

**BRITISH GOAT SOCIETY**  
NOTES ON REGISTRATION OF GOATS  
PLEASE REFER TO THE CURRENT PRICE LIST FOR ALL FEES

**ELIGIBILITY**

Firstly, to be eligible to register a kid with the British Goat Society you must be a BGS member or a member of one of the Affiliated Societies. The only exception to this rule being that entries to the Identification Register or Supplementary Register may be made by other persons at an increased fee.

Members of the British Goat Society pay the lowest fees.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

There is one registration form to be used for all sections of the Herd Book. Briefly entry requirements are as follows:

**The Identification Register**

A *female goat only* is eligible for entry in the Identification Register (IR). It must not be eligible for the Herd Book, Foundation Book or Supplementary Register and can be of any age, although not less than one calendar month.

The section requesting the name of the Sire and Dam is not applicable

**The Supplementary Register**

A *female goat only* is eligible for entry in the Supplementary Register (SR), if it complies with the following conditions: (i) the sire is entered in the Herd Book, (ii) it is not less than one calendar month old, (iii) a Certificate of Service of the dam, signed by the registered owner of the sire, accompanies the application, (iv) other progeny of same mating have not been registered previously, (v) the section requesting the name of the Dam is only applicable if the dam is registered in the IR Section.

**The Foundation Book**

A *female goat only* is eligible for entry in the Foundation Book (FB), if it complies with the following conditions:

1. (i) the sire is entered in the Herd Book and the dam is entered in the Supplementary Register, (ii) it is not less than one calendar month nor more than two years old, (iii) the person making the entry is the breeder of the goat (ie. the owner of its dam at the time that the goat being registered was born and in whose ownership the dam was registered or transferred to,) (iv) a Certificate of Service of the dam, signed by the registered owner of the sire accompanies the application, (v) other progeny of same mating have not been registered previously, or

2. A goat, which has won or qualified for a milking award (Star, Q Star or R award) may be upgraded to this register from the IR or SR. She must be owned by a Member, Family Member or Partnership Member of the Society or a member of an Affiliated Society and the registration card previously issued should be submitted with the application to re-register.

**The Herd Book**

A *male or female goat* is eligible for entry in the Herd Book (HB), if it complies with the following conditions:

(i) Male goat - the sire and dam are entered in the Herd Book, Female goat - the sire is entered in the Herd Book and the dam in the Herd Book or Foundation Book. (ii) a Certificate of Service of the dam, signed by the registered owner of the sire is provided. (iii) It is not less than one calendar month nor more than two years old, (iv) other progeny of the same mating have not been registered previously. (v) The person making the entry is the breeder of the goat (ie. owner of dam at date of birth).

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This must be obtained by the owner of the female goat (thereby considered the breeder of the kid being registered) from the owner of the stud male being used. If, however, the owner of the female is also the owner of the male, then no certificate of service is needed. The service certificate is sometimes referred to as the stud certificate. Books of service certificates can be obtained from the office.

### **EAR IDENTIFICATION MARK**

By the Regulations of the Society, all goats being registered must have an Ear Identification Mark that consists of two parts. The first part consists of a six digit Herd Number which is issued by a Government Agency (e.g. DEFRA) to the holding on which the goats has been born. The second part is the goat's Individual Number and is allocated by the breeder (the Individual Number must never be re allocated). The format of an Individual Number (e.g. how many leading zeros and the number of digits required) is set by the appropriate Government Agency. All goats being registered must be identified by an ear tag of a pattern approved by the Government Agency and the two numbers (Herd Number and Individual Number) must be printed on it according to the Agency's specifications.

### **NAMES OF GOATS**

The forms state that a goat must have a name of not more than twelve letters long or, if a prefix is registered, not more than ten letters. It is not essential to register a prefix unless you have registered six goats with the Society. However, it is often considered worthwhile by owners because of the number of goats registered with the Society. As no goat, whether living or deceased, can have the same name, choices without a prefix are becoming increasingly more difficult. If the breeder does not wish to register a prefix, he/she may write further alternatives for the Society to choose from, in the event of the first choice being already taken. If you do not wish the Office to use the nearest spelling in the event of all of your choices having been taken you should state this in writing and your forms will be returned for you to make further choices. If you do wish to register a prefix, application forms are available from the office.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL REQUESTS FOR FREE INFORMATION OR QUERIES REQUIRING REPLIES, SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.**

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