

# Poll Dorset Association Terms and Conditions

*Please note:*

The Rules of an incorporated Association constitute the terms of a contract between the incorporated Association and its members. Accordingly, members are advised that the Association Rules are to be read in conjunction with the Model Rules (Associations Incorporation Act 1981- Victoria).

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

The name of the Association shall be “Australian Poll Dorset Association Incorporated”. The Purposes of the Association are:

- (a) To encourage the breeding of Poll Dorset sheep and to develop, promote the improvement of the breed in Australia. Also to actively promote the use of Poll Dorsets in the Australian lamb industry.
- (b) To collect, record and publish information relating to Poll Dorset sheep.
- (c) The investigation of the histories, pedigrees, purity, and type of sheep registered or entered for registration.
- (d) The consideration and the granting or refusal of any application for registration of any sheep or the transfer thereof or for the issue of a certificate for the export of sheep registered in accordance with the rules for the time being in force.
- (e) The consideration of all questions affecting the interests of breeders of Poll Dorset sheep.
- (f) To encourage, promote and carry out research into better methods of animal husbandry and genetics and thereby promote the development of the agricultural resources of Australia in general and the development of Poll Dorset sheep in particular.
- (g) To invest and deal with the moneys of the Association as may from time to time be determined in such manner as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above purposes or any of them.

The income/profits and property of the Association whence ever so derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the purposes of the Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Association, or to any of them, or to any person claiming through any of them. Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith remuneration to any officers or servants of the Association, or to nay member thereof or other person in return for any services actually rendered to the Association, nor prevent the payment of interest on money borrowed from any member of the Association for any of the purposes of the Association.

## RULES

### 1 Membership:

Membership is open to any person interested in Poll Dorset sheep and shall be in three categories.

#### (a) Full Membership:

The owner of each flock registered with the Association shall be a Full Member of the Association so long as the flock remains registered.

A Full Member which is a company or partnership must, and a Full Member who is an individual may appoint in writing a natural person as the nominee of that Full Member to exercise all the rights to which a Full Member is entitled under these Rules for so long as he or she remains the nominee, including the right to be elected to any position within the Association and its Committees.

If more than one natural person is nominated by a Full Member, the Full Member must state the order of precedence of those nominees. The rights of the Full Member

can only be exercised by one person on any one occasion or at any one meeting, and the person with higher precedence on the nomination may exercise the rights to the exclusion of all other nominees.

A member may change a nominee but a nominee who is elected to any body or a position within the Association shall not cease to hold office because he ceases to be a nominee.

A Full Member who is an individual cannot exercise any of the rights of a member if a nominee has been appointed until the appointment is cancelled in writing.

**(b) Associate Membership:**

An Associate Member shall be any person with a special interest in a registered Poll Dorset flock.

**(c) Annual Membership:**

An Annual Member shall receive a copy of the Association Journal and shall have the right to attend all meetings without voting power.

- 1A. (a) Any member, State Committee or Regional Committee may nominate a person or life membership of the Association.
  - (b) The Board shall consider each nomination, and if it approves it, shall recommend the nomination to the next Annual General Meeting.
  - (c) A person becomes a Life Member if at least sixty percent of the votes cast on the resolution proposing the nomination at the Annual General Meeting approve the nomination.
  - (d) A Life Member has all the rights and privileges of a Full Member, but is not required to own a registered flock.
2. A person eligible for Associate or Annual membership shall be admitted to membership of the appropriate category by the Secretary on receipt of a written request to become a member.
  3. A member of the Association who has paid all moneys due and payable by him to the Association may resign from the Association by sending notice to the Secretary. Upon receipt of such notice the Secretary shall, if satisfied that all moneys due and payable have been paid, remove his name from the register.
  4. **Discipline:**
    - (a) The Board reserves the right to take whatever action it deems fit against a member including expulsion or a fine not exceeding the amount fixed under the Associations Incorporation Regulations if:
      - (i) the annual return is not in by the due date or is false and misleading in any material particulars;
      - (ii) the annual subscription is not in by the due date;
      - (iii) inspection reveals breeding and management of the member's flock is to the detriment of the good name of the Association;
      - (iv) any other of the Rules or Regulations of the Association are contravened.
    - (b) The decision of the Board to discipline a member shall be final, and no appeal to a General Meeting shall be permitted.
    - (c) Before any decision in relation to discipline is made by the Board, the member concerned shall have the right after reasonable notice to him to appeal before the Board to show cause why he should not be disciplined. The notice to the member must specify the allegation against the member and must include a warning that

the Board has the power to expel a member.

- (d) A flock shall be deregistered upon the expulsion of its owner as a member of the Association.

**5. Register of Members:**

The Chief Executive shall maintain the register of members of the Association which shall be available for inspection by the members at the office of the Association.

**6. Board:**

The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the Board. Eligibility for the Board shall be open to all Full Members and Associate Members of the Association.

**7. Elections:**

All Directors shall be elected by members for a two (2) year term. Elections shall be held every two (2) years.

Five (5) Directors shall be elected by members from New South Wales and Queensland; four (4) Directors shall be elected by members from Victoria; two (2) Directors shall be elected by members from South Australia; one (1) Director shall be elected by members from Tasmania; two (2) Directors shall be elected by members from Western Australia.

All members shall receive a nomination form for election to the Board with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting. Completed nominations shall be in the hands of the Chief Executive on the first July in an election year.

A nomination form must be signed by the nominee and two nominators and all three must be Full or Associate Members of the Association and reside within the State in which an election is to be held. Retiring members shall be deemed to have nominated for re-election unless they notify the Chief Executive in writing to the contrary before the closure of nominations. If the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies in any State or States then the Chief Executive shall conduct a postal ballot for the affected State or States closing on 15 August in an election year.

Voting shall be by the members striking out the names of candidates on the ballot paper so as to leave only as many names of candidates as there are the respective vacancies on the Board to be filled.

**8. Board Composition:**

The President and Vice-President shall be members of the Board and be elected by and form the Board at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting. No President shall serve more than two annual terms consecutively.

The Board shall determine the method of voting to be used to elect Office Bearers and may change it from year to year if it so desires.

Eight (8) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

**9. Cessation as a Director:**

A person shall cease to be a Director if he:

- (a) ceases to be a member of the Association;
- (b) becomes an insolvent under administration;
- (c) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health;