REGISTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS

American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society



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Rule 100: Privileges of Registration and Membership

Regular and Junior members and "Non-Member" individuals or corporations are eligible to register sheep with the American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society. Affiliate Memberships or terminated members of the Society shall not be entitled to the privileges of registration. It is the responsibility of the person who seeks to register a sheep to be aware of all applicable requirements for such transactions at the time the submittal or request is made.

Rule 101: Request for Services

The submission of an application or the request for ADSBS services is an agreement by the individual to pay all related fees in preparation and/or processing the request.

- A. Fees shall be established from time to time by the Board of Directors and shall be published by the ADSBS.
- B. No service of any kind will be processed unless the fees are submitted.
- C. The acceptance of payment, including cashing of a check or the processing of a credit card payment for any fee shall be deemed to acknowledge that the material is in proper order.
- D. In the case of the registration applications submitted where multiple owners qualify as the First Owner as defined in Rule 103, where any of those owners is a non-member, applicable non-member rates will apply to this transaction.

Rule 102: General

- A. All ADSBS applications and reports, and all rights, privileges, and activities relating in any way to the ADSBS are in all respects subject to the Rules and Regulations of the ADSBS.
- B. All ADSBS requirements for signature(s) of owner(s) or lessee(s) shall refer to the personal signature(s) on file with the ADSBS or the encrypted digital/electronic signature, e.g.;/s/ (type written name of e-filer).
- C. The Rules and Regulations in effect at the time of submission of application for services, entry, or other participation in ADSBS programs will apply to each transaction.
- D. These Rules and Regulations are subject to change by the Board of Directors of the American Dorper Sheep Breeders Society at any time without notice.
- E. Any member who fails to provide registration certificate, as per terms of the sale agreement, to a buyer within 90 days of purchase will not be in good standing with ADSBS and will be prohibited from registering any further animals until this issue is remedied.

Rule 103: First Owner

The first owner is the party who owns the dam at the time the lamb is born and must be the one who completes the application for registration of the lamb. The dam must be officially recorded with the Society under the exact same name as the owner's membership on the date of birth of the lamb unless a lessee has been designated on the date, except in cases of embryo lambs as provided in Rule 500.

Rule 104: Breeder

The breeder of an animal is the owner or lessee of record of a lamb's dam, on the date of service.

Rule 200: Herd Books

The record of animal registrations of the Society shall be known as the American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society. The methods in which the records are kept are vested with the Board of Directors.

- A. The American Dorper Herd Book is made up of three (3) herd books:
 - i. Fullblood
 - ii. Purebred
 - iii. Percentage
- B. The herd book(s) are divided into categories. Each category is assigned a level of Dorper breeding that determines the category of next generation. In order to maintain common percentage breaks, the percentage of the animal may be rounded to the nearest category.

Rule 201: Fullblood Dorper and White Dorper Sheep

Fullblood sheep must have originated from 100% Fullblood stock, either imported or American born. Only Fullblood rams mated to Fullblood ewes can produce Fullblood offspring. The registration number is preceded by the prefix RF (Fullblood Ram) and EF (Fullblood Ewe)

Rule 202: Purebred Dorper or White Dorper Sheep

- A. Rams upgraded from domestic stock of 93% or greater Dorper/White Dorper blood, will be designated as "Purebred" and 100% will be used to calculate the percentage of their offspring. Their registration number is preceded by the prefix RP (Purebred Ram).
- B. Ewes upgraded from domestic stock of 93% or greater Dorper/White Dorper blood will be designated as "Purebred" and 100% will be used to calculate the percentage of their offspring. Their registration number is preceded by the prefix EP (Purebred Ewe).
- C. Examples of the mating that will produce "Purebred" Dorper/White Dorper Rams and Ewes include:

Recorded Sire		Recoded Dam	Lamb Percentage
Fullblood	X	Purebred	Purebred (100%)
Purebred	X	Fullblood	Purebred (100%)
Purebred	X	Purebred	Purebred (100%)

Rule 203: Percentage Dorper and White Dorper Sheep

- A. Only offspring sired by Fullblood/Purebred Dorper/White Dorper rams will be eligible for registration.
- B. To be recorded in the ADSBS Herd Book as "Percentage" sheep, rams and ewes must be as least 50% Dorper/White Dorper.
- C. The registration number of percentage sheep is preceded by the prefix RX (Percentage Ram) or EX (Percentage Ewe). The actual percentage of each sheep will be listed on the registration certificate truncated to the whole numbers (e.g. 87.5% becomes 87%). Rams and ewes from 50% to 92% are percentage Dorper/White Dorper sheep
 - i. If the dam is not a recorded Dorper/White Dorper in the ADSBS Flock Book, it is considered 0% Dorper/White Dorper
 - ii. If the dam is 93-100% Dorper/White Dorper it is considered to be 100% Dorper/White Dorper for percentage calculation purposed for their offspring.
 - iii. To calculate the percentage Dorper/White Dorper blood in a lamb, the sire and dam Dorper/White Dorper percentages are added together and divided by two. The resulting figure it truncated to whole number (e.g. 87.5% becomes 87%)

D. Examples of the mating that will produce "Percentage" Dorper/White Dorper Rams and Ewes include:

Recorded Sire		Recoded Dam	Lamb Percentage
100%	Χ	0%	50%
100%	Χ	50%	75%
100%	Χ	75%	87%
100%	Χ	87%	93%
100%	X	93%	100%

Rule 204: Registration of Imported Fullblood Animals

The term imported shall apply to live animals, semen from animals, embryos, and/or clones bred and produced outside the United States of America. To be eligible for registration with ADSBS, these animals must meet the following criteria.

- A. An official certificate of pedigree or verification of breed purity from the official registry Society of the country of origin is required with ADSBS registration application.
- B. Imported animals must be declared at time of entry as to their breeding to qualify for registry in the ADSBS.
- C. The animal to be registered is to meet the requirements in Rule 210.
- D. If an animal is imported as a frozen embryo, or an embryo carrying in a recipient ewe, the sire and the dam must be properly recognized in one of the recognized dorper sheep societies or registries.
- E. If the animal is imported in utero, the dam and sire must be properly recognized in one of the recognized societies registries.
- F. If the animal is sired by artificial insemination, using imported semen, semen must be from a recognized Society or Registry.
- G. Imported percentage animals are not eligible for the herd books.
- H. Notation of country of origin shall appear on the ADSBS registration certificate.
- I. Federal rules and guidelines for importation of live animals, embryos, and/or semen applies.

Rule 205: Ineligible for Registration

- A. Date of Birth Issues:
 - i. A lamb born less than one hundred forty (140) days after birth of its dams most recent lamb(s) shall not be eligible for registration except in the case for embryo lambs as provided for in Rule 501.
 - ii. Offspring born greater than one hundred and fifty (159) days from the service date as listed on the ADSBS certificate, embryo transfer form, transfer records or other records.
- B. Lambs whose sire or dam was less than 90 days old at time of their conception.

Rule 206: Registration Form: Content and Methods

A complete application for registration must be submitted to the ADSBS office, along with any required additional forms, signatures, and payment of all applicable fees. Current forms are available from the ADSBS office or on the ADSBS website www.dorpersheep.org

- A. Applications for registration will include the following:
 - i. Gender of animal being registered.
 - ii. Tag number
 - iii. Permanent identification, if any. Permanent identification can be a tattoo, USDA Scrapies tag or EID

- iv. Date of birth
- v. How many in birth
- vi. Sire Flock Name, Tag Number and Registration Number
- vii. Dam Flock Name, Tag Number and Registration Number
- viii. Percentage of dorper or white dorper
- ix. Type of mating; Artificial insemination, or embryo transfer. Natural breeding notation is not required
- x. Transfer information, if applicable
- xi. When an application for a ½ (50%) Dorper ewe is made, specify the breed of the dam, if known, that is not a registered Dorper
- xii. Authorized signatures or electronic equivalent
- B. Applications for registration must be typed or legibly written on current ADSBS forms. Whenever an application for registration is incomplete or on non-ADSBS forms, member must provide all the information required by the Society's rules within 90 days of the date the administration office received the application product or such application shall be considered null and void and application shall be considered incomplete if not accompanied by the required fee.
- C. In the event that sire of an animal to be registered was not registered in the name of the owner or lessee of record of the dam at time of service, the owner or lessee on record of the sire must fill in and sign a Breeding Certificate, giving the name and registration number of the ram and date of service. If the dam was pasture-bred and the exact date of breeding is not known, use the range of dates that ewe was exposed to the ram.
- D. Every Registration Certificate is based on the representations contained in the Application for Registration and/or Certificate of Transfer. If the animal has been registered or transferred through error, misrepresentation or fraud, such registration certificate is VOID, together with any registration or transfer of progeny. The American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society assumes no liability for damages arising from such entry or transfer.
- E. ADSBS reserves the right to request further documentation to confirm animals eligibility for entry.
- F. in the event of a conflict, ADSBS records shall control. Appeals may be addressed to the Board of Directors.

Rule 207: ADSBS Registry Forms

Current forms are available from the ADSBS office or the ADSBS website www.dorpersheep.org. Members can call the ADSBS office for free forms the following forms are available:

- A. ADSBS Registration Application for Multiple Animals
- B. ADSBS Online Actions Electronic Form
- C. ADSBS Transfer of Registration Form
- D. ADSBS Breeding Certificate
- E. ADSBS Semen Transfer Form
- F. ADSBS Embryo Ownership Transfer Form
- G. ADSBS Animal Lease Form
- H. ADSBS Agent Authorization Form

Rule 208: Flock Name

Members and non-members shall select a unique flock name. The unique Flock Name can be submitted with the new membership application or by written letter to the ADSBS Office. The Flock Name can be a word or words, series of numbers and letters that are unique and not previously assigned. Junior members may utilize the Flock Name assigned to an adult

membership resigning in the same address. The Flock Name must meet the following requirements:

- A. Flock Name cannot be more than 20 numbers, spaces and/or letters. Does not include punctuation.
- B. Each flock name must be unique and not assigned to other individuals.
- C. Once assigned, the Flock Name cannot be changed. Exception: Rule 208D
- D. Each membership is limited to one active Flock Name at a given time
- E. An ADSBS Flock Name may be reassigned in the case of court order, inheritance, or sale of flock name by submitting a completed ADSBS Name and Flock Name transfer form and appropriate fee to the ADSBS office.

Rule 209: Naming of Animals, Flock Name and ID

Animal names consists of two parts. The first part of an animal name is the applicant's Flock Name. The second part of the animal name is the ID of the animal provided by the applicant.

- A. Example 1: My Dorper 1234

 The Flock Name is "My Dorper" and the animal ID is 1234
- B. The assigned Flock Name of the applicant shall be the first part of the registered name of the sheep. The breeder of an offspring is the registered owner of ewe at the time of conception.
- C. If a ewe is sold to a new owner during pregnancy, all offspring of that mating shall be given the Flock Name of the Owner at time of lambing. (see Rule 103)
- D. Once an animal has a Flock Name and ID officially entered into the ADSBS Registry it cannot be changed with the exception of a correction by the First Owner.

Rule 210: Naming of Animals, Rechristening

Rechristening is officially adding a name to an animal on the ADSBS Certificate of Registration. The rechristened name will appear above the Flock Name and ID number. The rechristened name must not exceed 25 total letters and spaces in length. Once a Rechristening name has been used in the ADSBS, it cannot be reused under the same exact spelling. To inquire about a particular animal contact the ADSBS office. To rechristen an animal that has been registered, send the Certificate of Registration along with the name preference and the appropriate fee. An animal may be registered and rechristened on the application for registration form. An animal can only be rechristened once.

Rule 211: Leasing ADSBS Rams and Ewes

The owner of an ADSBS registered animal may lease an animal to another breeder by completing a lease document. In the case of a partnership ewe lease, or a lease to more than one person, the lessee may divide the ownership of the resulting offspring, and each may use their individual Flock Name to register the lambs. All Lessees will be recorded as the breeder of any offspring conceived during the lease period.

- A. An ADSBS lease form or acceptable lease document must be submitted to the ADSBS Office in order for the lessee to register sheep or sign for ram services.
- B. Registration and transfers of offspring from leased parent(s) are subject to current registration and transfer requirements and fees.

Rule 300: Transfers

When a registered sheep is sold, it must be transferred to the buyer and a transfer recorded with the ADSBS before its progeny can be registered. The original Registration Certificate, properly signed by the owners(s) of record, must be returned to the ADSBS for a transfer to be recorded. The owners(s) of record at the time of sale or the buyer may submit an ADSBS transfer in its entirety.

Rule 301: Transfer Content

- A. An application for transfer must state:
 - i. Name, address, phone number, email and if available, membership name or code of each transferee.
 - ii. Date of sale
 - iii. Service date, natural or artificial, and registration number of ram, if animal being transferred has been serviced. (The date of service and registration number of the ram may be entered only if service was prior to the date of sale of the animal being transferred. If the ewe was pasture exposed and the exact the date of service is unknown, a range of dates may be entered instead of the date.)
 - iv. Signature and membership number of individuals, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity in whose name the service ram is registered, indicating whether females have been serviced naturally or artificially inseminated.
 - v. If the ewe has been serviced by a ram not owned by the breeder, a completed and signed service memo from the ram owner will be acquired to register any resulting offspring.
- B. Transfer applications will not be processed if any of the required data is omitted, except as otherwise provided in Rule 308 or 309.
- C. Transfer of ownership is to be completed on the back of an ADSBS registration certificate or ADSBS approved transfer form. In the absence of original ADSBS registration certificate at the time of transfer, a statement verifying the whereabouts of the original certificate will be required and they transferred certificate will be marked duplicate in accordance with Rule 705
- D. Every change of ownership of record of an animal use for registered breeding purpose must be recorded with the Society by official transfer. Missing or skip transfers of ownership are subject to a transfer fee. In the case of animal that is not registered with ADSBS, both registration and transfer fees will apply.

Rule 302: Transfer Fees

Payment of the required transfer fees shall be a matter of private negotiation between the buyer and seller and may be paid by either of them, but such fee must accompany the transfer, with the membership status of the buyer determining the applicable transfer fee if buyer is paying for the transfer. Incomplete transfer applications shall be invoiced to the applicant and must be paid in full before the new registration certificates are mailed.

Rule 303: Transfer of a Registered Animal

Every application for transfer of an animal shall be taken as a guarantee by the buyer and seller that the animal is as represented and that all matters stated in the application are true.

Rule 304: Transfer of Registration

- A. No entry on the transfer record of a Certificate of Registration shall be made except by the Society, and any unauthorized entry is subject to the issuance of a replacement Certificate at an additional fee.
- B. it shall be the duty of the seller before offering a registered animal for sale, or applying for transfer, to verify that the animal carries legible permanent identification marks, corresponding to the permanent identification marks entered on its certificate.
- C. Transfer entries of jointly owned animals shall not exceed five (5) recognized memberships.

Rule 305: Transfer of Animal on Application for Registration

A breeder may transfer an animal on the registration application by completing the transfer portion of the registration application. The correct registration and transfer fees are required with the application.

Rule 306: Transfer of Bred Ewe

When a ewe has been transferred subsequent to being serviced but prior to the birth of her lamb(s), and the service was not reported on the transfer application.

- A. The breeder (owner of record of the dam at the time of service) must provide the Breeding Certificate with all the required signatures to register any resulting offspring.
- B. If a pregnant recipient ewe is being sold the owner of the embryo(s) must sign an application for transfer of embryo ownership. Failure to sign will indicate the seller of the animal is retaining ownership of the resulting offspring.

Rule 307: Transfer of Ewe with Unregistered Offspring at Side

If a ewe is transferred with an unregistered offspring(s) at side, the seller must complete and sign the application for registration and transfer. The completed application for registration and transfer may be submitted to the ADSBS Office by either the seller or the buyer.

Rule 308: Special Transfers

The following types of transfers, not classified as transfers in the ordinary usage of the term, may be made with fees established by the Board of Directors.

- A. Legal Name Change
- B. Transfers from estates to heirs under terms of wills or court orders.
- C. Transfers from court orders.
- D. Transfers to individuals of partnerships.
- E. Transfers to stockholders upon the dissolution of corporations or two members or stakeholders of other legal entities upon the dissolution of such entities.
- F. Papers and documents necessary to show that the person requesting transfer is legally authorized and entitled to request such transfer must be filed with the Society.

Rule 309: Transfer of Applications of Animals Consigned to Public Sales

Sale managers or their representatives may fill in the name buyer(s) on applications for transfer of animals consigned to public sales and, if authorized by the consignor, may sign such application in his/her stead. Such applications must indicate the name of the sale manager or agent representing the consignor and be signed by him/her. Applications executed under this rule are subject to Rule 708.

Rule 310: Transfer of Exported Animals

Application for transfer of an animal exported to another country shall be made with a regular Transfer Application.

Rule 311: Responsibility for Legal Title

A transfer of registration entered on an application or a Certificate of Registration, or on the records of the Society, shall not be construed as the conveyance of legal title by the Society. The society shall in no way be involved in or assume liability for the purchase, sale, or terms of sale of registered animals, or the passage of legal title thereto.

Rule 312: Errors in Recording Transfers

The Society shall not be held liable for any errors in its recording of transfers. Members will not incur any fees in the correction of errors made by ADSBS.

Rule 400: Artificial Insemination

Females may be bred by artificial insemination using either fresh, chilled or frozen semen.

Rule 401: Documentation of Progeny by Artificial Insemination

- A. If the breeder does not own the ram from which semen was used, a "Certificate of Semen" transfer signed by the owner of the semen must be submitted to ADSBS by mail or email at time of sale and prior to the registration of the resulting offspring.
- B. If the breeder owns the ram from which semen was used, no additional documentation is needed.
- C. The vial, straw, or other container carrying the semen must be clearly and accurately labeled in permanent ink with the following information:
 - i. ADSBS name and registration number of the ram
 - ii. Date of collection
 - iii. Name and ID of the business or person doing the collection of the semen. If the person doing the collection of semen is the owner of the ram being collected and is not a commercial processor, then the ram owner may use his or her ADSBS membership number as the processor ID.
- D. At time of service each ewe must be identified by ear tags as verified by the registration certificate.
- E. Dorper or White Dorper sheep semen imported from other countries must have documents from the supplier verifying that the semen is from Fullblood stock. Copies of these documents must accompany the registration application.
- F. ADSBS will consider the use of semen in an AI service to constitute the right of usage for the semen specified in that breeding.

Rule 500: Embryo Transfer Rules

In all cases, the breeder of an embryo is defined as the owner or lessee of the dam (in this case, the donor ewe) at the time of service. The breeding date is the date that the donor ewe was serviced.

Rule 501: Embryo Transfer Report Content

The breeder of an animal (owner or lessee of record of the donor ewe at conception) bears the responsibility to ensure embryo information is properly recorded and retained. At the time of the embryo flush, the person or company providing the service is required to complete an embryo transfer report and will include the following information:

- A. Record of service (date, registration number and permanent ID of embryo, sire)
- B. Registration number, permanent ID (tattoos), and DNA case number of donor ewe
- C. An Al service, a completed and signed Al memo must be included
- D. Date of embryo transfer
- E. Name and signature of technician/company
- F. Number of embryos recovered
- G. Number of embryos transferred
- H. Number of embryos frozen
- I. ID of recipient ewe(s)
- J. If embryos from multiple donors are transferred into one recipient ewe, DNA parentage verification will be required prior to registration.

Rule 502: Acceptable Embryo Transfer Form

The preferred form is from the international embryo transfer society, which may be downloaded at www.IETS.org. This is the suggested form embryo technicians/veterinarians to provide at time of collection, transfer, and/or freezing.

Rule 503: Proper Documentation

- A. A properly completed and signed Embryo Transfer Form shall be submitted with each application for registration of lambs resulting from that particular embryo flush.
- B. When an embryo changes ownership, an Embryo Ownership Transfer Form must be submitted that provides for embryos in recipients, fresh or frozen embryos. One embryo ownership transfer form must be submitted with each change of ownership.

Rule 504: Imported Frozen Embryos

Frozen embryos imported from other countries must have documents from the exporter verifying the embryos originated from animals eligible for registration with ADSBS. These documents must also accompany the application for registration.

Rule 600: Lambs Resulting from Cell-Cloned Transplants

- A. Only replication cell-cloned animals shall be eligible for registration.
- B. The cell-donor animal and the cell-cloned animal must be DNA-marker-typed.
- C. The breeder of the cell-donor animal must be identified as the breeder of the cell-cloned offspring.
- D. The owner of record of the cell-donor, on the date of biopsy removal, will be identified as the first owner, unless the lamb is a result of a pregnant recipient, purchased embryo, fresh or frozen, in which case the purchaser may be identified as the first owner.
- E. DNA-marker-typing of the recipient dam may be required by the Society.
- F. Lambs conceived after death of cell-donor animals shall be eligible for registration under the same conditions and provisions governing the eligibility of lambs prior to the death of said animal.
- G. Registration of cell-cloned transplants shall be made on a special form, provided by the Society, at the regular fee, plus an additional fee as determined by the Board of Directors.
- H. Registration certificates issued for cell-cloned transplants shall be so designated. The registration number of the animal, which is being cell cloned, shall also be stated on the certificate of registration.
- I. Nothing set forth in this Rule 600 should be construed as an indication that the Society takes any position as to the ownership rights, if any, of retained cell material. That is a separate matter reserved for discussion or negotiation between the buyer and seller.

Rule 601: Importing Clones from other Countries

Dorper sheep nuclear transfer clones and/or animals imported from other countries must have documents from the seller verifying the embryos or animals originated from animals eligible for registration with ADSBS. These documents must also accompany the application for registration.

Rule 700: Registration of Offspring

In order to protect innocent third-party owners of offspring which are the product of breeding of previously eligible parents taking place prior to date of cancellation of the certificate of a parent or parents, with the exception specified in Rule 705 below, such offspring are eligible for listing in the American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society Herd Book, if otherwise eligible. If an offspring currently has numbered certificate, the certificate shall be recalled and a new certificate issued

Rule 701: Certificate based on Members' Application

Certificates are issued based upon members' registration applications, other societies certificates of pedigree submitted with the application and other sources available to the American Dorper Sheep Breeders Society.

Rule 702: Procedures for Revoking Certificate of Registration

The American Dorper Sheep Breeder Society Board of Directors can revoke a certificate if that certificate is incorrect. The Board of Directors can make a determination that the certificate should be revoked and specifically set out the reason(s) for revocation. This shall apply to the original certificate, which was issued in error, and any subsequently issued certificates that are affected (e.g; certificates of offspring)

Rule 703: Duplicate Registration

A duplicate registration certificate is a new registration certificate when the original has been lost or destroyed. It is issued when sufficient proof of loss and proper identification of the sheep has been submitted to the ADSBS office in writing. The duplicate registration certificate will be denoted "Duplicate" and the original will be become void.

Rule 704: Court Order for Duplicate Certificate

In regard to involuntary transfer of title situations, including but not limited to court judgments or security interest foreclosures, when it is proven to the society satisfaction with legal court documents, requirement of affidavit of the reported owner may be waived and the current owner deemed eligible for a duplicate registration certificate.

Rule 705: Replacement of Registration Certificate

A replacement registration certificate is a new registration certificate, issued when the original certificate is in existence but has been defaced. The original certificate must be surrendered to the ADSBS office.

Rule 706: Agent Authorization

- A. When an animal is owned by a company, ranch, farm, club, corporation, University or school, family, partnership or joint ownership of related or unrelated persons, or any entity other than an individual, the society must have an Agent Authorization Form on file to indicate who may sign documents for that entity. (Forms are available upon request from the ADSBS office at no charge.)
- B. Written authorization is also required when an individual owner appoints another individual to sign on his or her behalf.
- C. in the case of a minor child (younger than 18 years of age) the Society requires a statement from the legal guardian or parent giving the birth date of the child and designating the person signing on behalf of the minor child. An agent for a minor child must be an active ADSBS member.
- D. When the owner of an animal is deceased, this Society must have legal documentation on file appointing the agent or representative for that estate (Letters of Administration, etc.) and bearing the original certificate or seal of "the Clerk of the Probate Court" in the event there was not a formal probate of the estate, and Affidavit of Heirship must be completed by the heirs and notarized. Forms are available upon request from the ADSBS office at no charge.
- E. Authorization of an agent may be cancelled by written notification by record owner. Such termination of authorization will take effect upon receipt in the ADSBS administration office.

Rule 707: Representation

Every registration certificate is based on the representations contained in the application for registration and/or certificate of transfer. If an animal has been registered or transferred through error, misrepresentation or fraud, such registration certificate is VOID, together with any registration certificates of progeny, except as defined in Rule 701. The American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society assumes no liability for damages arising from such entry or transfer.

Rule 708: ADSBS Records

In the event of a conflict, ADSBS records shall control.

Rule 709: Re-Registration Certificate

Re-registration certificates are issued to indicate a correction of the sire or dam.

- A. A re-registration certificate requires a properly completed registration application with proper supporting forms and a signed statement which gives details as to why the sheep was incorrectly registered.
- B. ADSBS must be provided with the original registration certificate before a re-registration certificate can be issued
- C. When the correct parentage has been established through DNA parentage verification, the Board of Directors may, in the interest of fairness and equity toward an innocent third party, authorized reregistration without the application and supporting breeding documents, if it is determined to be unreasonable to require these documents under the particular circumstance.
- D. Proper fees must be remitted.

Rule 710: Correction of a Registration Certificate

- A. The applicant is responsible for immediately reporting any discrepancy in registration certificate to ADSBS in returning it for correction.
- B. A corrected certificate is issued to indicate a change in gender (male to female or vice versa) or date of birth, to correct a date of transfer or reflect a re-tattoo or new ear tag number.
- C. ADSBS must be provided with the original certificate before a corrected certificate can be issued.
- D. If a registration certificate is delivered to ADSBS's office for a correction, but the correction items are not in proper order to issue a corrected certificate, the registration certificate will be retained by ADSBS until the correction can be completed and a new certificate issued.
- E. To correct the date of transfer recorded with ADSBS, ADSBS must be provided with the sheep's original registration certificate along with sign statements from both seller and buyer on the transfer report that is to be corrected, giving the correct date. At ADSBS's discretion and in the interest of equity, date of transfer may be corrected on the sign statement of either buyer or seller.
- F. The current owner of record shall be notified of any correction made to a registration certificate.
- G. Correction fees apply.