

Stage 4

Any dispute that remains unresolved after Stage 3 may be pursued by invoking provisions under the legal personality of the Society: ICOS Rules or the 1963 Companies Act.

All breeders shall abide by the Society Rules.

APPENDIX 2

Irish Simmental Herdbook Fee Structure

Category	Beef Simmental	Dairy Fleckvieh	
Annual Membership Fee	€50	€50	
Life Membership	€510		
Club Fee	€13	€50	
Prefix Registration Fee	€100	€100	New Member
Animal Registration Fee (Direct Debit)	€54		Home Bred or Imported
Animal Registration Fee (Cash)	€60		Home Bred or Imported
Female Pedigree Calf		€25	
Female Grade up calf		€7	
Bull Calf		€50	€100 after 30 days of age up to 180 days
Non notice crossover mating	€100	€100	
Female Transfer	€50		Home Bred or Imported
Administration Fee	€50		New Pedigree Into Herdbook
Embryo Registration Fee	€7		
Export Certificate	€30		
Female Deregistration	€40 Credit		Female Under Two Years
Male Deregistration	€40 Credit in WHPR* €20 Credit Not In WHPR*		Under 18 months & Slaughtered from Herd.
Imports / Transfer		€20	

* WHPR—ICBF Whole Herd Performance Recording

IRISH SIMMENTAL CATTLE SOCIETY LTD

HERDBOOK REGULATIONS 2018

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1. Herdbook Contents

The Herdbook of the Society shall include:

- a. Particulars of the Pedigree of Registered Irish Simmental Cattle.
- b. Other information as the Council of the Society may from time to time decide.

2. Breed Characteristics of Irish Simmental

Simmentals vary from yellowish brown to straw coloured to dark red, with white markings on the head, brisket, belly and legs. They often have red pigmentation around the eyes, and white patches on the body, especially behind the shoulders and on the flanks. Ideally the hair is soft and straight. The characteristics of the Simmental breed has evolved to form two distinct types, namely, the Beef Simmental and the Dairy Fleckvieh. The Beef Simmental is a well-muscled animals, being long and deep-bodied with strong bone. It has a good temperament and high milk production. The Dairy Fleckvieh has developed extreme dairy attributes resulting in a less beefy animal with great temperament.

3. Breed Objectives of Irish Simmental

The overall objective is to produce cows that are positive in relation to the traits required for the relevant farming activities of today i.e. Calving Ability, Docility, Fertility, Growth Rate and with an adequate milk supply. The specific objectives of the

- a. Beef Simmental is to rear their own calves to full potential & sufficient size and beefing qualities and to produce bulls with improved muscling that will transmit the high growth rate of the breed with improved shape while also breeding females to type as above.
- b. Dairy Fleckvieh is to produce cows that are high milk yielding with good butterfat and very strong on the fertility traits.

4. Membership

- a. Full membership of the Society is now confined to people own as least one pedigree Simmental animal. Application forms for membership are available from the Societies office. The Membership will be divided into two categories as follows:
 - Beef Simmental Members
 - Dairy Fleckvieh MembersMembers will be required to select for which category they wish to apply. Breeders can register animals in both categories but can only be an active member is either a Beef Simmental or Dairy Fleckvieh Club.
- b. An existing member of the Society is required to act as a witness on application for membership.
- c. On applying for membership, the new applicant agrees to complete the CMMS data release form and make all payments to the Society via direct debit.
- d. Council will consider all Membership Applications and reserve the right not to grant Membership or to cancel Membership where a Member is not complying with Society rules.
- e. No person who is not a member of the Society shall be allowed to register in the Society's Herdbook.
- f. Members accounts will have to be paid up to date (1 months credit) in order to enter Society Sales or exhibit at National Classes)
- g. Members shall co-operate in full with any inspectors of the Society that are appointed by the Society to carry out Herd Inspections be they random or pre arranged inspections.

5. Division of Herdbook and Conditions of Entry

The Irish Simmental Herdbook is divided into 2 sections, a main section and a supplementary section as follows:

I. Main Section

Animals eligible for entry into the main section of the Herdbook shall be:

- a. Animals, whose parents & grandparents are registered for entry in the Irish Simmental Cattle Herdbook or in another recognised herdbook of that breed.
- b. Animals that are identified at birth according to the rules of that Herdbook.

- e. The Society facilitates a deregistration scheme for males and females which may be considered as not of sufficient quality for future pedigree breeding. Any heifer under the age of 24 months can be de registered and Bulls between the age of 12 months & 18 months can be deregistered provided they have been Linear Scored and are slaughtered. See fee table for credits.
- f. Society Sales/ National Show Classes: All animals must be fully pedigree registered and paid for before entry into Society Sales or National Classes is permitted.

14.Non Discrimination

The Society shall operate in a non-discriminatory fashion towards its members.

15.Appeals:

All appeals will be dealt with in accordance with the procedures detailed at Appendix 1.

APPENDIX 1

APPEALS PROCEDURE

The objective of this procedure is to provide a member who has a grievance with the society an opportunity to have the grievance examined and resolved at the earliest practical moment and at the most local level possible.

While the matter is being considered under the Appeals Procedure, the operation of the Society cannot be interrupted. The person(s) raising the matter shall continue to comply with the rules of the Society during the course of the examination of the matter in question. By so doing he/she will not create any precedent nor will his/her membership of the Society is prejudiced in any way in relation to the matter being processed.

The procedure to apply shall be as follows:

Stage 1

A member who feels aggrieved in relation to any matter pertaining to Society business should, in the first instance, write to the Chairman of the Council of the Society, making it clear that Stage 1 of the Appeals Procedure is being invoked. The Chairman will reply as soon as is reasonably practicable, but in any case within thirty days from receipt of the letter from the appellant.

Stage 2

If the grievance is not resolved at Stage 1, or if a reply is not forthcoming from the Council Chairman within thirty days, the member(s) may request in writing that at their next Council meeting, the Council allow the member to attend the meeting during the period that the grievance is being considered. The member(s) will be allowed to make an oral submission on the grievance. The Council will then reconsider the issue and must communicate its decision to the appellant within thirty days.

Stage 3

If the issue remains unresolved after Stage 2, the member(s) may request an independent hearing. The Council shall grant such a hearing. Appeals at Stage 3 will be heard by an individual or group of individuals with appropriate expertise, agreed by both parties to the dispute. From the date of appointment of the person(s) hearing the appeal, the case will be heard and the decision taken will be communicated to both parties within three months. The person(s) hearing the case will decide on the apportionment of costs, as appropriate.

remained paid to the pedigree semen rights owner yearly at end of year.
The Society will only collect royalty fees for one pedigree semen rights owner for any bull.
Where a bull is sold the ownership of the royalty rights must be retained in full or sold on in full affected from date of sale.

- d. Any member who refuses to pay a semen royalty fee after final demand has been issued, may at the decision of Council be barred from conducting any further herdbook business with the Society. Agreement for non payment of royalty fees maybe made between the royalty owner and a member provided that the details of such an agreement are made available to the ISCS in writing.
- e. Females sold in-calf to a royalty bull. The purchaser shall be eligible for the royalty fee where females are purchased in-calf to a royalty scheme bull.

11.Import / Exports

Cattle

Each imported animal must be registered with the Society by submitting the official Herdbook Certificate of the country of origin together with the set fee.

The Society will interact with the relevant herdbook to source the required DNA data. Where this data is not available it will be the responsibility of the breeder to furnish it to the Society.

Semen

Where calves are born as a result of insemination / fertilisation with imported semen, registration will only be accepted provided:

That the sire is approved for use in A.I...

That the sire is fully A.I. coded with the Department of Agriculture.

Embryos

Imported embryos should be registered with the Society and the same criteria apply as for home produced embryos.

Exports of Animals, Embryos, Semen etc.

All exports should comply with the National legislation in place at the time. Where the purchaser requires an export pedigree certificate, the Society will supply same at the fee specified.

12.Certificate of Registration

- a. On receipt of the Animal Events information, following verification of pedigree data and on meeting payment criteria the Society will issue a Pedigree Certificate. In the event that it is found necessary to withdraw a certificate of registration, no refund of fees will be made. The breeder may appeal this decision in writing whereupon a special inspection shall be arranged by the Society. The Society's decision will be final.
- b. In the case of an animal which has been registered and subsequently is shown to be the carrier of undesirable characteristics, such defects shall be recorded on all relevant documentation relating to the animal and the animal will be registered in section B of the Herdbook.
- c. Change of Ownership – A new pedigree Certificate must be obtained and transfer fee paid for any female which a breeder has purchased and is registering the first calf within their herd from. This change of ownership will happen automatically once the breeder applies to register the calf.

13.Breed Improvement

The Society will actively promote Breed Improvement through the following:

- a. A programme of Linear Scoring, Weight Recording and performance testing may be operated in conjunction with the official body. Such data may be entered on the Herdbook certificate as decided by Council. Members are encouraged to participate in such schemes.
- b. Gene Ireland – All Breeders are actively encouraged to participate in the ICBF ran Gene Ireland programme.
- c. Transfer fee for breeding females will be collected on registration of first calf or on first calf within herd in the case of older females.
- d. On-Line Herdbook. The Society will operate an on-line Herdbook to allow breeders monitor evaluations and assist them in making informed decisions on the management of their herd. The Society avails of this facility of making use of livestock performance data.

- c. Animals, who's pedigree was established in accordance with the rules of that herd book.

The Main Section of the Herdbook shall be divided into three classes as follows:

Class A: Animals that meet all the criteria of above and display the traits of Beef Simmentals. These animals shall be denoted as Beef Simmental on the Pedigree Certificate.

Class B: Animals that meet all the criteria as outlined above and display the traits of Dairy Fleckvieh. These animals shall be denoted as Dairy Fleckvieh on the Pedigree Certificate.

Class C: For animals that meet all the criteria for entry into the main section of the Herdbook but are found with undesirable characteristics. Animals in this section may not have the same privileges as those in class A or B. This defect will be noted on the Pedigree Certificate triggering the animal into Class C.

Note:

- Animals must be mated within the same purpose category to allow for direct registration. For example Class A animals must be crossed with a Class A animal for progeny to be classified as Class A.
- Where a breeder sees a benefit to mate to the opposite purpose, they must apply to the Society prior to mating for conformation on the intended classification of the progeny. The classification of the progeny will be determined on the suitability and compliance to breed standards. The subsequent Offspring will be registered in the section confirmed to the Breeder prior to mating at the standard fee.
- Where no notification of cross over mating is given and subsequent offspring is put forward for registration these will be registered to the section of the Sire at a higher fee. (See fee structure). Progeny resulting from cross over mating may be subject to inspection for conformity to breed standards and be re-classified accordingly.

II. Supplementary Section (Dairy Fleckvieh Only)

An animal exhibiting Dairy Fleckvieh traits which does not meet the requirement of the main section may be entered in a supplementary section of the Irish Simmental Herdbook where it meets the following requirements:

- a. Be identified in accordance with the Herdbook rules.
- b. Be judged to conform to the breed standard of Dairy Fleckvieh
- c. Have a minimum performance criteria as laid down by the Herdbook rules.

The minimum performance to enter the supplementary section of the Dairy Fleckvieh is that the sire must be registered in the main section of a Dairy Fleckvieh herdbook.

The section facilitates a Grading up provision for females as follows

A female whose mother and maternal grandmother are entered in a supplementary section of a Dairy Fleckvieh Herdbook and whose father and two grandfathers are entered in the main section of a Dairy Fleckvieh book, shall be regarded as a pure bred female and entered in the main section of the book, (Commission Decision 84/419/EEC).

6. Herd Prefix or Name

Every member who registers the entry of an animal in the Society's Herdbook must register an approved Herd Prefix, which shall be applicable to all animals bred and registered by that member either alone or jointly with a partner(s) or other person(s) in any one herd.

- a. A Prefix shall consist of one approved word only with not more than ten letters and a member shall pay a fee for registration thereof set by the Council.
- b. A Prefix that has been used by a member may not subsequently be used by another member, except when a herd is taken over by the representative of the family of the previous owner of such

herd. No Prefix may be transferred from one member or herd to another unless special permission of the Council of the Society is obtained.

7. National Herd ID

All herds will be identified in the Irish Simmental herdbook using the National ID Herd Identifier digits. (1st 7 digits which appear on yellow tag). Therefore on application for membership an applicant must also include their National Identifier ID.

This replaces the Herd Designation Letters. However all animals registered under the Letter system will continue to hold their letters as well as their National ID number.

8. Procedure for Herdbook Entry

All Animals will be identified by their National ID.

- a. The entry of every animal in the Society's Herdbook must be tendered for registration by the owner of such animal via the animal events recording system (AE Book or on-line). Purebred animals are denoted by supplying a pedigree name at the time of registration on animal events.
- b. If the Member applying to register an animal is other than the breeder, then the registration application must be accompanied by a letter of consent from the original breeder or a DNA profile from the dam of the animal seeking registration and forwarded to the Society Office with registration application.
- c. All bulls used for pedigree breeding must be DNA typed by an approved DNA laboratory.
- d. Parentage Verification – One in every fifty attempted registrations will be randomly selected for DNA testing against the nominated sire at the Society's expense.
- e. Artificial Insemination - Where calves are born as a result of insemination from a bull registered in the Society's Herdbook or another EU approved Herdbook for that breed, the breeder is obliged to retain the insemination certificate which may be required to be forwarded to the Society on a random insemination certificate spot-check. Where a breeder is a DIY operator, the Society may operate random checks to check progeny, for example, request for a list of straws that the breeder has purchased, DIY licence number and expiry date
- f. Embryo Transfer
 1. Where calves are born as a result of embryo transfer the donor female shall be DNA typed by the breeder. The Society reserves the right to request additional DNA testing at the breeder's expense if thought necessary.
 2. The recipient female must be recorded on the embryo registration form.
 3. All embryos frozen must be entered on the embryo amendment form.
 4. All completed embryo registration forms must be signed by the approved collection team that collected the embryos and forwarded to the Society with the registration fee set by Council.
 5. Embryo calves are also registered through Animal Events with both the donor dam and recipient dams listed.
 6. All ET calves must be parentage verified by DNA before any certificates are issued at the owners expense.
 7. In the event of a frozen embryo or recipient dam being sold a copy of the relevant embryo forms must be given to the new owner.
- g. All calves born outside the period 275 to 300 days after the date of insemination/service will be subject to a DNA test at owner's expense. (for any animals born outside the 275 – 300 day gestation, the Society reserves the right to impose sanctions such as not permitting entry to Society Sales on National Classes etc)
- h. The Society reserves the right to carry out random DNA typing at the breeder's expense
- i. Polled Animals will be identified as follows and will only be classified as being full polled (PP) on receipt of test results from Weatherbys.
Homozygous Polled – PP
Heterozygous Polled – P
- j. Fees - The Council may from time to time set or make changes in the fees for membership, prefix, registration (homebred or imported), late notification penalties, embryo registration, export cert and transfers. The current fees are attached in Appendix 2.. Breeders must have accounts paid up to a one month credit to be able to entry pre notified Society Sales and National Classes.

- k. The Society will issue certificates on receipt of payment or straight away if on direct debit system once all relevant details in place.

1. Late Registration Fees / Procedure:

(Beef Simmental) All calves must be Pedigree registered within 30 days of birth to fall under the normal registration fee. However calves can be registered up 6 months old with the following fees applying:

31 - 60 Days of Age +€15

61 - 90 Days of Age +€30

91 - 180 Days of Age +€2 per Day up to €300 + DNA at owner's expense.

(Dairy Fleckvieh)) All calves must be Pedigree registered within 30 days of birth to fall under the normal registration fee. However male calves can be registered up 6 months old with the fee of €100 applying:

Beef Simmental & Dairy Fleckvieh

Members wishing to register animals over 180 days of age (i.e. 6 months) must apply to the Society Office for Council attention. The fee for all animals over 180 days is as follows:

Between 180 days and 2 years €350 + DNA at owners expense

Over 2 years €500 + DNA at owners expense.

If the Member applying to register an animal is other than the breeder, then the registration application must be accompanied by a letter of consent from the original breeder or a DNA profile from the dam of the animal seeking registration and forwarded to the Society Office with registration application.

- m. De-registration / Re-registration: A breeder may choose to deregister a calf after registration. Should a breeder or subsequent owner choose to reregister the calf at a later date, the calf may be registered under the same conditions as a late registration i.e. incur a late registration fee and must be DNA typed at the breeder/owners expense. (See details under fee structure , Appendix 2)
If the Member applying to re-register an animal is other than the breeder, then the re-registration application must be accompanied by a letter of consent from the original breeder or the owner who's possession the animal was in at the time of de-registration and a DNA profile from the the animal seeking registration and forwarded to the Society Office for Council attention.

9. Naming of Animals

- a. The Herdname (First name) will be the same for all animals within the herd and is designated at the time of breeder entry into the herdbook.
- b. Each animal must be named as follows;
Beef Simmental: the first letter of the name must be that of the correct year letter. For example the year letter for 2018 is (K).
Dairy Fleckvieh: there is no set Year Letter and Breeders may follow female lines etc when naming calves.
- c. In the case of imported animals, the year of importation and the initial of the country of origin may follow in brackets, the name of the animal.
- d. The total length of an animal must not exceed 28 characters which in the case of an ET animal includes the ET.

10.Semen Royalty Scheme

- a. Pedigree calves sired by an approved Semen Royalty Bull will have an additional royalty fee applied payable by the breeder of the calf
- b. Eligible bull – as approved by Council on meeting the agreed approval rules. Entry of bull onto royalty scheme must be made on official application form. This form clarifies to bull ownership and allows the ISCS to act as agents to collect royalty fees
- c. Fee Collection – Semen royalty fees will be collected by ISCS acting as an agent for the owner of the pedigree semen rights. The agreed collection fee will be retained by the Society and the