



## **Judges List and Standards**

Shows are very important; they are places to meet up with old friends and to make new ones; they are places to see other Hebridean sheep; they are places to show off our breed and act as a 'shop window'. The Hebridean Sheep Society is extremely grateful to its judges who give their time and expertise. Without Hebridean sheep judges there would be no Hebridean sheep shows.

### **JUDGES LIST (The List)**

- 1) Judges are appointed to the List by the Hebridean Sheep Society Board of Trustees.
- 2) Appointed judges must:
  - Have a demonstrable understanding of the Hebridean sheep breed in all of its diversity.
  - Have a sound knowledge of ovine health and general conformation.
  - Have considerable experience of practical sheep management.
  - Be able to demonstrate confident management of the participants in the showing.
- 3) Nominations for new judges can be made following HSS procedure.
- 4) At its discretion, the HSS recommends judges (for Hebridean sheep classes only) to the various shows that request a judge from the Society.

### **SHOWS**

- 1) The HSS will first have checked with the nominee that they are happy to be put forward for a particular show. After the nomination has been made the HSS has no further responsibility. The shows are at liberty to make their own decision about who they will appoint as judge.
- 2) Once a show has invited a judge and the judge has accepted the invitation, there are no further dealings with the HSS.
- 3) The HSS may, at its discretion, provide rosettes and/or a steward for certain shows.

### **SHOWS & SALES**

- 1) At the three official shows and sales, it is the HSS that appoints the judges.
- 2) Liaison between the appointed judge and the Society is undertaken by the Registration Secretary (currently Vicky Mason).

## JUDGE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) Those appointed to the List must submit a brief report of the show(s) they judge to the editor of the Black Sheep within the year of the show(s) (see below for details).
- 2) It is the responsibility of any judge named on the List to ensure they are fully conversant with the most up to date versions of the HSS Breed Description and Ram Assessment Criteria .
- 3) Judges on the List have an ambassadorial duty to the HSS in which personal presentation, conduct and manner are important.

## JUDGE'S REPORT

It is a requirement of those on the HSS Judges List to send a brief report from the show(s) they have judged to the editor of the Black Sheep (currently Helen Brewis, HSS Membership Secretary) within the year of the show(s). A report includes Judge's comments, show results and a photograph.

### **1) Judge's Comments**

The judge's comments will have an introduction; comments about sheep that have taken the judge's eye; any special observations about any classes; comments about why the Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion were selected.

### **2) Show Results**

These are usually recorded by a representative of the HSS, but at the smaller shows this may not be the case.

The results detail ... **the class**; the placing; the sheep's name or where lambs are still to be formally registered, their flock name and tag number; the sheep's owner's name; (the breeder's name if different from the owner) e.g.

#### **Ram Lamb**

1 Newbridge 519	L Cowper
2 Jet 424	H Arthan
3 Knightley 3142	D Cassie

#### **Ewe**

1 Newbridge Hawksbit	L Cowper
2 Mullach Xylomy	V Mason (S Alston)
3 Ronasvoe Adele	C Cassie

*Extract from 2023 Royal Lancashire Show results.*

Where there is no HSS representative taking down the show results, it would be helpful if the judge could organise this. The steward, or someone else, might be asked to make a note of all these details before the sheep leave the ring after a class has been judged.

### **3) Photograph**

The photograph is usually sorted out by a HSS representative but if this is not the case, it is helpful if a photograph of the judge with the Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion sheep and their exhibitors, can be organised. This is



then sent to the editor of the Black Sheep along with the details of the show (name, place, date).

**Aide Memoire**

It is useful for the judge to make just a few short notes at the end of each class as an *aide memoire* to writing up a report.

**NB. After having reviewed this document in full, if any person on the List feels unable to meet the requirements and standards that it details, then they should inform the HSS immediately, asking for their name to be `retired` from the List.**

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