

December 2019

Irish Simmental Cattle Society Ltd

Circular to Members

Seasons Greeting & Best Wishes for 2020 to all from the Irish Simmental Cattle Society

Year Letter For 2020 (M)

The name of all calves born in 2020 must begin with the letter (M) i.e. **May, Mark 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.

Sales Info 2020

Listed below are the dates & Age Limits for the 2020 Society Sales

Sale	2020	Age Limits
Spring Premier	Roscommon Sat March 21 st Entry Closing Date – Mon Jan 27 th	Bulls born on or between 01/08/18 & 31/03/19 Heifers born on or between 01/08/17 & 30/04/19
April Sale	Tullamore Sat April 18 th Entry Closing Date – Mon March 23 rd	Bulls born on or between 01/09/2018 & 30/04/2019 Heifer born on or between 01/08/2017 & 31/05/2019
May Sale	Roscommon Friday May 8 th (Evening) Entry Closing Date – Mon April 20 th This sale will include Commercial Breeding Heifers	Bulls born on or between 01/11/18 & 31/05/19
Autumn Premier	Roscommon Sat Oct 24 th Entry Closing Date – Mon Sept 14 th	Bulls born on or between 01/05/19 & 31/12/19 Heifers born on or between 01/01/18 & 28/02/20
December Sale	Tullamore Fri Dec 4 th (Provisional) Entry Closing Date – Mon Nov 9 th	Bulls must be born on or between 01/08/2019 & 31/01/2020 Heifer born on or between 01/01/2018 & 31/03/2020

Evaluation Cut off Date:

Please note that animals to have their Genomic data included in the March 24th evaluation run their DNA Samples must be returned by January 8th.

DNA & Fertility Testing

Breeders are reminded that it is recommended that all bulls be both DNA Sire Verified and Fertility Tested prior to sale. Please contact the Society Office should you require any further details on either.

Herd Health

Council recommends that all Breeders consider additional Herd Testing as Herd Health is becoming of greater importance. Please contact the Society Office should you require any further details on either.

Simmental X Breeding Heifer Sales

- Tullamore Monday May 4th
- Roscommon Friday May 8th
- Macroom Date TBC
- Ballymote Saturday October 3rd
- Tullamore Monday October 5th
- Ballyjamesduff Date TBC
- Gort Thursday October 15th

Annual 2020

The Annual for 2020 is currently being compiled. If you would like to place an advert etc, please contact the Society Office ASAP to get advertising prices and ensure inclusion. Deadline for receipt of material is January 8th 2020

National Show Classes 2020

Please find listed below all the National Show Classes for 2020 and also an update regarding rules on allowed weights.

Tullamore Show – Sunday August 9th

- Simmental Heifer calf born on or after 01-02-2020
- Simmental Heifer calf born on or between 01-12-2019 & 31/01/2020
- National Weanling Heifer born on or between 01-10-19 & 30-11-19
- National Yearling Heifer Born on or between 01-08-19 & 30-09-19
- National Junior Simmental Heifer born on or between 01/12/18 & 31/07/19
- National Intermediate Heifer born on or between 01/08/18 & 30/11/18
- National Senior Simmental Heifer / 1st Calved Heifer born on or between 01/12/17 & 31/07/18
- National Junior Simmental Cow born on or between 01/09/16 & 30/11/17
- National Senior Simmental Cow born on or before 31/08/16

- Simmental Bull calf born on or after 01-02-20
- Simmental Bull calf born on or between 01-12-2019 & 31/01/2020
- National Weanling Bull born on or between 01-10-19 & 30-11-19
- National Yearling Bull born on or between 01-08-19 & 30-09-19
- National Junior Simmental Bull born on or between 01/08/18 & 31/07/19
- National Senior Simmental Bull born on or before 31/07/18

Strokestown Show – Saturday September 12th

- National Senior Heifer Calf born on or between 01-12-19 & 31-01-20
- National Junior Heifer Calf born on or after 01-02-20
- National Senior Bull Calf born on or between 01-12-19 & 31-01-20
- National Junior Bull Calf born on or after 01-02-20
- National Polled Calf (Bull or Heifer born after 01-12-19)

Entries for Calf Finals at Strokestown can be either qualified through Club Finals (€10 entry fee) or entries can be supplemented direct (not qualified through Club finals – entry fee of €40)

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. (Higher Birth Weights will be taken into account provided they are submitted to the Society within 3 days of birth and subject to verification)

All entrants born after August 2019 at Tullamore Show 2020 must be Compulsory weighed with animals that exceed the limits excluded from showing unless they have been verified prior to the Show as per verification set out below.

Weigh all entrants for the National Classes at Strokestown and enforce the rule that any calves exceeding the set Daily Gains will not be considered for Judging unless they are verified as per below.

Weight Verification – Any Breeder with an animal exceeding the above performance rates can verify this performance by having three official recorded weights (Both Tullamore & Strokestown Show weights will account as official weights). If these weights show consistent performance levels from birth then that animal can compete in the National classes. Please contact the office to place an animal on this verification process

ALSO NOTE: For all National Classes and all other classes at Tullamore Show all entries must be fully registered (i.e. ET animals must be DNA typed and Pedigree Certs printed) and paid for. Any animal not reaching the above standard will be automatically disqualified and not allowed entry into the show ring.

Commercial Simmental X Classes 2020

Carrick-on-Shannon Classes – Simmental X Heifer Classes

- National Simmental X In-Calf or Maiden Heifer over 550kgs and born on or after 01/05/2018
- National Simmental X Yearling Heifer between 451kgs & 550kgs
- National Simmental X Weanling Heifer between 351kgs & 450kgs
- National Simmental X Heifer Calf 350 kgs or under

Entry Conditions for Carrick on Shannon

- All entries to Show SI or SIX on their NID Card
- Where a NID Card is re issued, proof of the original registration must accompany the NID card to the Show.
- All entries must have a Simmental sire recorded on the DAFF Database and that Sire must be included on the entry form. **No entry will be accepted without a sire.**
- The exhibitor of any heifer which may subsequently fail a Genomic Parentage Test may be banned from showing in Simmental Society Organised classes for two years from the test result date.
- (Animals will be judged on ability to make a Suckler Dam)

Birth Weight Notification

Please note that unless a birth weight of greater than 45kgs for Heifers & 50kgs for bulls is notified to the Society within 3 days of birth then the above weights will be used in any Daily Weight Gain calculations. Key message – if you have a calf born with a very high birth weight you need to notify the Society.

Voluntary Notification

Please note all Show Herds can Voluntary Notify all calves born by contacting the Society within two days of birth.

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