

SOCIETY SPONSORED SALE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Background

During May 2020, the Droughtmaster Stud Breeders' Society Limited (the Society) engaged Cooper Grace Ward Lawyers (CGW) to prepare Sale Terms and Conditions that would govern the legal relationship between the Society and attendees that attended a Society Sponsored Sale, either in person or by other means. The decision to produce the Sale Terms and Conditions was motivated by the need to protect the Society from potential litigation in connection with a Society Sponsored Sale.

The Terms and Conditions as prepared by Cooper Grace Ward (CGW) Lawyers and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors, were circulated to members on 15 June 2020. Following feedback that was received from members, the Terms and Conditions were further amended and then approved by the Board on 29 June 2020 for implementation. The Terms and Conditions were applied to the 2020 sponsored bull sales and the 2021 sponsored female sale.

The Board of Directors advised members that a review of the Terms and Conditions would be conducted at the conclusion of the 2020 sale season and to that end, in November 2020, members were invited to contribute to the review process. The Board received several submissions in response to the invitation and extends its appreciation to those members and others that contributed to this process.

A detailed analysis of the submissions that were received, both before and in response to the November invitation, identified concerns that principally related to the following three areas:

- Clause 3 - Conditions of sale by auction
- Clause 7 – Vendor and buyer warranties
- Clause 8 – Claims upon the Society

The Board conducted a comprehensive review of the Terms and Conditions in which the Board considered the content of the submissions that were received, information provided by insurance industry specialists, and advice received from CGW Lawyers. The concerns that were identified during the review process, and the changes that have been implemented in response to those concerns, are summarised below.

Clause 3 – Conditions of the sale by auction

Clause 3 and Clause 4 (Default) have been substantially edited to recognise and give effect to the limited role of the Society in relation to the conduct of the auction. Many of the sub-clauses that are not directly related to the auction have been relocated elsewhere in the document or removed for reason that the clause refers to matters that are the sole responsibility of the auctioneer, and are addressed in the Australian Livestock & Property Agents Associations (ALPA) Terms and Conditions.

Other clauses have been retained but edited to remove references to the Society in circumstances where the content of the clause is not the responsibility of the Society.

Clause 7 – Vendor and buyer warranties

In this clause, both vendors and buyers provide warranties to each other and the Society. A warranty is a statement of fact; an assurance that the information to which the warranty relates is true. The person that provides the warranty will assume all responsibility and liability if the information to which the warranty relates, is found to be untrue.

The submissions that were received suggested that it was not possible for a vendor to warrant that all statements that are made in relation to a Lot are factually accurate and complete. Statements may be incomplete or inaccurate and these inaccuracies may occur in circumstances that are outside the knowledge or control of the vendor. Some vendors even provided documentary evidence of their own experiences where this was the case.

The circumstances that may result in inaccurate and incomplete descriptions of a Lot include:

- Scientific errors (reported as up to 5%) that occur in all DNA related testing.
- Third party errors during the testing and reporting of test results (laboratory level).
- Third party administrative errors at multiple points during the recording and compilation of descriptions of Lots.

In view of the very real potential for errors to occur with respect to the descriptions of a Lot, and through no fault of the vendor, clause 7.1(a) has been substantially edited. The clause now provides that a vendor will warrant *'to the extent possible'* the description of the Lot is accurate, complete, not misleading or deceptive. What is possible will be determined *'having regard for genetic, scientific and laboratory inaccuracies and third-party administrative errors and omissions'*.

Clause 7.3, which relates to buyer warranties has been revised and now provides that the buyer warrants to the extent practical, that it will undertake its own inquiry regarding the accuracy of the description of a Lot, acknowledging that *'genetic, scientific and laboratory inaccuracies and third-party administrative errors and omissions of any description with regard to a Lot can occur which are outside the knowledge or control of the vendor.'*

Clause 8 – Claims upon the Society

Clause 8 required attendees at a Society Sponsored Sale to indemnify and *'hold harmless'* the Society against claims arising from an attendee's own actions or omissions, and also for matters that may be caused by the Society's acts or omissions.

Submissions that were received alluded to a number of public liability policies that were conditional upon the insured (the vendor) refraining from doing anything that may prevent or limit the insurer's right of subrogation, or right to claim against another party which may have contributed to the damage suffered by a claimant. If a vendor agreed to the Sale Terms and Conditions (2020 version) and to *'hold harmless'* the Society, the vendor's public liability policy may not respond to a claim for damages that is made against the vendor.

The Board recognises its obligation to protect the Society from litigious claims arising from, or in connection with, Society Sponsored Sales, most notably in relation to claims that arise in response to circumstances for which the Society is not responsible.

The Board also recognises the need to strike a balance between the interests of the Society and the interests of its members that participate in Society Sponsored Sales.

Clause 8 has been substantially amended so that it:

- accurately reflects the responsibilities and potential liabilities of the various attendees at Society Sponsored Sales;
- continues to protect the interests of the Society to the extent that the law permits;
- does not unduly interfere with, or hinder, the activities of any single member or group of members of the Society, particularly as it relates to their capacity to obtain public liability insurance in order to participate in these sale activities; and
- ensures that vendors participating in a Society Sponsored Sale carry current public liability insurance that will respond to any claims arising from the vendor's participation.

Clause 8 clarifies that the Society is not a party to the sale of any lots, and that at no point does the Society have control or custody over a Lot. The clause also states that the Society does not owe any obligation to a vendor or buyer in relation to the sale or purchase of a Lot, including any obligation to deliver a Lot that was purchased at the sale (8.1).

The Clause provides an acknowledgement by attendees, that the attendee attends the sale at their own risk. This does not however, absolve others, including the Society, from their lawful obligations or duty of care to avoid any act or omission that may give rise to, or materially contribute to, an attendee suffering harm (8.2).

The Clause provides that the Society is not liable (to the extent permitted by law) for any damage or injury suffered by an attendee (8.3(a) & 8.5), or damage or injury suffered by a Lot that is owned by an attendee (8.3 (b)) except where that loss or damage is caused by the negligence of the Society.

Clause 8 also makes it clear that the Society will not be liable (to the extent permitted by law) in respect of any error or omission regarding the description of a Lot, including those descriptions that appear in the Sale catalogue (8.5).

The Clause no longer requires an attendee to indemnify or *'hold harmless'* the Society from and against *all claims* arising out of, or in connection with:

- the conduct of the sale;
- an attendee's attendance at the sale;

- a description of a lot; or
- any other loss.

The reference to 'hold harmless' has been removed.

It is absolutely essential that the Society and vendors that participate in Society Sponsored Sales carry adequate public liability insurance that will respond in circumstances where a claim for damages arises from their alleged acts or omissions. To this end, two additional clauses have been added to Clause 8 that require:

- a vendor to hold public liability insurance for a minimum cover of twenty million dollars to be eligible to nominate and sell Lots at a Society Sponsored Sale (8.9); and
- to furnish a certificate of currency of public liability insurance to the Society at the time the vendor nominates lots for sale. The certificate must note the Droughtmaster Stud Breeders' Society Limited as an interested party (8.10).

This requirement is consistent with that required by other entities or events such as Beef Australia; Royal Queensland Show; Ag-Grow Field Days Emerald; FarmFest Queensland; and the majority of agricultural shows and events.

Language in the Terms and Conditions

The purpose of the document is to govern the legal relationship between the Society and attendees at a Society Sponsored Sale. As such, the document necessarily contains legal terms and phrases that are commonly used in documents of this kind. In some areas, terms and phrases have been edited for ease of interpretation, words have been defined, and others have been replaced with language that is more akin to cattle sales as opposed to other events.

Incorporating other Terms and Conditions

At the commencement of the document, a reference has been inserted noting Terms and Conditions other than the Society Sponsored Sale Terms and Conditions that are relevant to an attendee's attendance at a Society Sponsored Sale. Noted are the relevant sale venue Terms and Conditions and the ALPA Terms and Conditions, both of which are now incorporated with the Society Terms and Conditions as being applicable to persons attending a Society Sponsored Sale.

Once again, the Board extends its appreciation to those members and others that provided submissions and contributions for consideration by the Board during this review, and thanks all members for their patience during the review process.

Any questions or concerns regarding the revised Society Sponsored Sale Terms and Conditions should be directed to the Society President Todd Heyman, Vice President Roger Underwood, or Zone Director Bronwyn Betts.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Society convenes the Society Sponsored Sales. As part of this role, the Society will undertake activities such as setting the date of the sale, selecting the sale venue, receiving nominations for Lots, producing the sales catalogue, identifying the standards and conditions relating to each Lot and coordinating general advertising.

The following terms and conditions apply to and govern the agreement between the Society and the Attendee in relation to the Attendee's attendance of, and participation in, the Society Sponsored Sale. These terms and conditions incorporate:

- a) any documents in the Annexure;
 - b) the Rules and Regulations;
 - c) the below terms and conditions;
 - d) the ALPA Terms and Conditions;
 - e) the Society Sponsored Sale venue rules and regulations; and
 - f) any other relevant terms and conditions and rules and regulations which are required by the operator of the Society Sponsored Sale venue or the Auctioneer or that are notified to the Attendee by the Society from time to time,
- (together, the **Terms and Conditions**).

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 The meaning of the terms used in these Terms and Conditions are set out below:

Term	Meaning
ALPA	Australian Livestock & Property Agents Association Ltd
Attendee	an attendee of a Society Sponsored Sale, including Bidders, Buyers and Vendors
Auctioneer	the auctioneer authorised by the Vendor and endorsed by the Society to auction Lots on behalf of the Vendor

Term	Meaning
Auctioneer Terms	the terms and conditions proposed by the Auctioneer that are binding on the Buyer and Vendor concerning the sale of any Lot, which have been approved by the Society prior to the auction of any Lot (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld)
Australian Consumer Law	refers to the consumer law contained in Schedule 2 of the <i>Competition and Consumer Act 2010</i> (Cth)
Bidder	a bidder on a Lot at an auction
Buyer	the meaning given in clause 3.2
Claim	a claim, demand, remedy, suit, injury, damage, loss, cost, liability, action, proceeding, right of action, claim for compensation or reimbursement or liability incurred by or to be made or recovered by or against a person, however arising and whether ascertained or unascertained, or immediate, future or contingent
DAF	Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
Disqualified Lot	a Lot that is disqualified or not eligible for sale at a Society Sponsored Sale pursuant to the Rules and Regulations
Eligible Member	members of the Society approved by the Society to sell Lots at a Society Sponsored Sale as outlined in the Rules and Regulations
Excluded Loss	means: <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) loss, or anticipated loss, of use, business, production, profit or revenue, loss of business reputation, business interruption of any nature or loss of opportunity;b) exemplary or punitive damages; orc) any loss or damage arising from special circumstances that are outside the ordinary course of things
Intellectual Property Rights	all intellectual property rights of any kind, in any jurisdiction, subsisting now or in the future (including, without limitation, business, company or trade names, domain names, patents, inventions, copyright, design rights, know-how, trade marks, the right to sue for passing off and rights to use, and protect the

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	confidentiality of, confidential information), whether registered or unregistered, and including the rights to apply for or renew the registration of any such rights and any rights the subject of any lapsed application or registration	(a) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
Junior Member	a "Junior Member" of the Society pursuant to the Rules and Regulations	(b) where a word or phrase is given a particular meaning, other parts of speech and grammatical forms of that word or phrase have corresponding meanings;
Lot	any stock available for purchase at a Society Sponsored Sale and which has been included in the sales catalogue produced by the Society	(c) a reference to a person is to be construed as a reference to an individual, body corporate, unincorporated association, partnership, joint venture or government body;
Nomination Form	the nomination form made available to Eligible Members to nominate lots for sale in a Society Sponsored Sale	(d) references to any document (including these Terms and Conditions) include references to the document as amended, consolidated, supplemented, novated or replaced;
Personal Property Securities Register	the Personal Property Securities Register established under the <i>Personal Property Securities Act 2009</i> (Cth)	(e) a reference to a statute includes a reference to all enactments amending or consolidating the statute and to an enactment substituted for the statute and any subordinate legislation, including regulations;
Pre-existing IP Rights	Intellectual Property Rights in all materials owned by the Attendee or Society independent of these Terms and Conditions	(f) any Annexures form part of these Terms and Conditions; and
Related Body Corporate	has the same meaning as in the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth)	(g) headings are included for convenience only and do not affect interpretation of these Terms and Conditions.
Reserve Price	the Vendor nominated reserve price	
Rules and Regulations	the Rules and Regulations of the Society made available on the Website from time to time	
Security Interests	has the same meaning as in the <i>Personal Property Securities Act 2009</i> (Cth)	
Society	Droughtmaster Stud Breeders' Society Limited ACN 010 129 683 and its Related Body Corporate, employees, volunteers and agents	
Society Sponsored Sale	an auction sale convened by the Society	
Upset Price	the predetermined and applicable base market price for a particular Sale	
Vendor	the owner of the Lot or the person authorising the Auctioneer to sell that Lot on the owner's behalf	
Website	the website of the Society at https://www.droughtmaster.com.au/	

2. GENERAL

- 2.1 By attending the Society Sponsored Sale (whether in person or by other means), the Attendee agrees to be bound by these Terms and Conditions. All persons attending a Society Sponsored Sale shall be deemed to have notice of these Terms and Conditions.
- 2.2 Subject to clause 2.6:
- (a) these Terms and Conditions apply to the Attendee's attendance at and participation in any respect in the Society Sponsored Sale to the exclusion of all other terms proposed by the Attendee;
- (b) if the Society agrees (in its sole discretion) to incorporate any terms and conditions proposed by the Attendee (**Attendee Terms**), these Terms and Conditions shall apply to the extent of any inconsistency with the Attendee Terms; and
- (c) the Society will only be deemed to have accepted the Attendee Terms where the Society has confirmed the acceptance in writing, signed by a director of the Society.
- 2.3 The Society may change these Terms and Conditions by posting updated Terms and Conditions on the Website.
- 2.4 These Terms and Conditions shall be binding on the Attendee's personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns and shall be for the benefit of the Society's successors and assigns.
- 2.5 If a Vendor is a Junior Member, these Terms and Conditions bind the guardian of that Junior Member, and the guardian agrees to be legally responsible for any and all actions taken

1.2 In these Terms and Conditions:

by or on behalf of the Junior Member under these Terms and Conditions.

- 2.6 If Auctioneer Terms apply to the auction of any Lot at a Society Sponsored Sale, the Auctioneer Terms shall apply to the Buyer and Vendor in respect of the sale of that Lot to the extent of any inconsistency between these Terms and Conditions and the Auctioneer Terms regarding clauses 3, 4 and 5 only.
- 2.7 The Society reserves the right to exclude any person from an auction or the auction venue at its absolute discretion.
- 2.8 Bidders, Buyers and Vendors must:
- (a) be at least 18 years of age or a Junior Member; and
 - (b) in the case of Vendors:
 - (i) be Eligible Members of the Society; and
 - (ii) have no outstanding debts to the Society.
- 2.9 Any Eligible Member wishing to enter a lot for sale at a Society Sponsored Sale must on or prior to the relevant dates referenced in the Annexure and on the Website:
- (a) return a duly completed Nomination Form to the Society; and
 - (b) pay all nomination fees and any other required amounts to the Society.

3. CONDITIONS OF SALE BY AUCTION

- 3.1 Prior to the auction, an Attendee must register with the Auctioneer (in the case of Vendors and Bidders) in order to participate in the auction. The Society or the Auctioneer may reject the registration of any Attendee as a Vendor or Bidder at its absolute discretion.
- 3.2 The Buyer will be the successful bidder for a Lot as determined by the Auctioneer, subject to these Terms and Conditions.
- 3.3 The Auctioneer acts as agent for the Vendor.
- 3.4 In any auction or sales event at a Society Sponsored Sale, the highest approved Bidder shall be the Buyer of a Lot subject to:
- (a) any Reserve Price;
 - (b) these Terms and Conditions;
 - (c) acceptance by the Vendor (as denoted by the Auctioneer's declaration of "Sale" or similar after the fall of the hammer); and
 - (d) the sole discretion of the Auctioneer.
- 3.5 Should the Vendor reject the bid of the highest Bidder before the fall of the hammer, such Bidder will have the right of first refusal of the Lot at the Vendor's nominated price for one hour

after the Lot has been passed out of the ring, subject to these Terms and Conditions.

- 3.6 A successful Bidder at a Society Sponsored Sale must give to the Auctioneer immediately after the fall of the hammer:
- (a) the Buyer's name; or
 - (b) the bid card number which identifies the Buyer; or
 - (c) the name of the Buyer on whose behalf the successful bid was made; and
 - (d) the Property Identification Code (known as the "PIC") of destination.
- 3.7 Each Lot will be sold subject to passing all veterinary tests required by the Society, the Rules and Regulations, these Terms and Conditions and the law of the state or country to which the Buyer intends to transport that particular Lot (including, for the avoidance of doubt, all DAF Approved Tick Treatments if required), such tests to be undertaken at the Vendor's expense. All information in relation to veterinary tests must be made available to the Auctioneer, Society and Bidders prior to the Society Sponsored Sale.
- 3.8 For the avoidance of doubt:
- (a) the Society offers no warranty regarding the accuracy of any test results or information provided by the Vendor; and
 - (b) the Buyer must make their own enquiries regarding any representation provided by the Vendor in connection with the test results pursuant to clause 3.7.
- 3.9 The Auctioneer reserve its rights:
- (a) to remove or disallow any Vendor from selling any Lot if the Auctioneer determines (in its absolute and unfettered discretion) that information provided regarding a Lot (whether in a catalogue or otherwise) is misleading, deceptive, incomplete or otherwise provided in breach of the Terms and Conditions;
 - (b) to not disclose the existence and/or quantum of the Reserve Price (if any) of a Lot prior to the close of bidding or withdrawal of the Lot;
 - (c) to resubmit any Lot for resale by auction, before, during or after the auction of that particular Lot, at the Auctioneer's absolute discretion; and
 - (d) subject to clause 3.5, to arrange for a Lot that is not sold at an auction to be sold by private agreement (but not for less than the Upset Price for that Lot at auction).
- 3.10 Any Attendee who removes the sale number from any Lot after it has been sold will fully indemnify all affected parties for any Claim should the Lot be wrongly delivered.
- 3.11 The Buyer shall not, until the full purchase price is paid and all other obligations owed by the Buyer to the Vendor, the

Auctioneer and the Society are fulfilled, register or attempt to register any Security Interest in the Lot.

- 3.12 A Vendor may not:
- (a) sell a Disqualified Lot; or
 - (b) remove a Lot during the auction without first informing the Society and the Auctioneer.

3.13 Any dispute arising in respect of the sale or purchase of any Lot is between the Buyer and the Vendor and the parties release the Society and the Auctioneer from any Claim in respect of any disputed Lot. Any dispute relating to a Lot must be resolved between the Vendor and the Buyer and neither the Vendor nor the Buyer may return to the Society or the Auctioneer any Lot the subject of a dispute or otherwise. The Buyer and the Vendor expressly authorise the Society and the Auctioneer to provide relevant contact details of the Buyer and Vendor to one another upon request by either party.

3.14 Notwithstanding any dispute in respect to the sale of any Lot, the Buyer shall nevertheless be obliged to pay to the Auctioneer the full purchase price and any other moneys or interest payable by the Buyer in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.

3.15 Any person (including any Attendee) who attends a Society Sponsored Sale does so entirely at their own risk and the Society does not assume or accept any responsibility or liability of whatever nature for any injury or damage which may occur, except to the extent caused by the negligence of the Society.

4. DEFAULT

If a Vendor fails to deliver any part of a Lot, the Vendor must refund the Buyer any amounts paid by the Buyer on account of the purchase.

5. TITLE

5.1 Upon the fall of the hammer each Lot shall be at the risk and expense in all respects of the Buyer and the Buyer shall indemnify the Society and the Auctioneer in respect of and pay to the Society and the Auctioneer on demand all loss, damage, costs and expenses incurred or suffered by the Society or the Auctioneer (as applicable) in respect of the Lot while the Lot is at the Buyer's risk and expense. In particular, the Buyer will be liable for, feeding, yard fees and associated charges for Lots not removed on the day of the Society Sponsored Sale.

5.2 The Society will not accept the return of any Lot for any reason. At no point will the Society have title to, or risk in any Lot.

6. WARRANTY

6.1 Unless expressly provided in these Terms and Conditions, no guarantee or warranty shall be given by the Society to the Attendee in relation to type, quality, condition, characteristic, pedigree, sex, age, breeding condition or otherwise of a Lot or

the accuracy of any information included in any catalogue or supplementary material relating to a Society Sponsored Sale.

6.2 The Attendee acknowledges and agrees that it does not rely on the skill or judgment of the Society in relation to the purchase of a Lot. Any advice, recommendation, information or assistance provided or purportedly provided by the Society is provided without any liability by the Society whatsoever.

6.3 The Society assumes no liability in respect of any error, misdescription or omission in any descriptions, pedigrees or other information pertaining to the type, quality, condition, characteristic, sex, age, breeding condition or otherwise of any Lot offered for sale, including on account of any information included in a catalogue relating to a Society Sponsored Sale. No such error, misdescription or omission shall entitle the Attendee to claim compensation or damages against the Society.

7. VENDOR AND BUYER TERMS

7.1 The Vendor warrants to the Buyer and the Society:

- (a) that to the extent possible, any description of the Lot is materially accurate and complete and not misleading or deceptive having regard to genetic, scientific and laboratory inaccuracies and third-party administrative errors and omissions;
- (b) all photos or videos of the relevant Lot depict the Lot that is actually listed for sale, and are not misleading or deceptive;
- (c) the Lot is suitable for transportation;
- (d) the sale of the Lot is in accordance with any applicable laws;
- (e) all warranties included in the Annexure and any other document that forms a part of these Terms and Conditions;
- (f) the Lot is not a Disqualified Lot;
- (g) the Vendor has clear title to the Lot;
- (h) the Vendor has full authority to sell and/or deal with the Lot; and
- (i) there are no undisclosed Security Interests over the Lot and on transfer of title to the Lot in accordance with these Terms and Conditions, the Buyer will be entitled to possession of the Lot, at the time of delivery of a Lot.

7.2 If the Buyer is a consumer within the meaning of that term in the Australian Consumer Law, the Vendor makes each guarantee required as a provider to a consumer under the Australian Consumer Law but only to the extent required by the nature of the Buyer.

7.3 The Buyer warrants to the Vendor and the Society:

- (a) that it will, to the extent practical, undertake its own inquiry as to the accuracy of the description of the Lot, acknowledging that genetic, scientific and

laboratory inaccuracies and third-party administrative errors and omissions of any description with regard to a Lot can occur which are outside of the knowledge or control of the Vendor;

- (b) all warranties included in the Annexure and any other document that forms a part of these Terms and Conditions;
- (c) it has full authority to purchase the Lot; and
- (d) it has the immediately available financial resources to purchase any Lot for which it is the Buyer.

(b) any attendance at a Society Sponsored Sale; and

(c) the content of any Lot description.

8.6 Without limiting any other provisions of this clause 8, the maximum aggregate liability of the Society to the Attendee for any Claim (or series of connected Claims) under or in connection with these Terms and Conditions howsoever arising shall be limited to the price received by the Society in respect of the nomination fee paid for the Lot.

8.7 If any Attendee brings to the Society Sponsored Sale any Lot which is dangerous, or infected with any disease, that Attendee shall be liable for all injury, damages, costs, losses or expenses sustained by the Society or other Attendees as a result of the Attendee's conduct.

8. CLAIMS UPON THE SOCIETY

8.1 At no point does the Society have control or custody of a Lot. The Society is not a party to the sale or purchase of a Lot. The Society does not owe any obligation to the Buyer or the Vendor in relation to the sale or purchase of a Lot, including any obligation to deliver a Lot or in respect of the description or condition of any Lot.

8.8 The Vendor indemnifies the Society in respect of and will pay to the Society on demand all loss, damage, costs and expenses incurred or suffered by the Society, together with any Claims, in respect of any of the Lots it is presenting for sale, except to the extent caused by the negligence of the Society.

8.2 The Attendee acknowledges and agrees that it attends a Society Sponsored Sale entirely at its own risk.

8.9 The Vendor acknowledges and agrees that it is responsible for its own public liability insurance and that it must have public liability insurance for a minimum cover of \$20,000,000 to be eligible to nominate and sell Lots at a Society Sponsored Sale.

8.3 To the maximum extent permitted by law (except to the extent caused by the negligence of the Society), the Society will not be liable to the Attendee:

- (a) for any damage to, or injury suffered by, the Attendee, whether by accident, illness, disease or otherwise, while attending, or as a consequence of attending, a Society Sponsored Sale; or
- (b) for any damage to, or injury suffered by, a Lot, whether by accident, illness, disease or otherwise, while the Lot is held or remains at the Society Sponsored Sale venue, or as a consequence of the Lot being held or remaining at the Society Sponsored Sale venue.

8.10 The Vendor must submit to the Society, at the time the Lots are nominated for the Society Sponsored Sale, a certificate of currency for the public liability insurance required under clause 8.9. The certificate of currency must note the 'Droughtmaster Stud Breeders' Society Limited' as an interested party.

8.4 To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Society will not be liable to the Attendee

- (a) in respect of any error, misdescription or omission in any descriptions, pedigrees or other information pertaining to the type, quality, condition, characteristic, sex, age, breeding condition or otherwise of any Lot offered for sale, including on account of any information included in a catalogue relating to a Society Sponsored Sale and no such error, misdescription or omission shall entitle the Attendee to claim compensation or damages against the Society; or

8.11 The Attendee undertakes to comply in all respects with these Terms and Conditions and indemnifies the Society on demand for all loss, damage, costs and expenses incurred or suffered by the Society, together with any Claims, in respect of any breach of these Terms and Conditions by that Attendee (including in respect of any Annexure).

- (b) for any Excluded Loss.

8.5 To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Society will not be liable to the Attendee, or the Attendee's executors, administrators, successors in title or assigns, for any loss, injury, death or damage, except to the extent that loss, injury, death or damage is caused by the negligence of the Society, arising (directly or indirectly) out of or in connection with:

8.12 Any liability of the Vendor to the Society under this clause 8 is reduced to the extent that the Society caused or contributed to the loss or liability through its own negligent act or omission, wilful misconduct or breach of these Terms and Conditions.

8.13 Nothing in this clause 8 restricts or limits the Society's general obligation at law to mitigate a loss it may suffer or incur as a result of an event that may give rise to a claim under an indemnity.

- (a) the conduct of any Society Sponsored Sale;

9. TRUST AND TRUSTEES

Where the Attendee enters into these Terms and Conditions as a trustee, the Attendee warrants that it has the full power and authority to enter into these Terms and Conditions on behalf of the trust and that it shall be bound by these Terms and Conditions both personally and as trustee, irrespective of whether or not it discloses to the Society that it is a trustee.

10. PERSONAL PROPERTY SECURITIES ACT

The Society provides no warranty regarding clear title to goods purchased through a Society Sponsored Sale. The Attendee is responsible for conducting searches of the Personal Property Securities Register to ascertain whether any Security Interests affect any Lot prior to purchase.

11. NOTICE

- 11.1 All notices given under these Terms and Conditions must be in writing and may be delivered in person or by mail or by the medium specified in the address for service notified by each party to the other.
- 11.2 A party may change its particulars for service by notice in writing to the other parties.
- 11.3 A notice sent by post will be deemed:
- (a) given on the day it is posted; and
 - (b) received six days after posting.
- 11.4 A notice sent by email will be deemed received at the time and on the date that it is sent, unless the sender receives notification that the delivery of the email was unsuccessful, in which case the email will not be deemed to have been received.
- 11.5 For the purposes of clause 11.4, 'delivery' of an email means the time that an email reaches the recipient's server.

12. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 12.1 These Terms and Conditions do not confer on the Attendee any license to the Intellectual Property Rights of the Society.
- 12.2 All Pre-existing IP Rights remain the sole property of the owner.
- 12.3 The Vendor grants the Society a non-exclusive, royalty-free, non-transferable licence to use the Pre-existing IP Rights owned by it for any purpose in connection with the Society Sponsored Sale.
- 12.4 The Society grants the Vendor a non-exclusive, royalty-free, non-transferable licence to use the Pre-existing IP Rights owned by the Society solely in relation to advertising a Lot in connection with a Society Sponsored Sale.

13. GENERAL

Variation

- 13.1 No amendment or variation to these Terms and Conditions has force unless it is in writing and signed by the parties.

Joint and Several

- 13.2 An obligation of two or more persons under these Terms and Conditions binds them jointly and severally and every expressed or implied agreement or undertaking by which two or more persons derive any benefit in terms of these Terms

and Conditions will take effect for the benefit of those persons jointly and severally.

Entire Agreement

- 13.3 These Terms and Conditions govern the entire agreement between the parties and supersede all prior representations, agreements, statements and understandings between the Attendee and the Society.

Governing Laws

- 13.4 Unless varied by notice in writing by the Society, these Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Queensland and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Queensland.
- 13.5 The parties agree that proceedings may be commenced in any Court in Queensland and consent to that Court having jurisdiction by virtue of clause 13.4 even though the Court would not otherwise have such jurisdiction without this consent.

Waiver

- 13.6 Any failure by the Society to insist upon strict performance of any terms and/or conditions herein shall not be deemed a waiver thereof of any right that the Society may have and shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of any terms and/or conditions.

Severance

- 13.7 In the event that the whole or any part or parts of any provisions in these Terms and Conditions should be held to be void or unenforceable in whole or in part such provision or part thereof shall to that extent be severed from these Terms and Conditions but the validity and enforceability of the remainder of these Terms and Conditions shall not be affected.

14. ANNEXURE(S)

[To include the Droughtmaster Australia Sponsored Sales Conditions of Entry Bull Sales]



Droughtmaster Australia Sponsored Sales Conditions of Entry Female Sales

1. General

- 1.1. To be eligible to nominate and sell at Society Sponsored Sales, a vendor must be a fully Financial Stud (Full) or Junior member of Droughtmaster Australia with no overdue debts (outside the normal trading terms) owed to the Society.
- 1.2. Nomination fees for all cattle must accompany the nomination forms. Nomination fees are non-refundable on the close of nominations. However, if after taking into account market conditions, it is the opinion of the Sale Committee that too many animals have been nominated vendors will be invited to review their draft and will receive a full refund of nomination fees for animals withdrawn by a specified date, further restrictions may be implemented if required by the Sale Committee in consultation with the Board
- 1.3. The Sale will be conducted in three (3) sections in the following order:
 1. Cow & Calves up to 72 months of age at sale date
 2. Joined – 15 months to 32 months of age at sale date.
 3. Unjoined Heifers – 12 to 24 months of age at sale date.
- 1.4. All cattle nominated for sale must be vendor bred.
- 1.5. All females must be registered D3's, D4's or D5's and will move to a three scale system:-
 1. Registered with full Parental verification by DNA.
 2. Registered with Sire or Dam verification by DNA
 3. Registered will full pedigree displayed (no DNA verification)

All animals to be sold in the Society sponsored sales as 'Registered', that are born after 1 April 2021 will carry at least Sire verification by DNA.

- 1.6. All animals nominated for Society Sponsored Sales must be registered prior to the time of nomination.
- 1.7. All registered animals will be automatically transferred to the purchaser at no additional cost to the vendor.
- 1.8. Only polled, scurred or dehorned stock may be sold at Society Sponsored Sales.
- 1.9. Animals cannot be nominated for more than one sale at the same time.

2. Documents

- 2.1. It is no longer mandatory for vendors to provide a copy of the pedigree confirmation with the nomination form. However, you may, print a copy of the Pedigree Confirmation from the ABRI website to accompany your nomination form. This will be appreciated by the office staff. However, in the absence of a pedigree confirmation it is absolutely crucial that the correct Ident No. is entered on the Nomination Form so that the registration status of the female can be verified by the Society prior to the catalogue being printed. As a cross check the Schedule of Nominations has been amended to include the name as well as the Ident NO. of the animal.
- 2.2. The Veterinary Pregnancy Certificate completed within 21 days of the sale date stating the pregnancy status of females must be emailed or posted to the Society to arrive before close of business as per the closing dates.
- 2.3. Any animal whose pregnancy certificate has not reached the office as per the closing dates cannot be offered for sale.
3. You must register your cattle prior to submitting your Nomination Forms – failure to do so will disqualify your cattle from the sale.
4. The Board reserves the right to alter or delete rules at its discretion within reason.

5. Pregnancy

- 5.1. All females 24 months of age or older (as at sale date) must have a positive pregnancy test being a minimum 6 weeks at sale date to a registered Droughtmaster bull, unless they have a calf at foot being less than 5 months old at sale date.

6. Tick Treatments

- 6.1. All animals from "ticky areas" offered for sale must have undertaken pre-sale tick treatments to guarantee clearance for movement to clean country within 48 hours of completion of the sale, with a clean scratch and dip. The treatments must be listed on the National Vendor Declaration Form and the Cattle Tick Preliminary Treatment Declaration Form.
- 6.2. Any cattle from "ticky areas", arriving at the Sale without pre-sale tick treatments listed on their National Vendor Declarations and Cattle Tick Preliminary Treatment Declaration Form and/or having visible signs of live ticks, cannot be offered for sale.
- 6.3. It is the vendor's responsibility to investigate and determine which tick treatment procedure will ensure their animals will be clear of ticks and pass the post-sale inspection (scratching) by an Accredited Certifier.
- 6.4. Vendors warrant to purchasers from 'clean' areas that the cattle sold are tick free and will clear the QLD tick inspection line on their first presentation provided that presentation takes place within 48 hours of completion of the sale. Vendors agree to indemnify their purchasers in respect of any of the purchasers' costs or expenses arising directly out of a breach of this vendor's warranty, but the indemnity is limited to the costs of:
 - a) Holding and re-inspection of the particular animals which fail to clear the tick line; and
 - b) The holding and re-inspection of all the animals in the same consignment as those that fail to clear the line, irrespective of whether any of those other animals;
 - i. Are purchased from a different Vendor; and

- ii. Include any one or more animals that have also failed to clear the tick inspection line on their first presentation; until all the animals in the same consignment clear the line.
- 7. Compulsory Vaccinations all stock must have:
 - 7.1. Been vaccinated with Trivalent (3 germ) tick fever vaccine at least 60 days prior to sale date.
 - 7.2. Been vaccinated with 5-in-1 and Lepto or 7-in-1.
 - 7.3. Been vaccinated for 3 day
- 8. If an animal has had an injury, illness or defect or has undergone treatment (excepting tick treatments) within 14 days of sale, a Health Treatment Declaration must accompany that animal. The original should be handed to the Duty Agent and a copy attached to the pen, and the animals condition be explained at the time of selling from the Auctioneers box.
- 9. Dentition
 - 9.1. All animals must be mouthed by a Veterinarian and the dentition details forwarded (along with the Pregnancy Test Certificate) to the Society* no later than the Thursday preceding the sale as per the Closing Dates.
 - 9.2. Animals must be withdrawn from sale if:
 - a) In the case of an animal under 19 months (*580 days) of age on the day of examination by the Veterinarian it has or has evidence of having had, a permanent tooth or teeth.
 - b) In the case of an animal under 25 months (*763 days) of age on the day of examination by the Veterinarian it has or has evidence of having had, more than two (2) permanent teeth.
 - c) In the case of an animal under 30 months (*915 days) of age on the day of examination by the Veterinarian it has or has evidence
- 10. Embryos
 - 10.1. Vendor retention of embryos and their future use must be declared on the Nomination Forms and in the sales catalogue, otherwise the resultant progeny will be ineligible for registration with the Society by the vendor or subsequent buyers of the embryos.
- 11. Draw and Cataloguing
 - 11.1. The draw is conducted by drawing agents first, followed by vendors within agents. Where one agent(s) catalogues more than 100 head in one section (cow & calf, joined, unjoined etc) then each agent's draft will be split in half and sold in alternating order
 - 11.2. Where a vendor catalogues more than 10 females with one agent the draft must be split so no run will be more than 10 head.
 - 11.3. All stock offered for sale must be catalogued and will be sold in that order. Substitute lots will not be offered in the event of withdrawals after the close of nominations.
- 12. All Breedplan data relating to the sale animals must be submitted prior to nomination. All Breedplan members must comply with the Droughtmaster Breedplan Code of Practice.
- 13. Procedures
 - 13.1. Prior to penning at the saleyards all stock must have been paint branded with their designated lot number and carry the supplied Droughtmaster lot number eartag in the near-side ear.
 - 13.2. Any offers by vendors of free semen must be noted in the catalogue.
 - 13.3. Withdrawal of any lot or lots must be notified to the Society by 2pm on the Thursday preceding the sale.
 - 13.4. All stock must enter the saleyards complex no later than 4pm on the day preceding the sale, and on sale day be in their allocated pens available for buyer inspection at least two (2) hours prior to the nominated time for commencement of selling, and remain in their allocated pens until removed by yardmen and taken to the sale ring.
- 14. NLIS -All cattle must comply with NLIS regulations.
- 15. Rebates

An Outside Agent Rebate of 2% will be paid to approved outside agents. The rebate will be charged to vendors on a pro rata basis on all lots sold.

Approved outside agents:

 - a) Must nominate proposed buyers in writing to the Society 48 hours prior to commencement of the Sale.
 - b) Society members are not eligible for introduction.
 - c) Payment for purchases must be received within seven (7) days of Sale.
 - d) Branches & franchises of Selling Agents are excluded.

The outside agent must notify Droughtmaster Australia no more than two (2) working days after the sale of the lot numbers and price paid for each nominated buyer to be eligible for the rebate.

Bulk Buyers Rebate of \$50/lot for QLD buyers of more than eight (8) lots. All other states are entitled to a rebate of \$75/lot of eight (8) or more lots.
- 16. Insurance is the responsibility of the vendor and purchaser.
- 17. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult at all times whilst in the saleyards area and are NOT permitted in the sale ring or any working area. The Droughtmaster Stud Breeders' Society Ltd and the Saleyard Board will not be responsible for any injury inflicted through non-compliance with this order.
- 18. Participating Agents are Elders, GDL/SBB and Nutrien.
- 19. DNA testing is not compulsory however for results to be included in the catalogue the results must be submitted to the Droughtmaster office prior to close of nominations or with the nomination forms.
- 20. COWS AND CALVES

Females nominated in the cow & calf section must have calf at foot at sale date.

A cow must have had her first calf by 36 months of age and be a maximum 72 months at sale date.

All calves at foot must be sired by a registered Droughtmaster bull and be suitable and eligible for registration.

 - i. The vendor of a multi sired calf at foot should supply a DNA profile of the joining bulls;
- 21. Calves over three (3) months or 100kg at sale date must be branded and registered.

- i. All calves will also be identified under a three scale system:-
 1. Registered with full Parental verification by DNA.
 2. Registered with Sire or Dam verification by DNA
 3. Registered will full pedigree displayed (no DNA verification)
Compulsory DNA testing is not yet mandatory.
 - c) All cows must have a positive pregnancy test being a minimum six (6) weeks at sale date to a registered Droughtmaster bull, unless they have a calf at foot being less than five (5) months old at sale date.
 - d) Cows and calves must have matching ear tags.
 - e) AI Calves - Where a vendor sells calves conceived by AI and subject to a breeder Right to Register fee, that fee must accompany the nomination fee paid to the Society to allow registration at no cost to the purchaser.
21. JOINED FEMALES
The age range is 15 – 32 months at sale date.
Females nominated as “Joined” which return a negative pregnancy diagnosis are not eligible to be sold at the sale.
Females in this section may be joined prior to 15 months of age at sale date.
Females running with multiple sires are not eligible for sale.
Females which have been joined to sires without a 28 day interval between sire mating cannot be offered for sale.
22. UNJOINED FEMALES
The age range is 12 – 24 months at sale date.
Unjoined females must have a negative pregnancy test result
Any “Unjoined” females returning a positive pregnancy test must be withdrawn from Sale.
Should the purchaser of an unjoined female prove through a pregnancy diagnosis (by a qualified vet) within six weeks of the sale, that the animal is more than six weeks in calf, then the purchaser has the right to annul the sale and have the animal returned to the vendor (at vendors expense) for a full refund, provided the purchaser and the vendor cannot negotiate a mutually agreeable settlement.
23. All females must have ALL their calving records listed in the sale catalogue.
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