



## NSA Eastern Region Rugby Ram Show & Sale Ram sale by-laws 2021

1. The sale will be held at Rugby Farmers Mart on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021.
2. Entries and entry fees for rams intended for the sale must be lodged with NSA by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Entries are via [www.nationalsheep.org.uk/bookings-and-payments](http://www.nationalsheep.org.uk/bookings-and-payments) or, for people without internet access, via NSA Head Office on 01684 892661.
3. All sheep must be in the hands of the vendor at the time of entry.
4. The entry fee for 2021 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. The £5 refund, if eligible, will be paid by Rugby Market alongside sale proceeds.
5. Entries will only be accepted from NSA members. Entry can be made by a non-member if a completed membership application form and payment is received by the sale closing date of Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Go to [www.nationalsheep.org.uk/membership](http://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 to reject the sale entry.
6. All rams to be penned by 12 noon on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August for inspection and judging in pens. Sale to commence at approximately 2pm dependant of the commercial ewe sale.
7. Lots must be in the sale collecting pen in the section allocated as the preceding lot is sold. Vendors are responsible for sorting their own lot numbers.
8. Rams will be catalogued in random order and not in breed blocks. The draw will be conducted by Rugby Market on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021. New, or lapsed vendors for more than two years, will be drawn at the beginning or end of each breed section. A vendor cannot have a run of more than eight shearlings and eight lambs in any one breed in a run; these vendors will have second run at the end of the breed block.
9. There will be a minimum bid price of 200gns. Vendors wishing to set a higher minimum price for individual rams must provide written reserves to the auctioneer.
10. Rams sold privately outside the ring must not be below the minimum bid price and must be booked through the auctioneer.
11. Vendors must make sure their rams have sold before leaving the market. Unsold stock must be cleared by 6.30pm.
12. All rams will be sold subject to an inspection by the NSA. Inspection is a condition of entry to the sale and compliance with this inspection shall in no way form a guarantee to the purchaser of the animals so inspected. Vendors should note that any entries which on inspection are found showing lesions suggestive of caseous lymphadenitis (CLA) will not be allowed forward for sale and must be removed from the pens immediately. **THOUGH CARE IS TAKEN TO INSPECT EVERY RAM FOR DEFECTS, THE FINAL ONUS REMAINS WITH THE**

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PURCHASER. All rejected sheep must be removed from the sale pens. They cannot pass through the sale ring. 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.
13. 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.
  14. The maximum run for a single vendor is eight rams of the same breed. Rams in excess of these numbers will not be included in the draw and will be catalogued later.
  15. The Committee, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to restrict numbers or refuse entries.
  16. All sheep must comply with any Defra regulations in force at the time of sale.
  17. The Committee accepts no responsibility whatsoever for loss, injury or damage to any persons or their property.

**Please note that vendors and buyers will be notified of any restrictions or rules relating to the sale due to Covid-19 in advance of the day. Please see the NSA website and/or the sale catalogue for this information.**

#### **For your information**

1. The sale is open to shearling rams, older rams and ram lambs. Ram lamb entries limited to four per breed per vendor.
2. Only rams from fully accredited maedi visna flocks may be entered.
3. All penning is free of charge. The market prefers rams to be penned on sawdust.
4. Vendors must supply their own forage.
5. All accommodation for rams will be under cover. The market opens at 7am and stock should be cleared by 6.30pm.
6. Maedi visna certificates, stock movement forms and any relevant licenses must accompany all sheep.
7. Inspection of rams will start at 12 noon.
8. All rams must carry an electronic identification tag.
9. **Competition.** Rams will be judged in their pens at 12 noon. Dependent on numbers, classes as follows:-
  - a. Group of 3 Charollais shearling rams
  - b. Group of 3 Suffolk shearling rams
  - c. Group of 3 Texel shearling Rams
10. If Covid-19 restrictions allow, 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](mailto:enquiries@nationalsheep.org.uk) or 01684 892661. Alternatively, contact Rugby Farmers Mart on 02476 697731.