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Rules of the Irish Moiled Cattle Society

Note: The ‘Herd Book’ is now a computerised system (supplied by Grassroots)

- 1 Birth Notification of **all** calves must be returned to the Breed Secretary, ideally by the time they are thirty days old. There is no fee for birth notification.
- 2 All calves now have to be parentage proven prior to registration and entry in the ‘Herd Book’. See **Appendix 2 – Procedure for DNA Profiling and Parent Proving**.
- 3 DNA samples will only be processed and sent to the approved Laboratory **if accompanied by the correct payment**. See **Appendix 1 – Fees**
- 4 Any member can request that an animal be DNA profiled, however, only the breeder of an animal can request that it be parentage proven.
- 5 The Board of the Society reserves the right to require a DNA Parentage test of any animal or animals. In cases where such a test shows that a stated pedigree notification is incorrect, registration may be cancelled, or the animal assigned to a grade status.
- 6 Qualification for entry in the Grading Up Register –

Grade A - Female progeny of a Grade B cow fully sired by a fully registered bull will be eligible for Grade A registration.
Grade B - Female progeny of a Grade C cow sired by a fully registered bull will be eligible for Grade B registration.
Grade C - Female progeny of an approved foundation cow or heifer (red or red and white and naturally polled), by a fully registered bull will be eligible for Grade C registration.
- 7 As from 1st January 1989 the Grade C Register was closed, i.e. **No** grading up of calves from females less than 50% Moiled will be permitted.
- 8 No male progeny of grading up females will be eligible for registration. This includes male off spring of Grade A females. If required male animals may be Parentage Proven but not registered. (They are shown in the Herd book with a BN number followed by PP).
- 9 No horned, dehorned or scurred cattle shall be eligible for entry in the Herd Book or Grading Up Register. Animals showing scurs, whether fixed or moveable, or traces of scurs will not be accepted for entry into the Herd Book and if entered unknowingly may be removed from the Herd Book on the instructions of the Board of the Society.

- 10 All animals submitted for registration must be of the correct breed type.
See Appendix 3 - Breed Standard.
- 11 Breeders are requested to notify the Breed Secretary of any obvious genetic defects or serious deviations from the breed type which may arise.
- 12 Any animal which is not to be registered for any reason should be made known to the Breed Secretary either by placing a 'no' in the 'Registration' column on the Birth Notification card or clearly highlighted on the Multiple Birth Notification Sheet (available on website) at time of birth notification.
- 13 All replacement ear tag numbers should be notified to the Breed Secretary immediately.
- 14 Any registration can be cancelled by the Breed Secretary at the request of the registered owner in writing. A cancelled pedigree will only be restored by the Board of Directors following a full review of the circumstances which led to the pedigree being cancelled.
- 15 When an animal is sold/transferred no transfer fee is payable to the Society by either vendor or the purchaser. The Breed Secretary must be notified of all sales/transfers so that they can be transferred in the Herd Book.
- 16 Only fully paid up members are eligible to register animals in the Society's Herd Book.
- 17 Embryo Transfer is permitted by the Society.
See Appendix 4 – Rules relating to Embryo Transfer.
- 18 It is compulsory for new member applicants to complete the Society's Membership Form and forward it to the Breed Secretary enclosing the correct fees for the prefix and/or membership. Membership is not final until approved by the Board of Directors and the prospective members notified of the decision in writing.
(Procedures for approval will take place at the end of each month).
See Appendix 1 – Fees
- 19 In order to comply with the Commission Decision 84/247/EEC, the Irish Moiled Cattle Society declares that there will be no discrimination between members on the grounds of race, colour, ethnic or national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, religion and age.
- 20 In order to comply with the Zootechnical Regulation (EU) 2016/1012, the Irish Moiled Cattle Society declares that we have adopted rules of procedure, please see Appendix 6. This outlines our written rules to cover (i) regulating the settlement of disputes with breeders participating in their breeding programmes; (ii) ensuring equal treatment of breeders participating in their breeding programmes; (iii) setting out the rights and obligations of breeders participating in their breeding programmes and of the breed society or breeding operation; (iv) setting out the rights and obligations of member breeders where membership of breeders is provided for.
- 21 The Society will enter into the breeding book, animals of the same breed, line or cross that are eligible for entry under the Society's breed criteria, without discrimination on account of their country of origin.

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Appendix 1 – Fees

Society Membership (Due 1st January each year)

If paid by Standing Order, cheque or Paypal before 31 st January	£40/€50
If paid after 31st January	£50/€60
Birth Notification	Free
DNA & Registration	£50/€55
Full Registration of females and males	
Repeat DNA Sample	£27/€30
Registration of Herd Prefix	£20/€25
Transfer of Ownership	Free
Replacement Registration Card	£10/€12
Replacement 'Confirmation of Membership' Cards/Letters	£10/€12
Hard Copy of the Herd Book	£10/€12

Registration of Embryo Transfer Calves

Normal Registration Fee Applies
(£10/€12 + DNA)

Classification Scoring

Cost per visit for up to 10 cows classified
More than 10 cows to be classified at the time
Bulls – separate per head

Please contact Hon. Registrar
for current costs

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registrar@irishmoiledcattlesociety.com

Please Note – Euros will be fixed for one year, reviewed at the first available Directors' meeting of each year and adjusted according to the exchange rate on the date of the meeting.

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Appendix 2 – DNA Profiling and Parent Proving

- 1 All calves now have to be parentage proven, prior to registration.
- 2 Blood, hair and semen can be used for DNA profiling. The Society proposes, except in exceptional circumstances and then only with prior permission, to use hair as the source for DNA.
- 3 In order to Parentage Prove an animal, DNA samples of both parents and the animal itself must be tested. The costs of a test will be borne by the owner and paid to the Society. The tests will be carried out on behalf of the Society by a Laboratory approved by the Board.

Protocol for Collecting Samples

Samples must be collected and identified by either a veterinary surgeon or a person authorised by the Society (In the first instance all Board Members of the Society are deemed to be duly authorised), **unless** all the females in the herd are DNA profiled, in which case the sample may be collected by the breeder.

A sample will not contain DNA unless it is complete with follicle (root), DNA will degrade if the sample is dirty or wet and adequate hairs must be sent in order for a result to be reported.

High quality samples with complete, clear and clearly written labels will create a quicker turn around as they are unlikely to need repeated. Repeat samples must be paid for by the member.

Protocol for taking a quality sample:

1. Collect 40-60 hairs from the switch of the tail (coarse hair at bottom of tail) and grasp as tightly and as close to the skin as possible with hand or pliers.
2. Pull the hair slowly and firmly upwards making sure to get the roots.
3. Place in a sterile, sealable bag labelled with the animals' details.

Please note: Bank bags and envelopes are not permitted. Pluck the hair, DO NOT CUT!

Write the name, ear tag number, date of birth, sire and dam details and the appropriate signature on the label of the bag. Make sure your hands are clean and dry, without foreign matter. Labels must be completed clearly and each name spelt exactly as it appears on Society records. Please ensure names that include digits are written in full. Discrepancies on DNA labels may incur delays and additional costs. It is the breeder's responsibility to ensure this is correct.

Send the sample to the Breed Secretary accompanied by the correct fee. If sampling more than one animal, be sure to wash hands before taking the next sample.

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Appendix 3 – Breed Standard

Replaced by 1st Edition 'Irish Moiled Breed Standard' Booklet.

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Appendix 4 – Embryo Transfer

“Multiplication of Irish Moiled cattle by Embryo Transfer should be carried out within the best interests of the breed.”

1. Embryo Transfer is seen as a useful procedure to multiply superior animals, and/or to preserve particular female lines, thereby benefiting the breed as a whole.
2. The Society will control the number of calves registered in the Herd Book which are got by Embryo Transfer. All calves got by Embryo Transfer will carry the designation (ET) in the Herd Book.
3. The Society requires members intending to use Embryo Transfer to apply to the Board for permission stating their intentions.
 - (i) In an emergency, where eggs have been collected by 'after death ovum recovery' at slaughter, the society will accept a retrospective application for consideration.
 - (ii) Where eggs have been recovered and frozen for subsequent use, application as in paragraph 3 above, should be made prior to fertilization.
4. The Society will only consider 'Full Pedigree' females as suitable donors.
5. Each female with authorised permission will have a limit of 15 calves that are allowed to be registered that are got by Embryo Transfer without further approval from the board.
6. Before a calf produced by Embryo Transfer can be registered it must be Parentage Proven. (Normal Protocol)
7. Normal registration fees apply. Registration fees will be published from time to time by the Society.

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Appendix 5 The Registration Process

The below process will be used in publications and on the website until such times as it is revised by the Society's Board.

All calves that are to be registered should at least be birth notified ideally by the time they are 30 days of age. There is no charge for a birth notification.

Cattle supplied to any Irish Moiled Beef Scheme must be birth notified in order to qualify.

You can send a completed birth card or email the details. The name, ear tag number, date of birth, sire and dam are required.

On receipt of this information the breeder will be sent a birth certificate **(on request)** which should be checked for errors by the breeder especially ear tag number.

All calves born after 1st January 2009 have to be parentage proven prior to registration. To achieve this, a hair sample is required from the calf and, where not already profiled, the dam as well. During 2009 and 2010 we have made exceptions where the dam is dead and not DNA profiled however as from the 1st January 2011 only calves that can be parentage proven will be accepted for registration.

It is strongly advised that a hair sample is collected from any female or male in your herd that has not been profiled. This sample can be stored until needed.

All registrations should be completed by the time the calf is a year old. If all your adult cattle have been DNA profiled, then you can take the hair sample your self. If not, then have your vet collect samples at your annual herd test or some other convenient occasion. Or find a willing Director!

On the hair sample label complete the calf and parentage details. If there is more than one possible sire, then give names of all possibilities. **Please leave the Ref No blank.** This is not the animals herd book number, but a number allocated by the testing lab. Animal Health Trust.

Please send the fees with the hair sample. The cost is £50/€55 per hair sample.

When the DNA profiling is completed you will receive a pedigree certificate which will include the DNA conformation and Ref number.

If you require birth notification cards or DNA sample bags and labels contact the Breed Secretary by phone, email or letter. These are provided free of charge on request.

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Appendix 6 Disputes/Appeals Procedure

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. The society regards all members as equal.

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 be 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 Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Society, making it clear, that stage 1 of the appeal procedure is being invoked. The Chairperson 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 a reply is not forthcoming from the Chairperson within 30 days, the member(s) may request in writing, that, at their next Board meeting, the Board allow the member(s) to attend the meeting during the period that the grievance is being considered. The member will be allowed to make an oral submission on the grievance. The Board 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 Board shall grant such a hearing. Appeals at stage 3 will be heard by an individual with the appropriate expertise. From the date of appointment of the person hearing the appeal, the case will be heard, and the decision taken will be communicated to both parties within three months. The person hearing the case will decide on the appointment of costs, as appropriate.

Stage 4

Any dispute that remains unresolved after stage 3 may be pursued by invoking provisions under the legal personality of the Society.

Classification

The Irish Moiled Cattle Society has set up an official Classification Scoring System in conjunction with the classifiers at Holstein UK. Classification is the system of assessing the conformation of an animal and assigning a score out of 100 and categorising them as Poor (P), Fair (F), Good (G), Good Plus (GP), Very Good (VG) or Excellent (E) depending on the score assigned.

The classification system will be a very useful tool for identifying the breeds best and most consistent high scoring cow families (VG and EX animals). From the data collected during the classification process, specific strengths and weaknesses are highlighted allowing informed decisions to be made on making the correct bull selection for your herd and ultimately improving quality within the breed.

Classifiers from Holstein UK will score each cow/bull using a linear system and they will assign a score to the body area, rump area, mammary system, legs and feet and breed character of each animal. The animals current body condition does not have any bearing on the classification score as the classifiers look at the working animal beneath the flesh (i.e animals do not need to be in show condition to be classified)

A separate score will be recorded for 3 other criteria;

- 1) Muscling (The shape of loin/thigh. Meat producing potential of the animal)
- 2) Colour (4 categories)
- 3) 'Poppy' eyes present or absent.

EX-90-97 points

VG- 85-89 points

GP- 80-84 points

G- 75-79 points

F- 65-74 points

P- 50-64 points

Once your animal is classified you can represent it like so;

'Animals Name' VG 87 5yr

So 'Animals Name' was classified as Very Good with 87 points out of 97 at 5 years old.

How to join up

This is a voluntary system and if you wish to get animals in your herd classified, contact the Society's Breed Secretary, Gillian Steele and your details will then be passed onto the classifiers from Holstein UK who will arrange to call whenever they are in your area. In NI and ROI this will be twice a year (January and June) In England and the rest of the mainland the classifiers will be more available throughout the year.

Price

Please refer to 'Fees Section' Appendix 1 or contact the Hon. Registrar.

What to get classified

Females must have had at least one calf in order to be classified. If a heifer has calved a little immature, then it is advisable to leave her until a 2nd calver. Cows/ Heifers must be producing milk therefore dry cows are ineligible.

Bulls must be over 2 years old before they are eligible for classification. Animals can be classified every year, bearing in mind that they may gain more points year on year as they mature but will never drop points. Calved heifers can only score a maximum of VG 89.

Preparation for the Classifier

On the day make sure that whatever animals you plan to get classified are in a shed/pen adjacent to a small yard/collecting pen where each animal can be let out individually to be viewed during the classification process. Animals must be viewed on a level, hard surface therefore a field is not suitable. The animals do not need to be handled therefore a crush or being led on a halter is not required.

It is **very important to have the animals Pedigree Certificate at hand** as the classifier needs to copy the animal's details from it and will then stamp the certificate with the animal's official classification score. It is also important that all animals have correct tags in them in order to be properly identified.

You will also receive an on the spot print out of the full classification score breakdown of the individual animal on the day.

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Additional General Information

Merchandise

To order merchandise please contact our Merchandise Officer Alison Jackson using the email address – merchandise@irishmoiledcattlesociety.com or Rachel Armour by contacting our Facebook page.

Online Herd Book

Each member is assigned a password and membership number after approval of membership. This is detailed in your individual 'Members Welcome Pack' – reminder also available on request from the Breed Secretary. Online Herd Book link available on our website.

Payments

ALL cheques must be made payable to '**IRISH MOILED CATTLE SOCIETY**' in FULL. Please **do not** send cash. Paypal is available on request by emailing admin@irishmoiledcattlesociety.com

Ai Semen Enquiries & Orders

Please email our Hon. Registrar – registrar@irishmoiledcattlesociety.com

Advertising

Fully paid up members can avail of free advertising for Pedigree Irish Moiled cattle on our 'Stock for Sale' website page. Please email photo/s and exact wording to: admin@irishmoiledcattlesociety.com

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