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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND GUIDELINES FOR THE ANNUAL BRAFOR D SALE

All vendors, it is a **COMPULSORY ENTRY REQUIREMENT** that all stock offered for sale:-

- be vaccinated against **3 Day Sickness**
- be vaccinated against **Tick Fever**
- Must have a **Pompes E7 NEGATIVE Result Certificate** Hair samples of animals are to be included with number nominations.
- **Eye Muscle & IMF Scanning** - *Please note* that any animals presented for scanning will be rejected if all required identification is not in place, including **NLIS Tags, Sale Lot Ear Tags and Paint Branding with Lot Number**. Scanning will be done, as it has been done in the past, at the Saleyards in the crush adjacent to the weigh platform. Weights will be taken immediately after scanning. Payment for this service has been built into the nomination fee. The weights obtained on the day of scanning are to be considered the official weight. *NOTE: - Weights recorded at home can be displayed on the pens - provided the date of weighing is also displayed.*
- **Bull Evaluation** - All bulls need to be **Soundness Evaluated, Scrotal Measured and Mouthed**. Soundness Evaluations must be conducted by a registered veterinarian and submitted only on official **Australian Association of Cattle Veterinarians (AACV) forms**. Semen tests must return a **minimum of 40%**, and testing is to be conducted within 6 weeks prior to the sale.
This information must be available to the office 10 days prior to the sale.
NO TEST NO SALE
- **Cows** (from 24 months) must be with calf or PTIC positive test by Vet on AACV Form.
- **Aged Bulls are 43 months and above**
- **A NATIONAL VENDOR DECLARATION is to be suitably endorsed and completed**, and handed to the agent prior to the sale, as some purchasers are requiring this as part of their ongoing QA.
- **NSW members are not eligible to sell to WA** unless clearance is already completed.

Pre-treatment for Tick Clearance Certificates - It is in vendors interests to ensure that their cattle from a tick area are sprayed or dipped 16 to 14 days prior to sale and then again dipped or sprayed 4 to 7 days prior to the sale, (using a pour-on have different treatment intervals) a Clearance Certificate is required to be endorsed by the proper authorities. Cattle coming from tick free areas, if dipped on arrival at Gracemere and the weigh bill suitably endorsed, also qualify for re-entry into tick free areas. Please phone Malcolm Macleod 07 41600713 or email malcolm.macleod@dpi.qld.gov.au should you wish any further information on this. Tick clearance is essential to allow buyers to take advantage of back-loading.

'Freshen up of Brands' - Should any vendor need to undertake this exercise you are reminded that freshening up of brands must only be done under the supervision of a member of the Classification Committee or someone appointed by them.

Members are reminded that the animal **MUST** carry the same brand as provided in the catalogue.

Saleyards - It is a requirement of the Gracemere Saleyards that hay cannot be fed on the ground in the pens. Vendors are required to provide either hay nets or hay racks for this purpose. There are limited hay racks available for hire at the saleyards, however bookings are essential. Feed tubs are acceptable.

Penning - The allocation of pens will be conducted by representatives of the Sale Committee. Please advise **David Osborne Ph [07] 4934 1144** of any special penning requirements. Pen allocations will be notified prior to the sale at the time that the ear tags are distributed.

Inspection - This will be carried out for pedigree and Brand Numbers to the Catalogue however the Sale Committee reserves the right to refer any animal to the Classification Committee for the purpose of maintaining the sale standard. Sheaths to be of moderate development – not too loose or too tight. Pendulous or excessive tightness is a disqualification. If sheath hangs below line of knee/hock it is too loose. No brindling or excessive freckling. No Double Muscling. Must have at least a full white blaze from top of head to the nose. Must not have excessive white. **Bulls not complying with standards may be rejected from the sale.**

Promotion: Whilst the Committee undertakes a general promotion programme for the sale (from nomination fees), it is the responsibility of you, as a vendor, to promote your own stud and cattle in the manner you wish. However, in an endeavour to co-ordinate at least one sale preview feature, a special Braford Breed Feature will be published in Queensland Country Life, please refer to separate literature in this mail-out. This feature will include all Braford Sales for the selling season.

YOUR SUPPORT OF THE COMBINED PROMOTION PROGRAMME WILL BE APPRECIATED.

Rebates: The success of the Freight Rebate and Outside Agents Rebate payment, under set conditions, is confirmed by its apparent bearing on the number of cattle purchased by "out of district" buyers at past years' sales and by agent interest, therefore the Committee has again included the rebates payment as a condition of entry. **Freight Rebates this year are \$100/head for 10 or more and \$50/head for between 5 - 9 purchased by an individual buyer ONLY.** The amount of rebate is assessed following the sale and the deduction made from account sales by the Agents. Please note outside agent rebates will NOT be paid for people settling on behalf of members or vendors as it is a Society Sale.

Agents: The Agents selling at Rockhampton Sale are:- **Elders and Landmark**

Accreditation Numbers - With the existence of QA and Cattle Care Accreditation of properties please provide your number, if available, for inclusion in the catalogue.

Number of Bulls in Sale Ring at one time - To achieve maximum marketing benefit it is recommended that no more than three bulls be in the sale ring at any one time during auction. Please note only bulls being sold at the Sale are to be put through the ring.

PLEASE NOTE: Sale **Number Nominations MUST be returned by May 6th, 2011.** Only combined hard work and co-operation will ensure this year's sale is successful for all vendors.