Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society

Sale Regulations

Notes for Sale & Auction Catalogues

Amended August 2026

IMPORTANT FOR PURCHASERS
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1. Important information for purchasers

Whilst every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained on the website database and the pedigree certificate, the information is not warranted by the Society as it is based on data supplied by members and/or third parties.

Purchasers should check the animal enquiry screen of the Society website for sire or parentage verification. Where this field is blank the animal has not been verified. In the case of females that are neither embryos nor imports and with no parentage queries this field will not be completed and will be left intentionally blank as verification is not required. The Society and its officers shall not have any liability for the accuracy of the information contained within either the website database or the pedigree certificate.

2. Society sale regulations

The Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society has previously sanctioned the use of Maine Anjou cattle (a French breed of Shorthorn derivatives) in a controlled breed improvement programme. That successful programme is now complete and has been closed (Oct 1999).

- By a ruling of the Directors of the Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society a levy of three per cent of the net sale price (after deduction of auctioneers' commission) will be deducted from the vendors statements before settlement and paid to the Beef shorthorn Cattle Society.
- All Cattle will be sold with an NBA fertility warranty. This cost will be collected by the auctioneer at the time of sale. The auctioneer will pay this money directly to the NBA.
- Animals will be inspected in the sale premises, and, by a ruling of the Directors, the inspector(s) is empowered to instruct any exhibitor to withdraw from the show and sale any animal they consider not to be of the required standard or in a condition that makes it unsuitable to be sold as a pedigree breeding animal. Bulls will be inspected by a vet appointed by the Society. Bulls not attaining the required minimum testicle size or displaying irregular testicular conformation or displaying overshot or undershot jaws will be rejected from the sale.
- Any animals showing signs of any untreated contagious disease will not be allowed for sale. Treated animals must be accompanied by a vet's letter declaring treatment but may still be rejected if deemed unsuitable for sale on inspection.
- There will be a minimum selling price of 3500gns on each bull entered for sale. Bulls not attracting a bid of 3500gns will be passed out of the ring unsold.
- All show animals must be halter led.
- Grading register animals will be sold at the end of the sale.
- The Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society operates a compulsory health testing scheme at all full Society sales.
- As of 1 September 2024, any bull carrying a double deletion of any myostatin variant can be registered in the Coates Herdbook but will be marked as 'Grade U' to denote that this is an undesirable trait. This rule will also apply to bulls

carrying single deletions of two distinct variants. These animals can be sold at a Society recognised or supported sale from this date and will be flagged as Class U within the catalogue. Grade U animals however remain ineligible for a Society recognised show class but can be paraded.

- Any sales that take place outside the sales ring but on the premises are still subject to Society and Market rules and commissions.
- If promotional photos of an animal are provided in advance for marketing purposes, they must be a true and proper representation of the animal and no editing must be performed on the image.

MINIMUM BULL SELLING PRICE: 3,500 GUINEAS

3. Health testing requirements

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1. All animals entered for Beef Shorthorn Society Sales must come from herds which are members of a registered CHeCS health scheme and must have been testing for BVD and Johne's Disease for a minimum of 12 months.

2. All animals must be individually blood tested no more than 3 months prior to the sale for BVD antigen and IBR antibody unless coming from a herd which has accredited status for the relevant disease.

3. Accredited herds do not need individual animal tests for the diseases for which they are accredited.

4. All females whether from an accredited herd or not must be vaccinated against BVD to provide cover for the relevant period (ie, the sale date). The vaccination date must be submitted to the relevant health scheme provider when the pen card is requested. It is recommended that males should also be vaccinated as above.

5. Animals testing antigen positive (PI) for BVD will not be accepted for sale.

6. The results of the blood tests must be displayed at the sale on a health pen card supplied by a CHeCS accredited health scheme.

7. All animals must have a risk level for Johne's displayed on the pen card and this must be a minimum level 4. Non homebred animals will be identified as such.

8. All animals must have a pen card with the date of the last TB test and the testing interval (or completed as 'TB exempt' where applicable). The box must not be left blank.

9. All bulls must have their myostatin status listed in the sale catalogue.

10. Calves under 2 weeks old cannot be accepted for sale.

11. Calves at foot over 6 months from non BVD Accredited herds need to be tested for BVD antigen. Calves from BVD accredited herds do not need to be tested.

12. No other health information will be allowed to be displayed, except for semen test results provided by a veterinary surgeon.

13. It is the responsibility of the vendor to ensure that the correct tests have been carried out and that the health pen cards are available for the sale.

4. Vendor checklist

Use the following checklist to make sure the required tests, vaccinations and health documentation are in place before arriving at the sale.

1. Blood test all animals bound for sale (excluding calves at foot under 6 months old) no more than 3 months prior to the sale and at least 1 month prior to sale.

2. Vaccinate animals bound for the sale against BVD. Ask your vet for advice on when to vaccinate.

3. Send the blood samples to one of the CHeCS accredited health schemes (details on website) stating that tests are required for BVD antigen and IBR antibody and request a health pen card stating clearly that the animals are entered for sale at a Beef Shorthorn Society Sale. If your vet is sending off the samples on your behalf, ensure they see a copy of this letter and that all the required tests are requested on the sample submission form.

4. If herd accredited for BVD and IBR, request pen cards at least 4 weeks prior to sale with vaccination information.

5. Make sure you have received the cards before you arrive at the sale and check that all the relevant information is displayed on the card.

5. Further information

If you have any questions about these requirements, please contact the Society office.