

**THREE COUNTIES AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S 2024 SHOW
GENERAL SHOW REGULATIONS**

SHOWGROUND HOLDING NUMBER 17/551/8000

DEFRA REGULATION – Exhibitor should be aware and conform to the regulations in place by DEFRA at all times including Blue Tongue and a refund will be provided should DEFRA regulations stop the exhibitor attending the show.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXHIBITORS AND THEIR STOCK ATTENDANTS

R1 RESPONSIBILITY

The Society, its Officers and servants, shall not be responsible to any person whatsoever whilst entering, or leaving the Society's premises, for any damage or loss, however caused to the property of such person, or for any injury, fatal or otherwise, to any such person. The Society, its Officers and servants shall not be responsible for any accident, damage, loss however caused that may occur to any exhibitor or his employee or to any animal, article, or property brought into the showground, or whilst entering, or on leaving, or being carried into or out of the said showground. The exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any loss, injury, or damage that may be done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal, article or property exhibited or brought into the showground by him/her and he/she shall indemnify and hold harmless the Society from all action, suits, expenses and claims on account of, or in respect of any such damage or injury which may be so caused or occasioned.

R2 CONDUCT OF EXHIBITORS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES/REPRESENTATIVES

All persons in charge of stock will be subject to the orders of the Society's officials. Employees/representatives must be in attendance each day during the Show, at least half an hour prior to the time appointed for the examination, exhibition or parade of the animals in their charge. Exhibitors will be held responsible for the behaviour of their employees, and for the consequence of any misconduct of such employees/representatives. **The Society reserves the right to ban from exhibiting or attending, whomsoever in their opinion contravenes or has contravened any of the Society's bye-laws or regulations or who behaves noisily or offensively to Judges, Members of Council, Steward, Official, Exhibitor or Member of the Public.** Any exhibitor deemed to be in breach of this regulation is liable to be disqualified and any award cancelled, and such person thereupon may be excluded from exhibiting at future Shows of the Society.

R3 ANIMAL WELFARE –The Three Counties Agricultural Society expects all exhibitors to observe best practice at all times. The Society provides veterinary cover 24/7 for the duration of animals being on The Showground for livestock exhibitors.

ENTRIES

R4 ENTRY FORMS & DATA STORAGE

Entries can be made online at www.royalthreecounties.co.uk/compete/. Information from entries will be stored on computer and the name, address and details of entries will be published in the Catalogue, unless otherwise advised; information about results may also be published and/or provided to the press and Breed Societies for publication. Information about exhibitors may also be passed to any regulatory authority, such as DEFRA or Trading Standards as well as the Society's Veterinary Advisers. The making of an entry is irrevocable consent for the storage and disclosure of information in this way.

R5 EXHIBITS ENTERED IN MORE THAN ONE CLASS

Animals may be entered in more than one class, except where otherwise stated in the Schedule. The number of such additional classes shall be stated in the space provided on the entry form and the additional fees remitted for each entry.

R6 ENTRIES FOR SPECIAL PRIZES

These classes are identified by an additional 'S' before the class number. No fee is required for such entries, though each exhibit shall have appeared in the appropriate breed class and the fees paid for the same. This regulation does not apply for entry of animals for Champion Prizes as all eligible animals are automatically entered for such awards.

R7 CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES

The dates appointed for the closing of entries are:

Cattle, Sheep, Wool, Pigs, Boer, Dairy & Pygmy Goats	16 April 2024
Angora Goat Pen Reservation	16 April 2024
Angora Goat details	14 May 2024
Cattle substitutions	14 May 2024

No entries can be accepted by telephone. ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

The organisers reserve the right to close entries earlier than the dates given above if capacity is reached.

R8 CORRECTNESS OF ENTRY DETAILS

Every exhibitor or competitor will be held responsible for the correctness of his/her entry details, and must check all entry details when confirmation is sent, as at this stage changes can be made. If when called upon to prove its correctness, he/she fails to do so, the entry in question may be disqualified, and any award made to it cancelled. If it shall be proved that any exhibitor or competitor has knowingly made an incorrect entry form, or has attempted to obtain a prize by unfair means whatsoever, all awards made to such an exhibitor or competitor in any class or competition may be cancelled and he/she may be disqualified from exhibiting at future Shows of the Society. Exhibitors of Cattle Breeds which are not tattooed must bring to the Show the registration certificates of the cattle forward. These must be produced at the request of the Society's Stewards. Exhibitors are to state when entering if the exhibit has been imported from outside the United Kingdom. RANDOM IDENTIFICATION CHECKS OF LIVESTOCK WILL BE MADE AT THE SHOW. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER CLOSING OF ENTRIES.**

R9 OWNERSHIP

All exhibits shall be bona-fide property of the exhibitor at the original date of entry closing. In the event of the death of the exhibitor between the date of entry closing and the date of the show, the executor/s of the deceased shall be deemed to be the exhibitor.

R10 ENTRY BY MINORS

Entries by persons under 18 years of age shall be accepted only provided the terms and conditions are accepted and the parent, guardian or trustee of the entrant, who shall be held responsible for the correctness of the entry and for the compliance with these Show Regulations. Any entry made in contravention of this Regulation and inadvertently accepted may be cancelled.

R11 PARTICULARS OF EXHIBITS

Full pedigree details must be given on the entry form where demanded. These details may be printed in the show catalogue. Every animal entered for competition must be entered or certified as eligible for entry in the Herd, Flock or Stud Book of its breed in the U.K. Where an animal is entered by the exhibitor as eligible for entry in the Herd, Flock or Stud Book, proof of such eligibility must be furnished at the time of making the entry. This regulation does not apply to Commercial Cattle classes.

R12 AGE OF EXHIBITS

The exact date of birth of each exhibit must be stated on the entry form, except in the case of sheep, where the year of birth only, need be given. In the case of doubt or protest a certificate signed by the Society's duly appointed Veterinary Surgeon shall be considered final and conclusive.

R13 RIGHT TO REJECT ENTRIES

The Council of the Society reserves the sole right to reject or cancel the entry or entries made by any person, if it shall deem fit to do so, and right to cancel any class or classes, refunding any fees paid in respect thereof. Owing to shortage of accommodation, the Council also, reserves the right to limit the number of entries in any class or section should this be necessary.

R14 CANCELLATION OF ENTRIES

In the event of there being fewer than four exhibitors in any breed section (Pig breeds – three exhibitors) the classes for such breed may be cancelled and the entry fees refunded, unless otherwise stated under individual breed sections. In the event of their being fewer than three exhibitors entered in any class it may be cancelled and entry fees refunded, except in cases where possible amalgamation is specifically allowed for in the schedule.

R15 NOMINATION OF ENTRIES

Any form failing to give the full name of exhibit will be refused. The entry form together with any fees remitted herewith will be returned to the person sending the form (except in the case of R82 Pig Section)

R16 ACCURACY OF CATALOGUE

The Society will not be responsible for any inaccuracy in any pedigree or other particulars inserted in the catalogue, though every care will be made to ensure the accuracy of all particulars printed therein. Please use BLOCK CAPITALS when completing your entry form.

FEES

R17 PAYMENT OF ENTRY AND/OR ACCOMMODATION FEES

All remittances in payment of fees shall be by credit card, debit card or by electronic transfer.

R18 ENTRY FEES

Fees for each entry are shown at the head of each section of this Schedule. All entry fees are inclusive of VAT @ 20%. (Any change in VAT rate will be applied from the due date.) VAT registered no. 729848577. The acceptance of entries at Members' rates is conditional upon the exhibitor having paid their annual subscription. Individuals wishing to become members can pay £75 , or £25 if under 25, at point of entry to receive 50% discount on entries and unlimited free days out to selected Three Counties events .

R19 REFUND OF ENTRY FEES

Any entry fee paid shall not be returnable, except in the case of an animal incapacitated by accident, injury or illness. Any claim under this clause must be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer

and must be accompanied by a certificate issued by a Veterinary Surgeon to be received not later than 10 June 2024 together with all labels and passes issued by the Society in respect of the entry/ies in question. ANY CLAIM RECEIVED AFTER 10 JUNE 2024 WILL BE INVALID.

TICKETS

R20 EXHIBITORS' PASSES

Each exhibitor shall receive passes as listed below, but a Member of the Society will receive his/her Members' Badge in lieu of one.

R21 TICKET ALLOCATION

Exhibitor passes will be allocated on the number of exhibits entered as listed below-

Cattle	Number of Exhibit(s)	Number of Three Day Passes
	1	2
	2	3
	3	4
	4	5
	5 and over	6
Sheep/Pigs Goats	Number of Exhibit(s)	Number of Three Day Passes
	1	2
	2	3
	3	4
	4	5
	5 and over	5

Additional one day exhibitor passes may be purchased for the day of your choosing, in advance only, at £14.00 (inc VAT).

Additional 3 day exhibitor wristbands may be purchased, in advance only, at £35.00 (inc VAT).

3 day Livestock wristbands for under 16's only are available, in advance only, free of charge.

R22 LORRY PASSES - Livestock

All vehicles will be inspected before entering the showground. 'Dirty' vehicles will be turned away, or moved to an area to be cleaned before entering the showground. Exhibitors will be provided with a lorry pass to enable them to bring their stock into the Showground, and such passes will cover (pre-Show) the lorry and driver. Upon off-loading of stock such lorries will be required to be parked in the designated area and will not be permitted to return to the vicinity of the stock lines until departure time on the afternoon of the last day of the Show. Exhibitors must state on entry forms the additional number of such lorry passes required. Please Note: A one-way traffic system in operation.

DISEASED ANIMALS

R23 ANIMALS SUFFERING FROM DISEASE

Every exhibitor shall indemnify the Society against all actions, claims, proceedings and demands by any person, company or other representative body of whatsoever nature in respect of any matter, directly or indirectly connected with the bringing onto the Society's Showground of any animal which may have been suffering from any contagious or infectious disease or which develops such a disease whilst on the Showground and in addition the exhibitor shall pay all costs and expenses incurred by the Society in connection with any such claim. The Society's Veterinary Officers are authorised to refuse permission for any animal to be admitted to, or have removed from, the Showground any animals affected with contagious or infectious disease. The exhibitor of such

animal may obtain a certificate from the Show Secretary, stating the nature of such disease or infection. The onus of proving the freedom of any such animal from contagious or infectious disease shall rest on the exhibitor of the animal concerned. A Veterinary inspection will be carried out on all animals in their pens or stalls, and the show vets opinion will be deemed to be final.

AWARDS

R24 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded on the scales shown at the beginning of each entry section.

R25 CONDITIONAL AWARDS

In all cases where the prizes are offered or awarded conditionally, they will be withheld until the exhibitor shall have proven to the satisfaction of the Council that the conditions have been complied with.

R26 ROSETTES AND PRIZE COLOURS

No animal will be allowed to wear a rosette, sash or ribbon other than those issued by the Society, and no rosette, sash or ribbon may be displaying during judging which has been awarded in a previous class. The colours for prizes will be Supreme Champion and Champion – Red, White and Blue, Reserve Supreme Champion and Reserve Champion – White and Red, Special Prize – White and Blue, Reserve for Special Prizes – Mauve, First – Red, Second – Blue, Third – Yellow, Fourth – Green, Fifth – Brown. All other awards – White.

R27 PROTESTS

Any exhibitor wishing to make a protest having reference to livestock or horses exhibited at the Show, must make the same in writing to the Livestock Officer, and must deposit a sum of £100. If upon investigation the protest is not sustained to the satisfaction of the Stewards, the sum thus deposited shall be forfeited to the Society's funds. All protests must be delivered to the Show Office at the Showground within half an hour of the completion of the class on the day on which the award shall have been made, and no protest will be subsequently received unless a satisfactory reason be given for the delay. Protests will be considered by the Chief Steward of the Section concerned in consultation with their assistants. If the Chief Steward is unable to resolve the protest, then it will be referred the matter to the Society's Livestock Committee.

R28 ALTERATION OF AWARDS

In case of any protest made in accordance with Regulation 27 whereby any prize animal becomes disqualified, the winner of the next succeeding prize in that class shall take the prize that had been awarded to the disqualified animal.

R29 PRIZE MONEY PAYMENT

The prize money offered by the Society WILL BE PAID OUT BEFORE 1 AUGUST 2024 in respect of all prizes offered by the Society. Special prizes offered by private donors of Breed Societies will be paid direct to the winners, and the Society cannot hold itself responsible for non-payment of any such prizes. Any claim or complaint regarding prize money paid or unpaid shall be notified to the Livestock Officer of the Society before 31 AUGUST 2024. **All payments will be made by BACS transfer, please ensure account details are correct upon point of entry to ensure The Society are able to make payment.**

R30 CHALLENGE TROPHIES

Winners of previous trophies offered by the Society may hold these until 31 March 2024, the trophies must be returned in good condition to the Society's Offices or to the Society's appointed agents for engraving. Trophies returned by post must be sent by Recorded Delivery. Failure to return trophies by the due date may incur a maximum penalty of £5000. The Society's Trophy

Registration number is shown in brackets after the name of each trophy in the list of Special Prizes in each section.

JUDGES

R31 JUDGES

The Judges are instructed to withhold prizes where the entry is not of sufficient merit, and in awarding prizes the Judges are instructed to make their awards according to the relative merits of the exhibits for breeding purposes in breed classes. If in the opinion of the Judges any animal appears to be unfit for breeding purposes, the Judges shall be at liberty to have the animal examined by one of the Society's Veterinary Surgeons, whose opinion shall be considered to be final and conclusive, and if they so direct, the animal will be disqualified from taking a prize which might otherwise be awarded to it. No person other than a Steward or authorised Official of the Society shall enter a ring when judging is in progress, nor shall have any communication with the Judges during the time of judging, and all exhibitors and their agents acting in opposition to this regulation shall forfeit such prize as may be awarded to their exhibit.

R32 CHANGE OF JUDGE

Should an exhibit be forward for competition, which was either bred or previously owned by the officiating Judge, then a referee may be introduced at the request of the Chief Steward of the Section. The exhibitor will know who is judging from the schedule whereas the Judge will not know which animals are coming before him until he arrives in the ring. If there is an unforeseen change of Judge then the exhibitor should stand down from the class and entry fees will be refunded or advise the Chief Steward before judging commences so that a referee may be appointed. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO INFORM EXHIBITORS OF A CHANGE IN JUDGE.

R33 PARADES AND JUDGING

Any exhibitor or employee refusing to bring their exhibits on parade at a specified time when requested by the Stewards to do so shall be liable to forfeit to the Society any prize money previously awarded to the said exhibits. All employees in charge of stock which is to be paraded must have their exhibits ready for such parade thirty minutes prior to the times of parades as laid down in the official timetable. White coats or Breed Society uniform must be worn in the Breed Judging ring and the Grand Parades. The correct number must be worn by the exhibitor in each class. Failure to do so may result in the animal being excluded from being judged. **Cattle exhibitors should note that bulls should always have two handlers.**

HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS & INSURANCE

R34 PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE – All livestock exhibitors must ensure they have adequate public liability insurance cover.

R35 SMOKING

To comply with Health and Safety Regulations we are obliged to inform you that there will be no smoking (including E-cigarettes) in the livestock lines or any buildings or marquees within the showground.

R36 HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK REGULATION

Exhibitors are reminded that they are responsible for the observance, by themselves, their employees and their contractors of all Health and Safety at Work regulations. Any item of risk or hazard should be reported to the Director's Office immediately.

R37 COMPETENCE OF EXHIBITORS

All Exhibitors must have the physical ability and relevant experience to handle the animal in their charge at all times. Handlers must be in good health and properly trained in safe work methods. It is a condition of entry that all stock handlers, and especially children, should only handle animals where they have the necessary strength and experience to cope with the said animal. Children must always be under the supervision of and accompanied by a competent adult. Stewards may refuse entry to a class or the Grand Parade if they consider that safety rules could be breached.

GENERAL

R38 VETERINARY SURGEON

It is a condition of entry that the Society's Veterinary Surgeons may on their own authority give such emergency treatment as they may consider appropriate in the event that the owner or his representative cannot be found. In such circumstances, the exhibitor will be liable for the veterinary fees charged.

R39 DEFRA REGULATION

Exhibitors should be aware of and conform to the regulations in place by DEFRA at all times including Blue Tongue.

R40 MALPRACTICES

Any artificial contrivance or device of any description, or substance, found on or proved to have been on an animal at any time, either for preventing or influencing abnormally the flow of milk or for any other improper practice, shall disqualify that animal from any award and the owner/exhibitor may be prohibited from exhibiting at future Shows. For the purposes of this regulation the term 'improper practice' shall be held to include setting of teats, and generally any other practice which results in the animals being shown other than in a natural state. The Society reserves the right to have all animals inspected by the Senior Veterinary Officer either prior to, during or after judging or at any other time whilst on the Showground.

R41 TRANSIT OF ANIMALS – From January 2007 Welfare in Transport Regulation (EC) no. 1.2005 will apply. NOTE: It will be an offence to transport any female animal for whom 90% or more of the gestation period has already passed or female animals that have given birth in the previous week. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you are transporting animals over 65KMs you will require an **Animal Transporter Authorisation**, and as from January 2008 it is now a legal requirement to have a Certificate of Competence for transporting animals over 65Kms (please check with your local authority)

R42 STALLING OF EXHIBITS

Exhibitors and their employees must see that their exhibits are stalled or penned in the allotted place for them in accordance with their exhibit numbers, and no person shall remove or otherwise deface any notice or exhibit number placed by the Society, or its Officers on the stalls or pens, nor shall any exhibit be stalled or penned in the place allotted to another exhibit, and no person shall utilise a vacant stall or pen without written consent of the Steward or Chief Steward. The penalty for the infringement of this regulation shall be that the exhibitor whose exhibit is incorrectly stalled or penned shall forfeit all prizes awarded to such exhibit, and shall incur a fine of £50 for each day, or part of a day the animal is incorrectly stalled or penned. No animal shall be cleansed other than at the wash downs provided for this purpose. **GREAT CARE MUST BE TAKEN WHEN USING POWER WASHERS TO CLEAN LIVESTOCK.**

R43 STRAW

Straw will be allocated on the following basis: Cattle – Loose straw in the stall on arrival. Sheep – One third of a bale per pen on arrival. Pigs – Half a bale per pen on arrival. Further straw to be distributed at the beginning and end of each day as required – times to be advised within the lines. No straw tickets will be issued.

R44 RUGS AND SHEETS

Except by special permission of the Steward of the Section, no rug or sheet shall be hung up so as to conceal any animal in a stall or pen. All sheets used for this purpose must be removed before the opening of the Show each day to the general public, and must not be replaced until after the closing of the Show each day.

R45 PUBLICITY

Exhibitors will be allowed to promote their herd/flock but the following conditions will apply –

- a. Cattle section – space allowed per animal forward maximum of 5' wide per stall.
- b. Sheep and Pig sections – space allowed per pen maximum of 5' wide per pen.
- c. Maximum height for herd/flock publicity boards from ground level – cattle 8', sheep and pigs 6'.
- d. No promotion material to be hung from the roof, or placed in the gangways.
- e. No advertising other than acknowledgements of suppliers will be permitted.
- f. Only Rosettes and Prize Cards of this Society to be displayed, and these must only be for the current year.
- g. Exhibit cards provided by the Society must be clearly displayed for each animal forward.

R46 STOVES

Exhibitors or their employees desiring to bring portable stoves or barbecues onto the showground for cooking etc, will only be permitted to do so provided such stoves are carried and used in a properly constructed fire resisting box. Use of stoves will not be permitted under any circumstances within the confines of Livestock lines or Stockperson's accommodation within the main showground.

R47 STEWARDS

No person shall officiate in the judging ring as Steward at the time of judging of a class in which he or she shall have an exhibit. In the event of a Steward making entries after his or her appointment, the Chief Steward shall at his sole discretion appoint a deputy Steward to carry out the duties for the class in question.

R48 DOGS/PETS – are not allowed on the Showground or in the Stock lines with the exception of Assistance Dogs and those taking part in competitive classes or events.

R49 PENALTIES

Any infringement of any of the Regulations or Conditions printed in this Schedule will subject the exhibitor to forfeiture of any prize to which he/she may be entitled (in addition to the consequences attaching to the infringement) and the Council reserve the right to inform other Agricultural Societies and bodies of any decision it may come to with respect to an exhibitor.

ROYAL THREE COUNTIES AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE	
David Owens (Chairman)	Dermot Weaver
Cliver Roads (Chairman of Council)	Lindsay Craddock (County Director)
Rob Grinnall	Adrian Hope (County Director)
Maurice Hart	Michael Weaver (County Director)
Andrew Powers	
Bill Quan	Co-opted:
Peter Rose	Jonathan Long
James Sage	John Harper
Graham Watkins	Phil Whitely (Society Vet)

R50 INTERPRETATION OF REGULATIONS

The Society reserves to itself by its Council the sole and absolute right to interpret these or any other prescribed conditions and regulations, or Prize Sheets, and to settle arbitrarily and determine all matters, questions or difference in regard hereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with incident to the show. Also to refuse and to cancel and entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, vary or cancel awards of prizes or reserve numbers, and relax conditions, as the Society may deem expedient.

R51 PLEASE NOTE

All exhibitors and other persons admitted to the showground shall be subject to the rules, orders, conditions and regulations of the Council of the Three Counties Agricultural Society. The Organisers of this show have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the Organisers and all Officials and Stewards.

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