



BYLAWS APPLYING TO REGIONS

1. *The Regions*

The Regions as allocated by the Society Based on Geographical distribution of Membership

- 1.1 **Western Region** – Western Australia
- 1.2 **Central Region** – South Australia and Northern Territory.
- 1.3 **Eastern Region** – New South Wales – Queensland
- 1.4 **Southern Region** – Victoria, Tasmania, Southern New South Wales
- 1.5 **North Eastern** -- Queensland

2. *AIMS:*

- 2.1 To promote and propagate the Dorper Sheep breed in Australia.
- 2.2 To advertise Dorper sheep in Australia to the best of the Region's ability.
- 2.3 To encourage unity and co-operation amongst Dorper breeders.
- 2.4 To promote the interests of the Dorper as a meat breed, and in this way to assist the Dorper Sheep Society of Australia Inc.
- 2.5 To ensure that co-operation in the Region does not interfere with the aims and principles of the Dorper Sheep Society of Australia Inc.

3. *General*

- 3.1 Any person residing within the boundaries of a region who is interested in Dorper Sheep may attend Branch meetings however they do not have any voting privileges unless they are fully paid up members of the Dorper Sheep Society of Australia Inc.
 - 3.2 It is expected of every member to be unselfish in the interest of the Dorper breed, and
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- to conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Ethics
- 3.3 Payment of membership fees entitles that Stud or enterprise to one vote at Society meetings or ballots.

4. *Elected Positions*

The Executive of a Branch will consist of the following as a minimum.

Elected positions

- President
- Five (5) Committee Members representing as wide a geographical spread within the region as is possible

Appointed positions that may be in addition to the six (6) elected positions but do not carry any voting rights at Committee meetings

- Media Officer
- Secretary

Nominated positions from elected positions

- Federal Board representatives x 2

Open nominations and voting will apply to all elected positions.

Each member will serve on the Committee for an annual term, after which he/she may be eligible for re-election.

5. *The annual General Meeting*

The Annual General Meeting will be held annually, the date, time and venue to be determined by the Committee. Special meetings will be held when necessary. The Secretary is compelled, if requested in writing by at least ten fully paid up member, to convene a meeting, in writing.

6 *Quorum*

Six members at a General meeting will form a quorum. Three Committee members form a quorum at Committee meetings.

7 *Financial Year*

The Region's Financial year is governed by the financial year of the Dorper Sheep Society of Australia Inc as defined in the Constitution of the Dorper Sheep Society of Australia Inc..

8 *Bank account*

The Region shall not open a banking account in the name of the Society without the permission of the Board and all finances shall be managed and accounted for by the Society Secretariat. The Secretariat will present a financial statement at the AGM

9 *Absenteeism by Executive Committee Member*

Any member of the Executive Committee who absents himself/herself from two Committee meetings without leave of absence and sufficient reason will, ipso facto, vacate his/her office as a Committee Member. Also, if he/she absents himself/herself from more than three meetings per year, with or without apology will, ipso facto, vacate his/her office as a Committee Member.

10. Committee vacancy

Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Committee, whether due to death, illness, resignation, continued absence of a member, or for any other cause whatsoever, the Committee shall have the right to co-opt a person to fill the vacancy, provided that where the balance of the term does not exceed three months, the vacancy is not filled

11 Notice of Meeting

Notice of any meeting shall be posted to members not less than fourteen days prior to the date of holding of that meeting, provided however, that in the case of a meeting called by the Chairman or Vice-chairman on emergency, shorter notice may be given by post or telegraph or telephone, as the Chairman or Vice-chairman shall deem sufficient. The said notice must state the business to be transacted at the meeting.

This procedure described above will also be applicable to Committee Meetings.

12 Chairman

The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-chairman, or in his absence a member elected by those members present, shall act as chairman of the meeting of the Committee.

13 Powers of the Executive Committee

The Committee shall, subject to the terms of the Constitution, By-laws and Rules and subject further to the direction of the Region's attendance from time to time, have power to do all such things as it may deem necessary or advisable in the interest of the Region.

14 Election of Office Bearers

Election of Committee Members can take place by secret ballot, if it is the express wish of the majority of members attending an Annual General Meeting and voting at meetings on other matters may take place by show of hands, unless voting by secret ballot is specifically requested.

15 Shows and Sales

Any Dorper and White Dorper Regional Sale or Show must be open to all Dorper Society members.
