

# **South West Charolais Association**

*South Western Regional Area Association of the British Charolais Cattle Society Ltd*

## **ENTRY SCHEDULE**

**FOR**

### **The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Sale**

**of Pedigree Charolais Bulls and Females  
on behalf of The South West Region  
of The British Charolais Society**

**at EXETER LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

**on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**At approx. 12:30pm**



***Entries Close: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025***

Auctioneer: Mark Davis 07773 371774

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## **MANDATORY BULL SIRE VERIFICATION PRIOR TO SALE**

### **BULL SIRE VERIFICATION IS NOW COMPULSORY FOR THIS YEAR'S SALE**

The Council of Management of the British Charolais Cattle Society Ltd have made a decision that for Charolais bulls entered for sale through official sales from 1st JANUARY 2012 that the bulls sire must be confirmed **BEFORE THE BULLS LEAVE THE FARM FOR THE SALE**. Failure to do so will exclude the bulls from Society Sales until his sire has been confirmed.

The DNA sire verification costs are listed on the British Charolais Cattle Society's website. The DNA sire verification of a bull is only required once in the lifetime of a bull. So try to avoid disappointment, have your Charolais bulls which are intended to be entered for Society Sales DNA sire verified well in advance of the sale.

## **BVD VACCINATIONS AT SALES**

**ALL Charolais cattle, bulls & females sold through BCCS auspices sales are to be double vaccinated, with the final vaccination being administered at least three weeks prior to the sale.** Vaccinating females in early pregnancy should be avoided. **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.**

Members should either consult with their veterinary surgeon or an approved CHeCS health scheme advisor. Details of CHeCS Health schemes providers are displayed on the BCCS website or by contacting the BCCS office.

For the herds which are not BVD accredited, then potential sale cattle should be BVD antigen tested negative, and given the first BVD vaccination on the same day as the blood test is taken. If the BVD antigen test is negative, the animals should then be given the second vaccination 3-4 weeks later.

**IMPORTANT** - Do not vaccinate cattle just prior to the sales as immunity to BVD will not have built up sufficiently

**All Charolais cattle must be BVD vaccinated as per the vaccine Instructions. For cattle which are not from a CHeCS BVD accredited herd they must be BVD antigen tested negative and vaccinated. A veterinary certificate confirming the BVD antigen negative test must accompany the cattle to the sale.**

**CATTLE NOT FULLY VACCINATED FOR BVD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ENTRY TO THE AUCTION CENTRE**





## **CHAROLAIS PRE-SALE CHECKS**

To avoid the disappointment of having cattle rejected at the pre-sale inspections, members should carry out the following checks before consigning Charolais cattle to the Sales.

1. Check the Dentition is correct and the incisor teeth are biting on the upper pad.
2. In the case of bulls, check the testicles are firm and even sized and comply with the following minimum scrotal circumferences:
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 13-18 months - 34-36cm  
 >18-24 months - 36-38cm  
 >24 months - 38cm  
 N.B The minimum scrotal circumference increases linearly with age
4. Check the animals are free from warts (pay particular attention to the sheath and scrotal area) ringworm, mange and other infectious or contagious diseases.
5. Check the animal's feet and legs are sound and the general locomotion is satisfactory.
6. All bulls must be haltered and 13 months or over on the day of the sale.
7. Check the animals (males and females) are of good conformation and in good condition.
8. All bulls must meet the minimum weight for age standard as per the following chart.

If any member is unsure about any of the above points, or would like advise they should contact the Society Office and, if they so desire, a visit can be arranged by one of the Society's Livestock Officers at the member's expense.

## **BULL WEIGHT FOR AGE GUIDELINES**

<b><u>Days</u></b>	<b><u>Kgs</u></b>	<b><u>Days</u></b>	<b><u>Kgs</u></b>	<b><u>Days</u></b>	<b><u>Kgs</u></b>
365	530	530	737	700	913
370	537	535	743	705	918
375	544	545	754	710	923
380	551	550	759	715	928
385	558	555	765	720	933
390	565	560	770	725	938
395	572	565	776	730	943
400	579	570	781	735	948
405	586	575	787	740	953
410	592	580	792	745	958
415	599	585	798	750	963
420	605	590	803	755	968
425	612	595	809	760	973
430	618	600	814	765	978
435	625	605	819	770	983
440	631	610	824	775	988
445	638	615	829	780	993
450	644	620	834	785	998
455	650	625	839	790	1003
460	656	630	844	795	1008
465	662	635	849	800	1013
470	668	640	854		
475	674	645	859		
480	680	650	864		
485	686	655	869		
490	692	660	874		
495	698	665	879		
500	704	670	884		
505	710	675	889		
510	715	680	894		
515	721	685	899		
520	726	690	904		
525	732	695	909		