



NSA Eastern Region Rugby Ram Show & Sale

Ram sale by-laws 2023

1. The sale will be held at Rugby Farmers Mart on Friday 25th August 2023.
2. Entries and entry fees for rams intended for the sale must be lodged with NSA by 5pm on **Monday 31st July**. Entries are via www.nationalsheep.org.uk/bookings-and-payments or, for people without internet access, via NSA Head Office on 01684 892661.
3. The entry fee is £15+VAT per ram with £5 refunded on sale of the ram. £15 per ram must be paid to NSA at the time of entry and is non-refundable. The £5 refund, if eligible, will be paid by Rugby Market alongside sale proceeds.
4. Entries will only be accepted from NSA members. Entry can be made by a non-member if accompanied by a completed membership application form and payment, or that form and payment is received by the sale closing date. Go to www.nationalsheep.org.uk/membership to become a member, or call NSA Head Office on 01684 892661. NSA will contact non-members who have entered the sale, to either arrange a membership subscription or reject the entry.
5. All rams must be in the hands of the vendor at the time of entry. They must be maedi visna-accredited. Vendors will be asked to mark a self-declaration of their MV status at point of entry and provide MV certificates for inspection on the day of the sale.
6. All information provided at the point of entry will be processed in line with the [NSA Privacy Policy](#). Your name, address, phone number and email address will be printed in the catalogue and shared with Rugby Farmers Market. If you do not wish this information to be printed in the catalogue, please notify NSA at the time you enter your rams.
7. The draw for the catalogue order will take place in the week beginning Monday 31st July 2022. Rams will be catalogued in random order and not in breed blocks. New, or lapsed vendors for more than two years, will be drawn at the beginning or end of the ballot. A vendor cannot have a run of more than eight aged rams, eight shearling rams and eight ram lambs in any one breed in a run (i.e. eight shearlings and four lambs is permitted, but not nine shearlings); these vendors will have a second run at the end of the sale.
8. On the day of the sale, **vendors are responsible for sorting their own lot numbers**. Each lot must be in the sale collecting pen, in the section allocated, as the preceding lot is sold. Vendors failing to comply will have their lots transferred to the end of the sale.
9. On the day of the sale, a shearling ram may be substituted with a ram lamb, etc, as long as the substitution does not take the total number of aged rams, shearlings or lambs sold to more than eight. If a substitution takes a vendor's total to more than eight, the vendor will have a second run at the end of the sale.
10. All rams must be penned by 12 noon on sale day for inspection and judging in pens. Sale to commence at approximately 2.30pm dependent on the preceding commercial ewe sale.
11. All rams will be sold subject to an inspection by NSA. Inspection is a condition of entry to the sale. **Compliance with this inspection shall in no way form a guarantee to the purchaser of the**

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animals so inspected as, thought care is taken to inspect rams for defects, the final onus remains with the purchaser. All rejected sheep must be removed from the sale pens; they cannot pass through the sale ring. Rejected sheep with lesions suggestive of caseous lymphadenitis (CLA) must be removed immediately.

The inspectors will consider the following:-

- i. The ram's identification is as required by legislation.
 - ii. The ram is not suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
 - iii. The ram has two adequately sized testicles of approximately the same size and normal consistency.
 - iv. The ram is of a quality commensurate with the level set by the Ram Sale Committee and is of adequate weight for the age and shows no malformation in structure.
 - v. The ram's teeth are in the correct position.
 - vi. There is no abnormal deviation in the structure of feet and/or legs.
12. Rams will be sold in guineas with Rugby Farmers Market charging commission of 5p/gns.
 13. There will be an upstart price of 300gns per head across all rams. Vendors wishing to set a higher minimum price for individual rams must provide written reserves to the auctioneer.
 14. Rams sold outside the ring must be booked through the auctioneer and must not be sold for less than 300gns.
 15. All sheep must comply with any Defra regulations in force at the time of the sale.
 16. Complaints must be notified to the auctioneers within one hour of the end of the sale or before removal from the market, whichever is the sooner. The purchaser shall have no rights to claim damages from the vendor in respect of indirect or consequential loss such as (but limited to) loss of profit or any other loss whatsoever.
 17. NSA Eastern Region, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to restrict numbers or refuse entries. It accepts no responsibility whatsoever for loss, injury or damage to any persons or their property.
 18. All sheep will be sold under the Livestock Auctioneers Association (LAA) conditions of sale and these NSA bylaws.

General information for vendors

1. As all rams entered into the sale are MV-accredited, care must be taken by vendors and purchasers not to infringe MV rules and regulations. While every care will be taken by NSA Eastern Region and the auctioneers, they cannot take responsibility for any infringements, carelessness or consequences arising therefrom.
2. On the day of the sale, vendors are asked not to unload any sheep before obtaining clear instructions from the sale stewards. Kindly observe instructions from stewards and follow direction signs as appropriate.
3. Stock movement forms and any relevant licenses (including MV accreditation certificates) must accompany all sheep and be ready to present to stewards on arrival.
4. All penning is free of charge and is under cover. The market prefers rams to be penned on sawdust. Vendors must supply their own forage.
5. The market opens at 7am and stock must be cleared by 6.30pm.
6. Inspection of rams will start no earlier than 12 noon.
7. **Competition.** Rams will be judged in their pens no earlier than 12 noon. Dependent on numbers, classes as follows:-
 - a. Group of 4 Charollais shearling rams
 - b. Group of 4 Suffolk shearling rams
 - c. Group of 4 Texel shearling Rams
8. Catering facilities will be available on the day of sale in the Jersey Building.

For further information, contact NSA Head Office on enquiries@nationalsheep.org.uk or 01684 892661. Alternatively, contact Rugby Farmers Mart on 02476 697731.