



Southdown Australia Incorporated Regulations

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Southdown Australia operates under the Model Rules For An Incorporated Association (Consumer Affairs Victoria *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*). Where there is any contradiction between the Model Rules and the following Rules and Regulations, the Model Rules have precedence.

Purposes and their application

Southdown Australia exists to encourage the breeding and use of high quality registered Southdown sheep and their genetics in Australia

Purposes	Types of activities this might include
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To encourage Southdown breeders to work co-operatively to further the overall interests of the breed. 	Member meetings, shows, joint participation in genetic projects and measurements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To encourage the breeding and improvement of Southdown sheep and genetics throughout Australia and the maintenance of quality and type. 	Maintaining breed standard, monitoring quality of breeding stock for export, collecting and sharing measures of quality and performance.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote and encourage the use of Southdown sheep and genetics from registered studs. 	<p>Print and digital advertising, flyer, running events, donating prizes for shows, publishing profiles and stories about Southdown performance, interviews, website.</p> <p>Explaining benefits of Southdown breed for prime lamb sires, exploring options for other developing markets.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To represent the interests of the Southdown breed and genetics to other organisations and government. 	Working with ASSBA, MLA and Show Societies, nominating judges and inspectors, lobbying government, protecting interests of breeders.

Membership

Membership fees are reviewed annually. Membership renewal payments are due by 30 June each year.

Full Membership

Annual fee: \$50

Full Membership is limited to one owner over the age of 15 years from each Southdown flock registered in the Flock Book of the Australian Stud Sheep Breeders Association Limited (ASSBA). Full Membership cannot be transferred. Full Members have the right to:

- receive minutes and notices for meetings and proposed special resolutions in accordance with the Model Rules
- attend and be heard at General Meetings
- vote at General Meetings (subject to conditions in Model Rules)
- hold office bearer and committee positions
- submit items of business for consideration at a General Meeting
- have contact details listed for their Southdown stud on the Association's website
- submit advertisements and news items relating to Southdowns for the Association's website and social media pages
- participate in Southdown promotional activities run by Southdown Australia
- use the Southdown Australia logo on promotional materials subject to permission from the Southdown Australia Committee
- participate in Southdown Australia social and educational activities.

Life Membership

Annual fee: nil

Honorary Life Membership may be offered at the discretion of the Committee in recognition of outstanding and exceptional service to the Association.

Life Members have the right to the same benefits as Full Members including the right to vote at meetings.

To nominate a Life Member, submit a one hundred word written document detailing their achievements and their dedication to the Southdown breed to the Southdown Australia committee for their consideration.

Associate Membership

Annual fee: \$25

Associate Membership is available to people who support the purposes of Southdown Australia but are not entitled to be Full Members. For example, additional people associated with a registered stud may be Associate Members. Associate Members must not vote unless they hold the proxy for a Full Member. Associate Members have the right to:

- receive minutes and notices for meetings and proposed special resolutions in accordance with the Model Rules

- attend and be heard at General Meetings
- submit items of business for consideration at a General Meeting
- participate in Southdown Australia social and educational activities.

Annual levies

Ewe Levy \$1 (collected by ASSBA with annual flock return)

Ram Levy \$10 (collected by Southdown Australia annually)

Shows and judging

The Southdown Australia Committee will nominate Judges and Associate Judges to ASSBA and Show Societies after discussion at a General Meeting.

Finances

Expenditure by the Treasurer on items up to the value of \$100 is permitted with receipt.

Expenditure by the Treasurer on items up to the value of \$500 is permitted with approval by a majority of the Committee.

Expenditure on items over \$500 in value requires a budget to be presented and approved at a General Meeting and/or Committee Meeting.

Meeting procedures

The Model Rules cover the notification and running of meetings.

- All office bearers and committee positions are declared vacant each year at the Annual General Meeting.
- Office bearers and committee members are elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- Only financial members are permitted to vote.
- Only Full Members and Life Members are permitted to vote.
- Voting rights cannot be transferred other than by proxy in accordance with the Model Rules.