

TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2023

EIKON EXHIBITION CENTRE



**LIVESTOCK
EXHIBITORS
MANUAL**



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SHOW HERD NUMBER:

Cattle: M06P
Lambs: M06PS

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PROGRAMME

Please note we will have two show rings for Calves and Beef Cattle

Time	Class
8.30am - 10.00am	Weighing of Cattle
10.30am – 12.00pm	Weighing of Lambs
10.30am	Housewife Heats followed by Beef Classes inc YFCU and Breeding Heifer
10.30am	Calf Classes
2.00pm	Lamb Classes
4.00pm	Beef Young Handler Classes
4.00pm	Lamb Young Handler
4.45pm	Calf Auction
5.45pm	Championship – Housewife followed by Native and Supreme
6.15pm	Lamb Auction
7.00pm	Cattle Auction (inc Breeding Heifer) and Champions

ARRIVAL OF ANIMALS

The Showground will only be open for the arrival of cattle between 6am and 9am and Sheep between 10.30am & 11.00am on Tuesday 21 November 2023.

Arrival outside of the above times will result in refusal of admission to the Showgrounds.

All livestock **must** enter the Showground via Gate 1 (Halftown Road). Livestock must not arrive before the stated times.

Sheep will load in via door 14, Logan Hall and Cattle via doors 18, 21 & 22. Please follow the directions of Stewards on arrival.

DEPARTURE OF ANIMALS

All livestock **must** leave Balmoral Park on Tuesday 21 November 2023. **No livestock is permitted to stay overnight.**

PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

Exhibitors are requested to follow the directions of the stewards on arrival.

BIO-SECURITY PROTOCOLS

Gathering animals together from many farms in different areas of the country has the potential to spread animal disease. It is the responsibility of every exhibitor to reduce this risk to a minimum and thus to protect his/her own livestock and that of other farmers. No animal under DAERA restriction, or showing signs or symptoms of any disease, must be brought to a Show & Sale.

Vehicles used to transport any animals to the Show & Sale must be cleansed and disinfected before leaving your farm, with special attention being paid to the underside and wheel arches. Any equipment brought to the Show should also be cleansed and disinfected with a DAERA approved disinfectant.

Clean protective clothing and footwear should be worn when handling animals.

If bedding is to be used at the Show & Sale, it should be fresh and clean. Contaminated bedding should not be removed from the transport vehicle at the Show grounds.

Contact between animals while at the Show & Sale should be kept to a minimum.

Prior to leaving the Showgrounds, or immediately on return home, protective clothing and footwear should be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected. Vehicles used to transport animals should be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected with special attention being paid to the underside and wheel arches.

Any clinical signs of disease occurring in animals that have been at the Show, during the following two to three weeks, must be reported to the Show operators. In the case of notifiable diseases, your local DAERA office should also be notified

SECURITY PRECAUTIONS

Be careful with your possessions, unattended tack boxes should be kept locked.

If you notice anything unusual in and around your stalls, report this to a member of the staff or RUAS steward.

In an emergency situation information and instructions will be issued to stewards, security supervisors and key staff. Simply follow the instructions given to you by the stewards or security staff.

If in the extreme circumstances you are instructed to evacuate **do not** attempt to take your animals with you. Ensure they are secured and leave as requested.

HEALTH & SAFETY

THE SOCIETY'S GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT ON HEALTH AND SAFETY

The policy of the RUAS Council of the Society is to provide and maintain safe and healthy working conditions, equipment and systems of work for all its employees and to provide such information, training and supervision as they need for this purpose. The RUAS Council also accepts its responsibility for the health and safety of other persons who have reason to be on the Society's premises. Whilst the council delegates the implementation of this policy to the Chief Executive it has also established a show safety committee to consider all matters relating to health and safety at agricultural events organised by the

Society and to make recommendations to Council for optimising, as far as is reasonably practical, safe conditions at these events.

Exhibitors are reminded that they must conform to the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and other relevant Health and Safety legislation.

REGULATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXHIBITORS AND THEIR STOCK ATTENDANTS

- Exhibitors and their stock attendants must be competent and take total responsibility of their stock at all times whilst on the Showground.
All persons in charge of exhibits will be required to parade or exhibit the animals in their charge at times as directed by the Stewards of the Show.
Stock attendants must be present at 15 minutes before the time appointed for exhibiting their animals.
No stock attendants shall be allowed to lead more than one animal at a time in the Judging Area.
- It is compulsory that all animals are snaffled and haltered. **NO SNAFFLE NO SHOW!**
- Exhibitors will be held responsible for the behaviour of their stock attendants and for the consequences of any misconduct.
- All exhibits and persons in charge of them will be subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Show. The RUAS Council delegates full power to the Stewards to enforce all the Show & Sale conditions and regulations.
- Except in the case of death or personal injury caused by negligence of the Society, its servants or agents, the Society will not be responsible for death, injury, disease, damage or loss caused to any exhibitor or to his or her staff or agent or to any animal or possession.
- The Exhibitor shall indemnify the Show against, and take full responsibility for all claims, damages and expenses whatsoever in any way arising out of the presence of the exhibitor, his staff, agents, exhibits, vehicles or equipment on the Showground.
- Owners of stock are reminded that any act or disobedience or discourtesy to the officials of the Show on the part of the owner, or attendant will disqualify the owner's exhibit or exhibits from adjudication or from taking a prize. The RUAS Council reserves the power to remove from the Show, any owner or attendant, together with the exhibit or exhibits concerned.
- Grooming is not permitted in the Judging Area.
- All exhibitors must have the physical ability, relevant experience and be competent to handle the animal in their charge at all times. Handlers must be in good health and properly trained in safe work methods. Exhibitors are reminded that RUAS Stewards have full authority to take appropriate

action should it be felt that any animal is not properly trained or that any handler is not competent to be in control of his or her animal.

- Livestock exhibitors are reminded that the show environment can be upsetting for livestock, even those of normally placid temperament. Livestock with unstable or aggressive temperament should not be brought to the Showground. Any animal considered to be in a dangerous or infuriated state will not be admitted and should any animal, in the opinion of the stewards, become dangerous in the Showgrounds, must be removed immediately, or if removal be impracticable or attended with risk, it shall be destroyed.
- Smoking is prohibited in the Stock lines and all buildings.
- No oil, gas or electric cooking equipment of any description to be used in the Dr E F Logan Hall.
- All electrical equipment being used on site must have a current PAT Test Certificate.
- All Gas appliances coming onto site must be covered by a gas safety cert carried out by a Gas Safe Registered Engineer.

- Use of petrol generators is strictly prohibited.



- Any infringement of any of these regulations or conditions will subject the exhibitor to a fine of £50, and to the forfeiture, by order of the Show, of any prize to which he may be entitled (in addition to all other consequences attaching to such infringement).
- CCTV is in operation.

Procedure for Movement of Northern Ireland (NI) Cattle into and out of Local Agricultural Shows

Identification

All cattle must be properly identified and comply with the Cattle Identification Regulations.

Disease Control

Only animals free from disease restrictions, including Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, Bluetongue and Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (herd or individual animal restrictions) may be permitted to move to a Show.

To minimise the risk to other livestock, exhibitors are encouraged to have Show animals tested for Tuberculosis by their Private Veterinary Practitioner in the 30 days beforehand.

The Compulsory Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Scheme (BVD).

Cattle going to a Show(s) must be accompanied by a fully completed MC2 document identifying the Show premises as the destination.

For cattle born on/after 01/03/2016, the show operator must have evidence that these animals have all been tested negative. It will be an offence for show operators to have in their possession, under their control (i.e. in Show herd number) or sold any animal that has moved to the show without a negative result. Results are held by AWHNI (Animal Health & Welfare Northern Ireland).

In respect of imported animals born on or after 1/3/2016, if a result from an approved laboratory has not already been provided by the vendor, the Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 requires a valid BVD test to be completed within 20 days of the date of importation.

All queries relating to details of the compulsory BVD scheme should be directed to AHWNI:

Programme manager: Mrs Sharon Verner
Box 10 1st Floor, Dungannon Business Cube
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Email: info@animalhealthni.com
Web Site: <http://www.animalhealthni.com/>

WEIGHING OF ANIMALS

Weighing of Cattle **will** commence at **8.30am** and finish at **10.00am sharp**.

Lambs will be weighed as they arrive - exhibitors or their representatives must be present at this time for weighing of lambs. Those who are bring lambs along with their cattle may arrive earlier but are responsible for bringing their lambs to the weighing at 11am.

Exhibitors or their representatives must be present for weighing and must have their relevant paperwork ready for inspection.

All animals **must** be weighed before judging starts.

Only **ONE** handler will be permitted at the weigh bridge.

The RUAS reserves the right to re-weigh any animal.

Bullock calves must not weigh less and 200kgs and not more than **380kgs**.

Heifer calves must not weigh less than 200kgs and not more than **340kgs**.

Should a calf be over the above weights they will be eligible for the **Junior Beef class** provided they are within the following weights:

Bullocks between **381kg** and not more than **420kg**

Heifer between **341kg** and not more than **£390kg**

NB: These classes will place 1st - 3rd and 1st & 2nd Heifer & Bullock will go forward to the Junior Beef Championship.

Maximum weight of animals for the Housewife Championship is **590kgs**.

DRESS CODE

White coats, shirt and tie to be worn by exhibitors during judging and auction.

STALLING

Exhibitors must ensure that cattle and sheep are placed in the stalls/pens allocated to them. The movement of stall or pen positions without the chief cattle or chief sheep steward's consent can lead to disqualification.

WATER

Due to bio-security arrangements water will be supplied through hoses exhibitors should provide their own buckets.

BEDDING

All stalls will be bedded with sawdust. Soiled bedding should be removed to the central collection area and stalls should be kept tidy.

PREPERATION AREA

Cattle preparation areas with power supply will be provided. The use of mains electrical appliances and/or trailing leads is prohibited in the stalls as these constitute a safety hazard.

CATERING

Fast Food/tea & coffee and bar facilities will be open during the event.

VET

Jim Wilson is the Vet on call. His contact number details are 028 92 662661 or 07739 189524