



# BRITISH CHAROLAIS CATTLE SOCIETY

## Schedule of Administrative Practices and Fees for Members

*Including in detail*

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# Scale of Charges

Membership	Price	VAT	Total
Enrolment Fee (One off payment)	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00
Herd Prefix Fee (One off payment)	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00
Annual Membership (Annual Fee)	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00
Associate Membership (Annual Fee)	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00

Overseas Members are restricted to associate membership status.  
Existing members who joined prior to 01/01/18 and currently eligible to pay by non-direct debit methods incur an annual membership charge of £66 including vat.  
Free copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association can be obtained from our website.  
Alternatively, a hard copy can be requested from the office at a price of £5.00.

Birth Registrations	Online			Telephone/Paper		
	Price	VAT	Total	Price	VAT	Total
Registration within 27 days of Birth	£30.00	£6.00	£36.00	£32.50	£6.50	£39.00
Registration between 28 days to 45 days. (Inspection and DNA parentage testing may be required at the breeder's expense)	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00	£57.50	£11.50	£69.00
Registration between 46 days to 6 months (Inspection and DNA parentage testing may be required at the breeder's expense)	£80.00	£16.00	£96.00	£82.50	£16.50	£99.00
Registration 6 months and above (Compulsory inspection and DNA parentage testing may be required at the breeder's expense)	£105.00	£21.00	£126.00	£107.50	£21.50	£129.00
Embryo/FOT Calf Registrations within 27 days of Birth (All Embryo Calves must be DNA tested)	£100.00	£20.00	£120.00	£100.00	£20.00	£120.00
Embryo/FOT Registration between 28 days to 45 days. (Inspection and DNA parentage testing may be required at the breeder's expense)	£125.00	£25.00	£150.00	£125.00	£25.00	£150.00
Embryo/FOT Registration between 46 days to 6 months (Inspection and DNA parentage testing may be required at the breeder's expense)	£150.00	£30.00	£180.00	£150.00	£30.00	£180.00
Embryo/FOT Registration 6 months and above (Compulsory inspection and DNA parentage testing may be required at the breeder's expense)	£175.00	£35.00	£210.00	£175.00	£35.00	£210.00
Registration of Imported animals				£82.50	£16.50	£99.00

A Five generation Export Zootechnical Certificate from the Herd Book of exporting country must be submitted for registration of imported animals or embryos. (must be in the name of the member, except for embryos) Zootechnical certificates are also required for bulls from which semen is imported.

<b>Transfer Fees (Private Sales)</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
All Registered animals	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
All animals sold privately to pedigree herds must be tested and at least sire verified before they are transferred. This will be at the vendors cost unless, at the discretion of the society, the animal has been purchased from a non member, a membership which has ceased or prior to this rule being implemented on 01/03/2020, in which case the cost will default to the purchaser.			
<b>Exported Animals</b>			
Regular Animal Export	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00
Embryo Export Certificate (per Ovum)	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00
<b>Society Sales</b>			
Transfer of Live cattle – Free of Charge			
Semen and Embryos sold at official society sales 5% +vat			

<b>Animal Inspections</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Identification Inspection (Up to six animals)	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00 Plus Mileage
Each Additional Animal	£3.00	£0.60	£3.60

<b>Semen Royalty Scheme</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Entry Fee	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00
Semen Royalty Admin	£3.00	£0.60	£3.60
Bulls on the Approved Semen Royalty List are charged at individual prices – see full list on the society website or in the Charolais Newsletter.			
<b>Dispersal Sales</b>			
For cattle, semen & embryos held under the society auspices 3% commission plus vat.			
<b>Standalone Reduction/Production Sales</b>			
For cattle, semen & embryos held under the society auspices 3% commission plus vat.			
<b>Reduction/Production Sales held with scheduled society sale.</b>			
For cattle, semen & embryos held under the society auspices. Same as normal commission rate of the scheduled sale.			

<b>Withdrawal Options</b>	<b>Price (Plus VAT)</b>
Bull and Heifer Calves	£15.00 credit
Embryo/FOT Calves	£90.00 credit
Calves must be withdrawn before 12 months of age and the original pedigree certificate returned to be eligible for a refund.	

<b>DNA Test Type</b>	<b>Pending Sample Price</b>	<b>Full Price</b>
SNP Parentage & Myostatin	£27.00 ( <b>£32.40 incl. vat</b> )	£32.00 ( <b>£38.40 incl. vat</b> )
SNP Parentage, Myostatin & Polled	£29.00 ( <b>£34.80 incl. vat</b> )	£34.00 ( <b>£40.80 incl. vat</b> )
Additional Sires & Dams	£4.00 ( <b>£4.80 incl. vat</b> )	
Sire Search	£9.00 ( <b>£10.80 incl. vat</b> )	
Profile Certificate	£3.50 ( <b>£4.20 incl. vat</b> )	
Imported Animal Profile	£3.50 ( <b>£4.20 incl. vat</b> )	
<p>All homebred herd sires and first-time calving heifers will be tested upon the registration of their first calf from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018. (Information only calves do not count)</p> <p>Myostatin variants tested are Q204X &amp; F94L. The results will be published on the certificate, the Charolais website and sale catalogues. Polled DNA results will also be published in the same way.</p> <p>We encourage all members to submit pending samples for all calves they register. Further details regarding DNA testing can be found in the Charolais DNA testing Booklet.</p> <p><b>All DNA prices quoted are excluding VAT and are subject to VAT at 20%</b></p>		

# Standards of Registration

The existing POLLING PROGRAMME will continue to be recognised. The letter “(P)” will appear against individual animal’s name, the Herd Book and catalogues, ANY CHANGE IN STATUS to be notified by 10 months of age

The council may use its discretion to inspect and genotype any registered polled animals, the costs incurred being chargeable to the member.

*The introduction of a **Supplementary Register** is a necessity in the application of the EEC directive 77/504, 2009/157/EC. If any Charolais Herd Book, formally approved, exported cattle from any other EU register to the UK and we had no equivalent register for acceptance, they would have to be given Main Book Status. We cannot refuse to accept. Apart from the registration necessity, a well-developed supplementary register attached to a Main Herd Book can be an excellent nursery for individual experimentation leading on to fresh developments and fresh blood being injected in to the Main Herd Book. It can therefore be considered to be the ideal vehicle for future breed progress.*

## **SUPPLEMENTARY BOOK 1 REGISTER (FEMALES ONLY)**

Base X females may be of unknown origin when applied for. The minimum age of introduction is 18 months up to mature cows. They will be totally free of any defect or deformity and to be seen to be correct in all considerations of character, colour, locomotion, growth and conformation, considered to be progressive breed improvements

### **‘E HERD BOOK’**

As from 1st January 2001 the BCCS Council of Management have agreed to make a provision to set up an ‘E’ Book for the registration of double muscled (culard Charolais bulls). If any BCCS member wishes to register a culard from France, or bulls bred from a culard, PLEASE ENSURE THE BULLS HAVE AN OFFICIAL PEDIGREE FROM THE EXPORTING COUNTRIES HERD BOOK.

### **IMPORTED CHAROLAIS**

Imported Charolais cattle, or progeny resulting from imported Charolais semen or embryos, will be registered in the corresponding section in the British Charolais Cattle Society Herd Register.

Embryo Calves will be identified by an automatic suffix of “(ET)” after the animal name.

N.B. Any Charolais cattle identified as having the Red Factor gene from North America or Australasia are ineligible for registration.

# F.O.T Rules & Regulations

The following Society F O T Rules and Regulations will be implemented for female ovum transplant operations carried out after 1<sup>st</sup> November 1988.

## Main Book F.O.T Females

1. The donor female must be registered with the Society and be DNA – Genotyped.
2. The sire must be registered with the Society and be DNA – Genotyped.
3. All calves must be registered within 27 days of birth.
4. All embryo calves (including imported or transferred embryos) will be parentage verified, At the cost of the member.
5. The Society reserves the right to make on farm inspections.
6. Members have the facility to withdraw any birth registered fertilised ovum transplant animal before 12 months of age (only if still in the ownership of the breeder registering the calf) for a 90% registration refund. Fee credits will only be made when the Pedigree Certificate is returned to the Society Office.

## D.I.Y Embryo Transplant

For any calves born as a result of 'do-it-yourself embryo transplant, the flushing details should be forwarded to the Society office within 30 days of flushing or implanting a cow and when the relevant calves are born they are to be registered within **seven days of birth**. Inspections of the relevant calves may or may not be carried out. If, however, registrations are received after the seven-day period, then an inspection will be carried out at the breeder's expense.

## General

- a) Embryos may be transferred to members along with the necessary documentation, which is available on request from the Society office.
- b) Fertilised embryos can be exported providing the statutory requirements of the exporting and importing country and Herd Book are met.
- c) Export certificates are available at a price of £10 per embryo.

# Society Sales

In order to maintain a good standard of cattle entered at society sales, council has imposed the following restrictions:

<b>A</b>	A minimum upset price of 3,000 gns per bull as set by the council of Management.
<b>B</b>	A minimum selling age of 13 calendar months on the day of sale for bulls at society collective sales. (Stirling February & October sales 14 months and the bulls must be fully performance recorded and ultra sound scanned through Breedplan)
<b>C</b>	A minimum weight-for-age guide shall be utilised by society Inspectors, a copy of which can be found in the society Bye-Laws published on the BCCS website.
<b>D</b>	Where semen is taken from the bull prior to it being sold, this fact must be declared at time of sale and entered into the sale catalogue, together with details of the number of straws taken and its intended use. A card containing these same details must be prominently displayed in the bull pen at the sale venue.
<b>E</b>	Where embryos have been taken from a female prior to it being sold, this fact must be declared at time of sale and entered into the sale catalogue, together with details of the number of embryos, service sire used and whether the embryos have been frozen or transplanted. Again, a card containing these details must be prominently displayed in the cattle pen at the sale venue.
<b>F</b>	<p>All Charolais cattle sold through BCCS Auspices sales are to be BVD vaccinated (This can be a double or single jab vaccination), with the final vaccination being administered at least three weeks prior to the sale or no earlier than 12 months prior to the sale.</p> <p>Vaccinating females in early pregnancy should be avoided but must have been vaccinated prior to the pregnancy else will not be eligible for sale.</p> <p>If the herd is not BVD accredited through a CheCs approved health scheme, then the animals must be tested to ensure it is not a Persistently Infected (PI BVD virus carrier), this may be blood or ear tag test and evidence must be provided before the sale to the Auction Mart.</p>
<b>G</b>	<p>All Charolais bulls sold through BCCS auspices sales will be DNA sire verified.</p> <p>Members should order their sale DNA sampling bags WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE SALE. Once a catalogue has been printed, corrections cannot be made, and the bull will be withdrawn from the sale if the incorrect sire is catalogued.</p> <p>The bull is DNA sire verified only once in its life time.</p>
<b>H</b>	<p>When entering cattle into a society/club sale, the newest version of the health declaration form (available from the auction mart or Charolais website), must be completed fully and submitted along with the sale entries or submitted directly to the Charolais society.</p> <p>Gaps must not be left on the form on the basis on pending information as this delays the process of checking the declarations and producing the catalogue.</p> <p>BVD Vaccination Dates can be entered as the date(s) that are going to occur if they have not occurred already and must not be left blank.</p>

# BREEDPLAN Performance Recording

The British Charolais Cattle Society allows our members to performance record their cattle with the BREEDPLAN system.

BREEDPLAN is a genetic evaluation program for beef cattle, currently implemented in more than 14 countries worldwide. BREEDPLAN uses the world's most advanced genetic evaluation system (based on Best Linear Unbiased Prediction (BLUP) technology) to produce Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) of recorded cattle for a range of important production traits (e.g. weight, carcase, fertility).

The British Charolais Cattle Society actively encourages members to record and submit as much information as possible. This improves the accuracy of our genetic database, and of the Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs). EBV traits showing a high accuracy figure indicate that an animal's breeding value for that trait is likely to change less dramatically with the addition of new progeny, offering a level of security which is attractive to prospective buyers, or for breeders choosing animals to retain.

Once a breeder submits data, this is loaded onto the internal systems and submitted to BREEDPLAN. A BLUP (Best Linear Unbiased Prediction) run occurs on or around the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month, with a report typically becoming available to members during the first week of the month. These reports, along with weigh sheets, will be available for Direct Debit members to view on their online membership account. Alternatively, these documents can be sent out by post on request.

The Performance Recording financial year runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> January to the 31<sup>st</sup> December and is invoiced annually in March the following year. Annual membership is £150 for the first 10 breeding females, then £3 per breeding female up to a maximum of £500. Prices are subject to VAT at the current rate.

Genetic information and EBV accuracy improve significantly with an increase in the number of animals scanned using ultrasound. The BCCS is currently offering a financial incentive in the form of ultrasound scanning credit, which is aimed at encouraging members to record in this way, and thus assisting advancement of the breed's progress towards higher accuracies. A credit of £75 plus VAT will be added to the member's account for scanning visits, providing a minimum of two Charolais animals of the same sex and in the same contemporary group are scanned. This is limited to two visits per year.

Further information can be found on BREEDPLAN's website at <https://breedplan.une.edu.au/help-centre/>

If you are interested in joining BREEDPLAN, or if you have any queries, please contact Charlotte at the Society office either by email ([charlotte@charolais.co.uk](mailto:charlotte@charolais.co.uk)) or by telephone (02476 697222, option 4).



# Calf Inspections

To ensure that the information recorded on calf registration forms is 100% accurate it has been decided by Council that:

The society reserves the right to inspect calves or cattle registered or birth notified in the Herd Book without stating the reason for doing so. Breeders of calves selected in this way will be contacted by the society office, the society will appoint an inspector to contact the member to arrange a suitable time to visit the farm, inspect and weigh the calf and its dam. The inspector will take DNA samples and if necessary inspect other calves, check Herd Book identity and examine Herd Book records on the farm.

If any calf has a weight which places it outside the maximum allowable weight gain parameters as determined by the BCCS Council of Management, then the calf /calves will not be acceptable for registration and further herd checks will be carried out.

Repeated irregularities will lead to the member being referred to the BCCS Complaints and Disciplinary Investigation Committee.

Inspectors when carrying out a herd or a calf inspection have the right to insist that the member insert the Ministry double tags or allow the inspector to insert the Ministry double tags at the time of inspection. Any member refusing to insert the Ministry double tags or allowing them to be inserted will have the registration cancelled from the Herd Book.

During routine herd inspections it remains the full responsibility of the member at all times to control, prepare and present the animals for inspection. Any accident or injury incurred by members livestock or personnel remains the sole responsibility of the member unless the loss or injury is due solely to the negligence of the BCCS representative.

If there are any general discrepancies, further herd visits will follow at the Breeder's expense.

**ALL SERVICE SIRES MUST BE DNA TYPED AT THE OWNERS EXPENSE.  
HAIR SAMPLING BAGS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE**

# Registration Procedure

1. Members setup for direct debit payments are eligible to register their calves via online, farmlan, email or telephone and are issued with cattle log books free of charge.

Members who are eligible to pay by non-direct debit methods must register using paper birth forms which can be requested from the office. Registrations from these members will only be accepted when accompanied by the correct payment inclusive of vat. These members do not have the option to register via other methods.

2. Additional costs incurred to authenticate the Birth i.e. DNA, Inspections etc. are however chargeable to the member.
3. The Registration of Birth **MUST BE RECEIVED** by the Society within 27 days from the date of birth. All animals born on or after 1 March 2024 must be birth notified as a minimum requirement within that 27-day time frame and failure to do so, will exclude that animal from being eligible to enter Society sales.
4. **NATURAL SERVICE** letter if applicable must be forwarded to the BCCS office at the time of registration.
5. All Semen Royalty Fees will be collected with the registration fee for each calf being registered. (if you are eligible to pay by non-direct debit methods then semen royalty fees must be included along with the registration fees.)
6. All live calves **MUST BE** named with the relevant year letter.
7. If for any reason you are unable to complete the standard registration formalities with the statutory 27 days following the birth i.e. awaiting DNA typing results etc you must notify the office **IN WRITING** confirming the details of the Sire, Dam, date of birth, sex of calf and any other relevant details that may restrict normal registration. Failure to comply within 27 days from date of birth could render your calves unacceptable for registration or incur late registration fees.
8. To fully register a previously notified "information only" calf, will incur double the normal registration fee and will not be subjected to the late fee scale.
9. When registering the 1<sup>st</sup> progeny of a Heifer or Bull, the Dam/Sire will be DNA parentage tested at the member's expense.

N.B. To maintain your dam breeding records, you must register the birth of a calf. (live or dead for information only) No fee is charged for this service.

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