

# Rules & Regulations of the SAMM Society of Australia

## 1. Membership:

There are three (3) types of membership with the SAMM Society:

- Full membership (full voting rights)
- Junior membership, 16-25 years old (full voting rights)
- Commercial members (no voting rights)

## 2. Stud Prefix & Ident:

Every registered member/owner will be required to register a stud prefix & 3 letter ident for his/her exclusive use for the naming & registering of the sheep bred by him/her.

## 3. Unregistered Sheep:

A member is not permitted to breed or use unregistered SAMM genetics in their Stud Flock.

## 4. Registration of Sheep:

There shall be two (2) sub categories of SAMM sheep registration.

**Registered with Pedigree:** meaning the animal has a known Stud Sire and Stud Dam.

**Registered:** meaning the animal has no known Stud Sire and/or Stud Dam.

This system is designed to include all SAMM breeders into the registration system whilst not imposing on those breeders that don't wish to keep Dam pedigrees on their Stud SAMM sheep.

- (a) All breeding age Stud SAMM ewes must be registered with the Society.
- (b) All rams used in the owners registered SAMM flock, or other registered SAMM flocks, must be registered with the Society.
- (c) All stud rams and ewes exported from Australia must be registered as above and all categories disclosed prior to purchase.
- (d) Animals may be bred-up from a Merino or Dohne base with the use of registered SAMM genetics, **Category 1 only**, and registered with the Society after 5 generations. i.e. the 5<sup>th</sup> generation considered purebred SAMM and eligible for registration.
- (e) All Stud SAMM sheep exhibited and or judged at local and state shows must be **Category 1 and 2 only**, and registered with the Society.
- (f) All SAMM sheep sold at multi vendor sales or in public (private on farm sales excluded) throughout Australia must be registered with the Society.
- (g) Registration fees shall be as determined by the Executive from time to time. Full particulars of fees appear on the attached schedule.

## 5. Ownership of sheep:

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 transfer lodged with the Society. 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 doses retained and whether the semen is for the members own use and / or for subsequent sale.

#### **6. Transfer of ownership of sheep:**

(a) Transfers must be lodged with the Society by the vendor and paid in full within 40 days of sale or when account sale is settled, whichever comes first.

(b) Members who do not forward transfer certificates within 40 days from date of sale shall be subject to a penalty of \$5.50 in respect to each transfer. Repeated offences refer to rule 13.

#### **7. Artificial Insemination (A.I.):**

(a) There shall be no restriction applied to the use of A.I. in SAMM breeding stock.

(b) Semen bought or sold for the breeding of **Category 1 and 2** SAMM sheep must be accompanied by a DNA profile through "Pfizer Animal Genetics", Brisbane, Qld, at the expense of the vendor.

#### **8. Embryo Transfer (E.T.)**

(a) There shall be no restrictions to the use of E.T. where the ram and donor ewe are the property of the owner.

(b) Where sale of registered embryos or pregnant recipient ewes is intended, a transfer must be completed and lodged with the Society within 40 days of completion of the E.T. programme or before account sale is settled, whichever comes first. Only embryos out of registered SAMM ewes may be bought or sold (c) There will be no limit to the number of lambs eligible for registration from any one donor ewe.

(d) The Executive may, in its absolute discretion, and may in case where in its opinion any doubt arises, require blood typing or any other scientific test performed on any ram or donor ewe to the satisfaction of the Executive.

#### **9. Export of Embryos and Semen:**

Only **Category 1** registered SAMM genetics shall be exported, there shall be no other restrictions on the export of SAMM embryos except for the requirements of the importing country. Registration and Transfers in accordance with rule (4) Registration of Sheep and (6) Transfer of ownership of Sheep.

#### **10. Tampering with teeth or scurs:**

Deliberate tampering with teeth of any sheep offered for show or sale is not permitted. The only exception to this regulation is aged sheep that have had their teeth cut off to preserve their mouths.

#### **11. Culling:**

It is the annual responsibility of each breeder to cull out animals of inferior standard and to remove culled animal from the stud flock without delay.

**12. Flock records:**

It is the duty of all registered flocks owners to keep true and accurate records of the breeding of their registered flock. Such records are to be available for inspection by the Executive in accordance with rule (4) Registration of Sheep.

**13. Discipline:**

Any member charged with conduct calculated to bring the SAMM Society into discredit, or not abide by the "Rules & Regulations" of the SAMM Society, shall be brought before the Executive, and if found guilty, shall be subject to reprimand or expulsion from the Society.

**14. Growth stimulants:**

The use of growth stimulants is not permissible in the breeding of registered SAMM sheep. The Executive may at its discretion conduct tests to ascertain the presence of growth stimulants in SAMM sheep and apply rule (13) Discipline where applicable.

## Schedule of Fees

### **Annual membership**

Full Membership \$300.00 (one vote per membership/stud)  
*[\$50.00 of this Membership levy to fund National Body]*

Junior Membership (16 to 25 years of age) \$50.00 (one vote per membership/stud)

Commercial / Associate Membership \$50.00

### **Compulsory Promotional Levy**

(on rams/ ram lambs sold in the previous 12 month period until April 30th 2011)

Western Division: rams sold \$2.00 ea

Central Division: rams sold \$5.00 each

Eastern Division: rams sold \$8.00 each

Yearly Mated Ewe Levy ewes \$0.50 per ewe/ ewe lamb

### **Registration and Transfer Fees**

Breeding age/ show ewe/ show ram \$2.50 per animal registered

Yearly levy \$0.55 per ewe mated

Stud Sire (inc. transfer) \$20.00 per ram

Transfer to another flock \$2.00 per animal

Semen Transfer \$22.00 per package

Embryo Transfer \$2.00 each

*NB: Registration of ewes is done once only, the fee is for the lifetime of the animal.*

### **Export Fees:**

Members exporting SAMM sheep, semen or embryos to any overseas country are reminded of their responsibilities under the Rules & Regulations.

Ewe transfer \$10.00 per ewe

Ram transfer \$10.00 per ram

Semen transfer \$20.00 per package

Embryo transfer \$2.00 each

*NB: All animals and embryos must be registered before transfer and export of genetics.*

### **Penalty Fees:**

Late Annual Membership \$55.00

Late transfer fee for stud rams & ewes \$5.50 per animal