

Conditions of sale

1. **Entries** are restricted to registered sheep from fully paid-up members of the Dartmoor Sheep Breeders' Association. Entry fees will be paid at the time of entry, with no refunds, whether the sheep are offered for sale or not.
2. **All entries** must comply with current Defra regulations and be accompanied to and from the sale by all necessary statutory documentation.
3. **All sheep** must comply with the ear tagging requirements of the DSBA and must also be identified in accordance with the current Defra regulations.
4. **Sheep entered** with incorrect identification; with entry forms bearing incorrect or incomplete information; or not accompanied by the appropriate fee, will not be offered for sale.
5. **Ewes that** have been running with a ram will not be accepted for sale except at a flock dispersal carried out under DSBA conditions of sale.
6. **The highest** approved bidder shall be the purchaser. However, if a dispute arises between two or more bidders, the lots disputed shall be put up again and resold at the discretion of the auctioneers whose decision is final.
7. **The auctioneers** shall regulate the amount of each bid.
8. **All lots sold** whether on the fall of the hammer, or through the saleyard, will be subject to an additional commission of 5% plus VAT payable by the vendor.
9. **On the fall** of the hammer the purchaser shall give their name and address and shall remove purchases not later than close of the market on the day of the sale.
10. **The auctioneer** having described the sheep to the best of their ability from the description given by the owners or their agents will not be responsible for any inaccuracies.
11. **All stock** purchased shall be at the purchaser's risk at the fall of the hammer subject to any variations to this rule that may be contained within the auctioneers' conditions of sale exhibited at the sale yard.
12. **The minimum** hammer price for shearling rams will be **150gns**, all other **rams 100gns** and shearling ewes will be **125gns**.
13. **All prize winners** for which the owner is offered the hammer price as detailed above (12) shall be sold or the prizes won will be forfeited.
14. **Rams and** ewes will be sold according to warranties published and displayed in the market where the sale takes place.
15. **All sheep** will be sold subject to an inspection. Inspectors will be appointed by the DSBA council to conduct a physical, not veterinary, inspection of all sheep. It is the responsibility of the vendor to ensure that sheep presented for sale meet the requirements of the inspection, namely:
16. **Sheep must** not be lame and must be free from signs of contagious or infectious diseases.
17. **Sheep must** be of standard conformation and presented in good condition. Sheep must be sound of mouth. The biting surface of the incisor teeth should come into direct contact with the dental pad. All sheep must be presented in a natural condition.
18. **Testicles should** be more or less the same size and should be the average size for the age of the ram. They should be fully descended into the scrotum and free from palpable lumps and swellings.
19. **Ewes must** be correct in the mouth and udder.

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20. If faults are found, the vendor will be informed that the auctioneer will declare the fault before the sheep is sold, otherwise the sheep can be withdrawn from the sale. The Inspectors' decision will be final.

21. Prospective purchasers must satisfy themselves that the sheep they buy are of the standard they require. **Complaints under Condition 18, 19 and 20 must be made to the auctioneer on the day of the sale.**

22. The DSBA does not accept responsibility for accidents to persons, animals, or property at the sale.

23. The sale will be conducted under the auspices of the DSBA. Whilst every care is taken in compiling this catalogue, the association does not accept responsibility for any errors which may occur. The sale will be strictly in catalogue order.

24. Where conditions of sale do not cover an issue, due regard will be made to the auctioneers' conditions of sale as displayed in the market and sale office.