



UltraWhite Sheep Breeders Association of Australia Inc Regulations

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1. Registration of Flocks:

Applications for registration of a new flock of UltraWhite sheep may be accepted provided:

- (a) the flock comprises sheep transferred from a flock registered with the UltraWhite Sheep Breeders Association of Australia Inc;
- (b) the board from time to time may accept a flock of UltraWhite sheep transferred from a flock not registered with the UltraWhite Sheep Breeders Association of Australia Inc, subject to
 - a. documented evidence of breeding of each individual UltraWhite sheep showing 98% purity of the UltraWhite breed and meeting breed description standard requirements
- (c) the member subscribes to Sheep Genetics (Lambplan) and maintains that subscription while a registered member of the Association, recording and managing data appropriately for the Sheep Genetics (Lambplan) database
 - i. It is the Breeder's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of data submitted to Sheep Genetics (Lambplan).
 - ii. The Association accepts Sheep Genetics (Lambplan) data as being accurate and correct.
- (d) the undertaking endorsed on the application form to the effect that the applicant will comply with the Rules and Regulations for the time being in force and accept and be bound by the decisions of the Board is signed by the said applicant.
- (e) the application fully completed is received by the Secretary within 90 days of receipt of transfer.
- (f) the Association reserves the right to refuse an application for registration of a new flock. It shall be a ground for refusal that the applicant or if the applicant is a Company, any Director, or, if a partnership, any partner, is or has been associated with a flock which has been deregistered for misconduct.

2. Late Application for Registration of Flocks:

Notwithstanding Regulation 1(e) above an application for registration of a new flock may be accepted when received by the Secretary after 90 days from receipt of transfer provided the applicant:

- a) Furnishes to the Secretary a history of his flock stating:
 - i. The length of time he has owned the sheep the subject of the application.
 - ii. The name and address of each person from whom he has obtained the said sheep.
 - iii. The number of ewes originally acquired by the applicant by transfer and the number of ewe and ram lambs respectively bred from such ewes during the seasons immediately prior to the application for registration.
 - iv. Such ewes from other flocks as are added to the said flock from time to time together with ewe and ram lambs respectively bred from these ewes.
 - v. The breeding of all rams that have been used in the flock.
- b) Complies with the other provisions of Regulation 1 and agrees to and facilitates:
 - i. The inspection of the new flock and the flock history specified above by inspectors appointed by the Board.
 - ii. The acceptance or refusal by such inspectors of all or any of his sheep for registration.
 - iii. The payment of the costs of such inspection.
 - iv. The payment of the Secretary of such penalty fees as may from time to time be determined by the Board.

3. Flock Registration Fees:

The registration fees for any one flock shall be as determined by the Board from time to time. Full particulars of fees appear in the Flock Register, as well as on the Association website. A member deregistered because of late returns or arrears of subscriptions shall re-register on the same basis as a new member, as set out in Regulation 2.

4. Unregistered Sheep:

A member is not permitted to breed or use unregistered UltraWhite sheep in their registered flock, subject to Regulation 1(b)

5. Stud Prefix:

Every registered owner will be required to register a stud prefix for his/her exclusive use in naming the sheep bred by him/her. The registration fee shall be as determined by the Board from time to time. Full particulars of fees appear on the back pages of the Flock Register, as well as on the Association website.

6. Additions to Flocks:

No sheep shall be added to a flock after its registration except from other registered UltraWhite flocks except where Regulation 1(b) applies.

The owner shall furnish the Association with full details of additions to his flock in his Annual Flock Return.

7. Registration of Individual Sheep:

- (a) All rams, including semen, used in any registered UltraWhite Flock must be registered UltraWhite rams.
- (b) All sheep in or used in a registered UltraWhite Flock must be registered in Sheep Genetics (Lambplan).
- (c) All stud rams and stud ewes exported from Australia must be individually registered. (Subject to Regulation 12 d))
- (d) Individually registered rams will be allotted a registration number and will be entered in the next Flock Register.
- (e) An UltraWhite sheep, once registered with the Association, shall remain registered and eligible for use in a registered UltraWhite Flock (regardless of previous ownership), provided all relevant transfers are completed and such fees where applicable have been paid.
- (f) Ewes exported will be allotted an individual registration number.
- (g) Registration fees shall be as determined by the Board from time to time. Full particulars of fees appear in the Flock Register, as well as on the Association website.
- (h) Composite forms for the individual registration of sheep and for the transfer of sheep are available without cost from the Association Secretary.

8. Ownership of Sheep:

A ram can be owned by a maximum of four registered flocks. A breeder retaining semen rights constitutes a part ownership of that ram. A separate transfer must be issued by the vendor to each share owner of a ram and the original copy of the transfer lodged with the Secretary. A member intending to offer a stud ram for sale either by auction or private treaty must clearly state both verbally and in writing prior to the sale whether semen is being retained, and if semen is being retained, the number of ewe doses retained and whether the semen is for the member's own use and/or for subsequent sale.

9. Transfer of Ownership of Sheep:

- (a) On the transfer of ownership of any UltraWhite stud ram and/or semen, and stud ewe, the vendor shall forward to the Secretary a transfer certificate within 60 days of the date of sale.
- (b) Any purchaser not being a registered UltraWhite flock owner and wishing to become one shall apply for flock registration within 90 days of receipt of transfer from the vendor.
- (c) Members who do not forward transfer certificates within sixty (60) days from date of sale shall be subject to a penalty as set by the board from time to time in respect of each transfer certificate received after sixty (60) and within ninety (90) days of sale. Any certificates received later than

ninety (90) days of sale, shall only be accepted at the discretion of the Board and upon payment of such penalty as the Board shall prescribe.

- (d) Stud ewes cannot be owned by more than one registered flock.
- (e) Forms for transfer and individual registration of sheep are available without cost from the Secretary.
- (f) Transfer fees shall be as determined by the Board from time to time. Full particulars of fees appear in each Flock Register, as well as on the Association website. These fees must accompany the transfer form.
- (g) The transfers of individual sheep will not be accepted within 12 months of previous transfer, except at the discretion of the Board.
- (h) Vendors will bear the responsibility for the correctness of their pedigrees.
- (i) The Association will record the information supplied by members/flocks but will bear no responsibility for its accuracy.

10. Certificate of Ram Service and Semen Transfer:

The owner of a stud ram who allows natural service or semen from that ram to be used or sold for use by another breeder must:

- (a) Ensure that the ram is individually registered.
- (b) Forward a Certificate of Stud Ram Service and Semen Transfer to the Secretary within 60 days from the date of natural service or semen transfer. The certificate must specify whether it is natural service or semen transfer.
- (c) There is no ram service fee for natural service.
- (d) The semen transfer fee shall be as determined by the Board from time to time and shall apply on each semen package used or sold per stud ram. Subsequent semen sales of the same ram to the same purchaser will be free of further semen transfer fees. Full particulars of fees will appear in the Flock Register in the table of Current Fees. Breeders using semen obtained from other than the owner of the donor ram or using imported semen, will be responsible for payment of the semen transfer fee.
- (e) Members who do not forward semen transfer certificates within sixty (60) days from the date of service shall be subject to a penalty as set by the Board from time to time in respect of each ram service certificate received after sixty (60) and within ninety (90) days of service. Any certificates received later than ninety (90) days of service, shall only be accepted at the discretion of the Secretary and upon payment of such penalty fee as the Board shall prescribe.
- (f) Stud ram service and semen transfer certificate forms are available free from the Secretary.

11. Production or Reducing or Dispersal Sales or Flock Ram Sales by Auction or Dispersal by Private Treaty:

It is the members responsibility to comply with all breed standards including;

- (a) Ensuring all sheep for sale have Lambplan pedigree and ASBVs are available
- (b) The vendor will forward to the Secretary within 60 days of the date of sale, transfer and/or registration certificates, as set out in Regulations 7, 8 and 9 covering each and every sheep sold.
- (c) The Secretary will draw the attention of new breeders to Regulation 9 (b).

12. Export Sale Procedure:

- a) A member intending to export registered sheep or semen from a registered UltraWhite flock MUST NOTIFY THE SECRETARY at least 30 days prior to exporting the animals IF an export certificate is required by that member
- b) It is the Vendor's final responsibility to ensure that an official inspection is carried out, where required, and an EXPORT CERTIFICATE is issued to him by the Secretary before the registered sheep leave the country.
- c) The cost of such inspection shall be borne by the vendor flock.

- d) All stud rams and stud ewes exported to registered flocks shall be individually registered and transferred.

13. The Sale of Sheep at Public Auction Sales:

- a) Members may sell stud rams, ewes and flock rams from their registered UltraWhite flock at any advertised sale.
- b) Vendors are reminded of the responsibilities under Regulations 11 which apply to all public auction sales.

14. The Sale of Sheep by Private Treaty:

- a) Stud rams and ewes sold by private treaty are not required to be inspected (except in the case of Regulation 12 covering Export Sales).
- b) The cost of such inspection shall be borne by the vendor.
- c) Such stud rams shall be individually registered and such stud rams and ewes shall be transferred as laid down in Regulations 7, 8 and 9.

15. The Exhibition of Sheep at Shows:

- a) The member must ensure that each exhibit conforms to the standard of type and soundness laid down by the UltraWhite Sheep Breeders Association of Australia Breed Standards
- b) Each exhibit must prominently display Lambplan pedigree and ASBVs information above the exhibit pen

16. Inspection Arrangements and Costs:

- a) The appointment of inspectors, the number of such appointments and the revocation of such appointments shall be a matter within the discretion of the Board
- b) The Board may at its discretion cause any flock to be inspected at any time and the Association will bear the cost of such inspection.
- c) A member, at any time he so desires, may arrange an inspection of his flock provided he is prepared to pay the cost of such inspection.
- d) Regulations of Show Societies may require inspection and hence with the cooperation of the Show Societies, the Board will arrange inspection of all UltraWhite sheep presented for exhibition and for subsequent sale at any major show.
- e) All inspection fees to be collected by the inspectors on the same day as the inspection is carried out.

17. Inspector's Duties:

- a) Inspectors may reject any sheep as not being up to breed standard and such decision shall be final. Such rejected sheep shall be cull-marked by the inspectors. An appeal against a decision of a single inspector may be made to an Appeals Panel comprising three inspectors of which one should be a Director or his/her nominee.
- b) It is the duty of members to remove cull-marked sheep from the flock without delay.
- c) Inspectors may reject any sheep at any show or sale that in their opinion is a detriment to the UltraWhite breed.
- d) Inspectors may reject any sheep at any show or sale that in their opinion is shorn or trimmed.

18. A Stud Ram:

A stud ram may be rejected by a majority vote of inspectors if they consider the ram does not meet with the required breed standards.

19. Horn and Scur Growth:

Stud rams showing definite horn growth, or solid immovable scurs should be removed from the stud flock and must not be exhibited at shows.

20. Tampering with Teeth or Scurs:

- a) Deliberate tampering with teeth of any sheep offered for show and sale is not permitted. Such animals will be rejected by the Association.
- b) Deliberate tampering with scurs of any sheep offered for sale as a stud sheep or entered for competition at shows is not permitted. Such animals will be rejected by the Association.

21. Culling by Member:

It is the annual responsibility of each breeder to cull out and cull mark animals of inferior standard.

22. Annual Returns:

- a) All owners of registered UltraWhite flocks must forward to the Secretary by 30 April each year, an Annual Return duly completed, showing necessary particulars of the flock as at 31 March. Subscriptions and levies shall accompany annual returns. Forms will be sent out by the Secretary during the month of March.
- b) Flock Returns received between 1 May and 31 May will carry a late penalty fee as determined by the Board from time to time. Full particulars of fees appear in each Flock Register. Members failing to furnish a Return by 31 May will be omitted from the Flock Register and their membership may be cancelled.

23. Contents and Issue of Flock Register:

- a) The Flock Register, as published, shall contain a complete record of Members, their addresses and flock numbers; a history of all registered flocks, and their latest breeding returns; a complete list of individually registered rams since the last register. Those members and flocks shall be omitted where:
 - a) The flock has been dispersed.
 - b) The owner has omitted to make an annual return.
 - c) The member has not paid his annual subscription. No flock shall be deemed to be a registered stud unless it shall appear in the latest Flock Register. The Flock Register shall be known as the "Flock Register for UltraWhite Sheep in Australia".
- b) A copy of the most recently issued Flock Register shall be issued to each new Full or Associate member free of charge. Each Full or Associate financial member shall receive a Flock Register free of charge as published. Previous volumes may be purchased at a cost to be determined by the Board from time to time. Copies of the Flock Register may be supplied to non-members under the same terms.

24. Flock Records:

It is the duty of all registered flock owners to keep true and accurate records of the breeding of their registered flock. Such records are to be available for inspection by the Board in accordance with Rule 2.

25. Offences:

Any member charged with conduct calculated to bring the Association into discredit shall be brought before the Board, and if found guilty, shall be subject to reprimand or expulsion from the Association.

26. Flock Numbers and Dispersal of Flocks:

- a) In the event of a member selling his complete flock the purchaser shall have no right to the previous owner's flock number except with the approval of the Board. The purchaser shall have no right to the previous owner's stud prefix except with the written sanction of the previous owner and with the approval of the Board.

- b) Any member who advertises and holds a complete dispersal sale shall be barred from again registering UltraWhite sheep for a period of five (5) years or for such other period of time as the Board shall deem fit.
- c) No member shall advertise any sale of UltraWhite sheep as a dispersal sale unless the whole flock is to be sold within twelve months of the date of the first sale advertised as a dispersal sale. In the event of a breach of this Regulation the Board shall have power to deal with the member concerned as it deems fit.

27. Reallocation of Stud Prefixes:

Stud prefixes may be reallocated by the Board after being in abeyance for a period of eight years.

28. Artificial Insemination (AI) Within Australia:

- a) There shall be no restriction applied to use of AI in UltraWhite breeding flocks.
- b) *Sale of Semen*
 - i. The use of semen for stud purposes outside an owner(s) flock(s) must be accompanied by a certificate of stud ram service and semen transfer.
- c) A ram can be owned by a maximum of four registered flocks (Regulation 8).
- d) The Board may in its absolute discretion and may in any case where in its opinion any doubt arises, cause blood typing or any other scientific tests to be performed on any animal to the satisfaction of the Board.
- e) All eligible progeny got by AI shall be so noted in the Flock Register.
- f) Where a ram is owned by more than one registered flock, a copy of the agreement identifying the flocks involved must be lodged with the Association Secretary.
- g) Full transfer fees apply to each share transfer.

29. Export of Semen:

There shall be no restriction on the export of UltraWhite semen except for the requirements of the importing country.

30. Embryo Transfer (ET)

- a) There shall be no restriction to the use of ET where the ram and donor ewe are the property of the owner.
- b) Where sale of registered embryos is intended, the Association ET application form must be completed and lodged with the Secretary before embarking on an ET programme.
- c) The registered owner of the donor ewe at the time of conception shall be known as the breeder of the resultant progeny.
- d) There will be no limit to the number of lambs eligible for registration from any one donor ewe.
- e) The progeny of recipient ewes may be required to have a parentage determination carried out prior to registration.
- f) Any pregnant recipient ewe carrying a certificate of embryo transfer may be sold by the original purchaser to another prior to lambing by way of a normal transfer certificate.
- g) The registration certificate will record the name of the breeder of the embryo and the resulting progeny will carry the prefix and ownership of the member who owns the recipient ewe at the time of lambing.
- h) A donor ewe can only be owned by one registered flock.
- i) All eligible progeny got by ET shall be so noted in the Flock Register.
- j) The Board may, in its absolute discretion, and may in any case where in its opinion any doubt arises, cause blood typing or any other scientific tests to be performed on any ram or donor ewe or recipient ewe to the satisfaction of the Board.
- k) Transfer fees on all embryos sold will be as set by the Board from time to time.

31. Export of Embryos:

There shall be no restriction on the export of UltraWhite embryos except for the requirements of the importing country.

32. Growth Stimulants:

The Board may at its discretion conduct tests to ascertain the presence of growth stimulants in UltraWhite sheep and apply Rule 23 (Discipline) where applicable.

33. Appendix

a) Application for registration of flocks in the Appendix.

Applications for registration of an Appendix Flock of UltraWhite sheep may be accepted provided:-

- i. It is the intent of the breeder to upgrade the Appendix Flock to a Pure UltraWhite Flock (98% pure)
- ii. The breeder has notified the Secretary of the intent to carry out an upgrading program at or before the first F1 progeny are born.
 - a. Upgrading of a flock that commenced prior to the commencement of the Association on 1 September 2020, may apply for recognition of the upgrading program, already underway, by the 1 January 2021 providing all upgrade conditions are being met
- iii. The undertaking endorsed on the Membership application form to the effect that the applicant will comply with the Rules and Regulations of the UltraWhite Sheep Breeders Association of Australia Incorporated for the time being in force and accept and be bound by the decisions of the Board is signed by the said applicant.
- iv. All sheep in or used in a registered Appendix Flock must be registered in Sheep Genetics (Lambplan).
- v. The UltraWhite Sheep Breeders Association of Australia Incorporated reserves the right to refuse an application for registration of an appendix flock. It shall be a ground for refusal that the applicant or if the applicant is a Company, any Director, or if a partnership, any Partners, is or has been associated with a flock which has been deregistered for misconduct.
- vi. Full pedigree records of each sheep in the Appendix shall be kept by the breeder in accordance with Regulation 1(b) and 1(c).
- vii. Appendix flocks will be recorded in the annual Flock Register and a notation made at the foot of any flock which also has an Appendix flock.
- viii. Grades of sheep within the Appendix to be defined by the percentage of the UltraWhite in the individual sheep.
 - F1: 50% to 74% UltraWhite
 - F2: 75% to 87% UltraWhite
 - F3: 87.5% to 92% UltraWhite
 - F4: 92% to 94% UltraWhite
 - F5: 95% to 98% UltraWhite
 - F6: Pure UltraWhite
- ix. Sale of sheep, embryo's and / or semen from an Appendix Flock MUST be advertised as Composite UltraWhite
- x. The UltraWhite Sheep Breeders Association of Australia Inc. highly recommends the use of pure UltraWhite rams to expediate the process to gaining Pure UltraWhite Flock (98% pure) status. Use of pure UltraWhite rams will also aid easier tracking of the percentage of UltraWhite in the individual sheep
- xi. It is the intent of the UltraWhite Sheep Breeders Association Inc. to reduce the need to maintain an Appendix register over time as Pure UltraWhite Flocks grow

b) Appendix Registration Fees

The registration fees for any one Appendix Flock shall be as determined by the Board from time to time. Full particulars of fees shall appear in each Flock Register. Fees for registration in the Flock Register Appendix will be the same as fees for registration of a flock.

c) Admission to a Pure Flock

Any sheep registered in the Appendix containing more than 98% UltraWhite will be admitted to the Flock Register, subject to Regulation 1(b), and where required, to inspection by Association appointed inspectors