

Irish Simmental Cattle Society Ltd

Circular to Members February 2023

Year Letter For 2023 (R)

The name of all calves born in 2023 must begin with the letter **(R)**
i.e. Ruth, Rory etc

Pedigree Name Length

Please note that the maximum number of digits including spaces for calf names (Herddname and Second Name) is 26. Please note that in the case of ET calves, the ET accounts for 3 digits including the dash.

Herd-book Integrity

The Society will continue its policy of ensuring the accuracy of the data recorded in the Herd-book. As part of this policy, we will continue to inspect herds to verify the information supplied, especially the ages of animals.

Birth Notification – The Society will over the coming months look at implementing a more streamlined process around notification and Breeders will be updated later in the year.

False Declaration Penalty Schedule – Council has agreed on a Penalty Schedule should any breeder be found to have falsified information. This schedule can be viewed on our Website.

Membership / Accounts

Members (especially those not on Direct Debit) are reminded that all accounts must be paid in fully within 3 months of initial invoice to ensure that Membership services are retained.

Direct Debit / Ulster Bank

Members who were with Ulster Bank and who have still not yet completed a New Society Mandate Form are asked to return to the Society ASAP a completed form so that we can update our system.

Second Spring Sale

The Societies second Spring Sale will take place in Tullamore Mart on Friday Evening **April 28th** with the following key pointers:

- **Entries Close – March 30th**
- Bulls born on or between 01-09-21 & 30-04-22
- Heifers born on or between 01-08-2020 & 31-05-22

Premier Autumn Sale

This Sale will take place on Saturday October 28th with the following Age breakdown

Bulls born on or between 01/03/22 & 31/12/22
Heifers born on or between 01/01/21 & 28/02/23

Evaluation Cut-off Date for Autumn Premier Sale

Please note to guarantee animals have their Genomic data included in the evaluation Sheet in the Autumn Sale catalogue the DNA Sample must be returned to ICBF by May 3rd.

Simmental X Breeding Heifer Sale

- Roscommon Mart Friday 5th May
- More details on Society Website closer to this date.

Breeding Programme & Rules of Procedure

The Society has recently updated both our Breeding Programme & Rules of Procedure, and both are available to view on our Website.

Sire Directory 2023

The Society will be updating its Sire Directory, and this will be available in an online printable version from March 7th

National Show Weight Limits

Please note that the following Weight Limit policy will apply for all young cattle at our National Shows.

- A maximum Average Daily Gain (ADG) of 1.9kgs/day for bulls & 1.7kgs/day for heifers will apply on birth weights of 55 & 50 kgs respectively.
- All animals exhibited to be Tullamore Show 2023 which are born on or after August 1st 2022, will be compulsory weighed at the Show. Exhibitors of animals who exceed the above maximums will be informed that they have exceeded the weights, and this will trigger future Herd Inspections.
- All calves exhibited in the National Classes at Strokestown will be weighed on Show Day and calves exceeding the above maximums will not be considered for Judging.
- Calves who were notified at birth or calves who have three official weights that confirm performance will be exempt from the above rule.

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