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Introduction

The objectives of The Dorper Sheep Society of Australia Inc. are:

- The promotion and development of the breeding of Dorper sheep in Australia.
- The promotion and development of by-products of Dorper sheep
- The provision of information and educational material in relation to Dorper sheep
- The promotion of the objects of The Dorper Sheep Society of Australia Inc. and other bodies and organisations, which have similar objects and expertise.
- Assisting to create an environment that encourages the development of the Dorper sheep industry in Australia.
- To become a reference point for government and industry on the requirements for participation in and the development of the Dorper sheep industry in Australia

The Dorper Sheep Society of Australia Inc. sets forth the following Bylaws for registration and the development of the Dorper sheep industry. These aim to preserve and maintain the objectives of the Society and the quality of the Dorper sheep in Australia.

Section 1: Definitions

Where the context reasonably permits the following definitions shall apply:

The Society – The Dorper Sheep Society of Australia Inc.

The Committee – The National Committee of management

Dorper – means a sheep showing the phenotype of the Dorper or White Dorper sheep

Breeder - is the owner of the sheep at birth.

Breeding year - means the calendar year from January to December

Dam - is the genetic mother of the lamb

Embryo – fertilized Ova

Imported - means imported to Australia

Register - means the Dorper sheep register that belongs to The Dorper Sheep Society of Australia Inc. and contains records of individual animals and includes the stud registers.

Registered - means the sheep has been registered with The Dorper Sheep Society of Australia Inc.

Registrar - means the person appointed by The Dorper Sheep Society of Australia Inc. for the purpose of operating the register

Section 2: Register

- 2.1 Stud Register
The stud register is for use by stud members only and incorporates individual registration of purebred Dorper sheep.
- 2.2 Sheep can only be registered on the stud register by the breeder with the exception of 2.3
- 2.3 The registrar may accept registration from an owner where the breeder
 - 2.3.1 is not a member
 - 2.3.2 cannot be found
 - 2.3.3 is unable to complete the required paperwork.

Section 3; Membership & Flock Enrolment

- 3.1 Full Stud membership
Stud membership allows access to the stud register and is principally intended for members wishing to register purebred Dorpers. Stud members are members of the Society and bound by its constitution. They are entitled to full voting rights at branch and federal levels. On applying for Stud Membership a person shall submit, for approval a preferred prefix (see 3.3).
 - 3.2 Associate/Commercial membership
Associate/Commercial members are not stud members, but are members of the Society and are bound by its memorandum and articles of Society. They cannot vote at general meetings of the company or nominate for the position of director but can vote at Regional meetings.
 - 3.3 Stud prefix and flock number
When applying for membership,
 - 3.3.1 every person accepted as a stud member of the Society shall record a stud prefix (up to 20 letters) which shall be used as a prefix to and as part of the name of every sheep of which they are the breeder and which is submitted for registration in the register;
 - 3.3.2 each stud member will be issued with a unique flock number by the registrar.
 - 3.4 Registrars discretion to register name
The registrar may decline to register or record any stud or flock name, stud prefix which, in the opinion of the registrar, resembles that of any other breeder of livestock whether in Australia or elsewhere or which they perceive as contrary to the interests of the Society.
 - 3.5 More than one flock
If a person has more than one flock of sheep, whether running on the same property or elsewhere, that person may record with the Society a separate stud prefix and flock number in respect of each herd and pay the prescribed fee in respect of each herd.
 - 3.6 Multiple ownership
 - 3.6.1 Multiple member owners of a sheep shall designate a single member as the nominee owner for recording purposes.
 - 3.7 Members are required to complete an annual return as directed by the society
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Section 4: Identification, Breeding and Ownership

- 4.1 Name
- 4.1.1 A breeder may submit a name of up to 20 letter or numeral spaces for a sheep on the registration application. The selected name is preceded by the stud prefix eg "Superstud Brian"
- 4.1.2 The registrar may at their discretion refuse to register a sheep under a particular name if the name including stud prefix is considered to be misleading or contrary to the interests of the Society.
- 4.2 Change of name
- The registered name of a sheep shall not be changed except with the approval of the registrar upon written application from the breeder and the payment of the required fee. Upon any such change the registrar shall make such amendments to the register including relatives' pedigree details as may be required to avoid confusion
- 4.3 Identification number
- Every sheep for which registration is applied in the stud register must be permanently identified with a tag in either carrying the following details
- (i) Either the Stud Name or Flock number
 - (ii) The year number e.g.; 99, 00, 01
 - (iii) The animal's individual number
- 4.4 Every sheep submitted for registration in the stud register must be either be;
- 4.4.1 the progeny of a registered sire and a pure Dorper ewe
- 4.4.2 the result of an imported embryo or semen where paperwork is provided to the registrar to substantiate the application
- 4.4.3 Purchased by a member from a non-member where pedigree information is provided to the satisfaction of the registrar.
- 4.5 Breed standard and registration
- 4.5.1 To be eligible for registration sheep must comply with Section 1 of the Breed standard guidelines i.e. free of conformation defects.
- 4.6 Additional information
- The Registrar may require such additional information as he may think fit before accepting any sheep for registration in the register or before approving any transfer.
- 4.7 Registration rejection
- Any application for registration in the register or for registration of a stud/flock prefix will be subject to rejection if -
- 4.7.1 Made by a person who is not a member of the Society;
 - 4.7.2 The registrar is not satisfied that the particulars set out in the information are accurate;
 - 4.7.3 Such information as may be required is not supplied to the satisfaction of the registrar;
- or
- 4.7.4 The application has failed or neglected to observe and fulfill all requirements of these regulations.
- 4.8 Breeder's records
- 4.8.1 It is the duty of every member owner of a registered sheep to keep proper records of the breeding activities of their flock.
- 4.8.2 The Committee may examine, copy and take extracts from such records.
- 4.8.3 Reasonable steps shall be taken to preserve the confidentiality of any part of such records when a request is made by the member owner.
- 4.9 Payment of fees
- The registrar may decline to enter any sheep into the register if the member submitting the registration application has not prepaid their membership fee for the current period or the prescribed fee for registering the sheep.
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4.10 Lost certificates

In the event that a pedigree registration certificate is lost or destroyed, upon a written request by the registered owner and payment of the prescribed fee, a duplicate certificate shall be issued.

Section 5: Imports of sheep & sheep embryos

5.1 Registration requirements

Imported sheep may be accepted for registration by a member provided that the importation is in compliance with the laws of the commonwealth of Australia applicable at the time of importation

Section 6: The Transfer of Sheep & leasing

6.1 Transfer application

Within 60 days of the sale, exchange, gift or other disposition of a registered sheep or any interest therein notification of such shall be lodged by the registered owner to the Society in the form of a completed, signed transfer application.

6.2 Date of disposition

The date of transfer shall coincide with the date of disposition for all purposes of the Society.

6.3 Transfer of pregnant/joined female

The details of the sire and joining date(s) must be provided for transfer of joined females.

6.4 Transfer application endorsed by the society

Upon the receipt of the transfer application, along with the prescribed fee, the application shall be endorsed and recorded on the computer files by the Society. A pedigree registration certificate shall be forwarded to the new owner.

6.5 Confirm identification of animal being transferred

Both the transferor and transferee shall be responsible for confirming that the identification of the sheep being transferred is in accordance with the details on the pedigree registration certificate prior to delivery or consignment to the transferee. In the event that identification cannot be substantiated, the vendor shall contact the registrar for direction.

Section 7: Judges and Inspectors

Judges and inspectors may be included on the list under the following conditions

7.1 Qualifications gained in South Africa will be recognized by the Society.

7.2 The region will nominate persons considered to have sufficient experience to the National Executive committee.

7.3 The National Executive will approve the application if considered appropriate

7.4 Any and all accredited judges shall be disqualified from judging any Dorper sheep in which they have a pecuniary interest.

Section 8: Showing

8.1 All Dorper sheep presented for judging shall have been fully machine shorn within two (2) months prior to show date unless specified otherwise in the rules of the show and the fleece or covering shall not in any case exceed one (1) centimetre in depth.

8.2 It is a condition of entry in a show that all animals entered in a show shall be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and registered with The Dorper Sheep Society of Australia Inc.

Section 10: Fees

10.1 Membership and administration fees are determined by the National Executive Committee and are subject to change

Application fee (once off)	\$110 (incl. GST)
Annual Full Membership	\$275 (incl. GST and \$55 shall be allocated to the regional budget)
Associate/commercial membership	\$55 (incl. GST)
Registration fees Rams/ewes	\$6.60 (incl. GST)
Bulk Transfer per head (unreg ewes)	\$2.20 (incl. GST)
Transfer fees for all animals	\$6.60 (incl. GST)
Re-issue cost certificate fee	\$6.60 (incl. GST)

Associate membership does not carry any voting rights.

Section 11: Voting

11.1 Each Membership fee paid shall carry one vote.

11.2 Voting on all constitutional matters or amendments to the Constitution may be by postal vote as determined by the National Executive Committee.

11.3 All financially current full members shall be provided with an appropriate voting form that will identify their name and stud or membership identification.

11.4 All voting forms will be devoid of any promotional information but will provide sufficient to enable a constitutionally correct vote to be cast.

11.5 All forms will include a return date not less than 30 days from date of posting.

11.6 Any votes or envelopes containing votes postmarked later or dated later than midnight on the day specified shall be deemed invalid.
