society financial records
 - c. payment of bills as authorized by the Board
 - d. response to inquiries
 - e. maintenance of a membership list
 - f. preparation of periodic membership and financial reports
 - g. dissemination of news releases to the membership and media
 - h. performance of any other duties that the Board may deem appropriate
3. Compensation for the above duties shall be determined by the Board.

Section IX: Registrar

1. The Board of Directors will appoint or engage a Registrar to perform the following services:
 - a. registration and recordation of all pedigrees and transfers of pedigrees
 - b. maintenance of a pedigree file of the breed
 - c. submission of all inquiries to the Secretary
 - d. preparation of periodic reports
 - e. performance of any other duties that the Board may deem appropriate
2. Compensation for the above duties shall be determined by the Board.

Section X: Membership Meetings and Quorum

1. The Board of Directors shall annually call a membership meeting. Notice of the meeting location, date, and time shall be given in writing to all members of the Society by the Secretary thirty (30) days in advance of said meeting.
2. The membership present at an annual meeting shall constitute a quorum.
3. A special meeting of the members may be called by the Board of Directors **OR** by presentation to the Secretary a petition signed by at least fifteen (15) members. An agenda must be presented for any special meetings and only the business indicated by it may be transacted. Notice of special meeting location, date, time, and agenda must be given to the membership in writing by the Secretary twenty (20) days in advance of the meeting.
4. A special meeting quorum will require the presence of at least one-half of the petitioners.

Section XI: Misrepresentation of the Breed

1. Any member of the Society that makes accusations against the Society, the breed, individual animals, or presumption of registration will be accountable to the Board of Directors.
2. Charges against this member may be brought to the attention of the Board at any annual meeting.
3. The Board shall review the charges with the assistance of the Secretary and Registrar. If the charges are proven to be true, the accused member will be notified by registered mail.

4. Notice of any Board findings against the accused member will be given the membership along with the next annual meeting notice. The membership will then have the opportunity at the annual meeting to uphold or reject the Board's findings in the matter.
5. If upheld, the accused member will then be removed from membership and not be allowed to make application for future membership or registration of animals.
6. Any animals currently on file in this member's ownership will be held in stasis.
7. Any offspring from these animals will be eligible for registration by a qualified member upon proof of ownership and review of pedigree.

Section XII: Requirements for Pedigree Application

1. The Texel Sheep Breeders Society will promote the excellent qualities of the breed both as a purebred and as a terminal-sire breed for production of market lambs.
2. Pedigrees:
 - a. **REGISTERED PUREBRED:** this class includes ewes with a minimum of fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) Texel blood from recorded upgrades, and rams with a minimum of thirty-one – thirty-seconds (31/32) Texel blood from recorded upgraded stock. Also included will be purebred imported Texel rams and ewes. Any animal for which registration application is made must have documentation of registration of its sire and dam either in this Society or some other bonafide Texel Society worldwide.
 - 1) Registration papers shall include:
 - a) flock identification (ear tag number or tattoo)
 - b) registration number
 - c) type of birth
 - d) birth date
 - e) sire and dam flock identification and registration numbers and breed association registered with, if applicable
 - f) breeder's name and address
 - g) owner's name and address
 - 2) Up to five generations will be included on the registration papers
 - b. **RECORDED (PERCENTAGE):** this class includes ewes and rams with a registered purebred Texel sire and a dam of any breed or cross. The percentages of Texel blood included in this class are: one-half (1/2), three-quarters (3/4), and seven-eighths (7/8). In the case of rams, fifteen-sixteenths-blood individuals will also be included in this class.
 - 1) Offspring of dams with Texel breeding that is not recorded will be given half-blood status.
 - 2) Offspring of percentage (recorded) rams are **not** eligible for recordation.
 - 3) Recordation papers shall include:
 - a) flock identification (ear tag number or tattoo)
 - b) recordation number
 - c) birth type
 - d) birth date
 - e) sire flock identification and registration number
 - f) dam flock identification
 - g) dam recordation number if applicable
 - h) breeder's name and address
 - i) owner's name and address
 - j) proportion of Texel blood in the recorded animal
 - k) breeds other than Texel in the animal's pedigree
 - 4) Up to five generations will be included on the registration papers
3. Physical requirements for Registered Purebred shall be as follows:
 - a. no anatomical or physical defect
 - b. legs and head must be free of wool
 - c. ewes must be polled; rams may have scurs present
 - d. nose and hooves must be black colored
 - e. fleece must be white

- f. there may be no more than ten (10) percent colored hair present on the head and legs
- g. these standards do not apply to Recorded (Percentage) animals

Section XIII: Artificial Insemination and Ova Transplantation

- 1. No restrictions for registration or recordation will be imposed on animals that are the result of the use of artificial insemination or ova transplantation.
- 2. Registration/Recordation papers on these animals will disclose the use of these techniques.
- 2. Appropriate documentation for sire and dam must be provided.

Section XIV: National Show

- 1. The Society may sponsor a national show within the United States or Canada to promote the Texel breed.
- 2. Only Registered Purebred animals will be allowed in such shows.
- 3. Animals will be shown slick-shorn.
- 4. In order to highlight the excellent meat production capabilities of the breed, all yearling rams will have loin-eye areas determined by ultrasound scan prior to showing.
 - a. The Society will provide the necessary technician and equipment to perform this task.
 - b. Other show animals may be scanned at the owner's discretion.