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NATIONAL FLOCK COMPETITION 2017

Following the success of the National Flock Competition run in 2015, Council is delighted to announce that the Society are running the competition again this year and it is open to all members throughout the U.K. and Ireland.

The competition has been very generously funded by the Whitcombe family of Hampshire in memory of one of the breed's best known and most dedicated enthusiasts, Mrs. Rosemary Whitcombe. The first prize of an Original Painting has been donated by the family for the Best Flock. A Silver Rose Bowl has also been kindly donated by the Brown family for the winner of the Best Ram in the Flock Competition. Both these awards are to be returned for the next competition.

The idea of the competition is to assess members' stock on their own farm, and there will be classes for various age groups as well as a separate class for stud rams.

For the purpose of judging the membership will be split into two areas - England & Wales and Scotland & Ireland. The judges will be the winners of the 2015 competition – Mr David Walker (Alticane) to judge England & Wales and Mr & Mrs Nick & Katie Summerfield (Summerfields) to judge Scotland and Ireland.

All members are welcome to take part in this fitting tribute to Mrs. Whitcombe, and an entry form is overleaf.

NATIONAL FLOCK COMPETITION 2017

To be held in memory of the late Mrs. R. Whitcombe

ENTRY FORM

Name Flock name
Telephone Flock Number
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Number of ewes and gimmers Number of youngstock
Name and tattoo number of stud ram/s
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I agree to be bound by the rules of the competition and enclose payment of £20.00 herewith.

Signed Date

RULES

- 1) Entrants must be fully paid up members of the Society of Border Leicester Sheep Breeders.
- 2) Classes for the main competition will be Ewes (to include gimmers) and Youngstock. A competition for the best stud ram will be held separately.
- 3) All Border Leicester sheep on the holding must be shown to the judge.
- 4) Points will be awarded for each class with the highest aggregate winning.
- 5) The judges' decision will be final and all entrants must agree to abide by these rules.
- 6) **An entry fee of £20.00** made payable to the Society must accompany the entry form.
- 7) **The deadline for entries will be Fri 21st July.**

Judging:-

- 1) For the purposes of judging the British Isles will be divided into two areas -
A) Scotland and Ireland and B) England and Wales. Each area will be judged separately, points awarded for each category and a winner for each area arrived at. The two judges will then agree on the overall winner.
- 2) In view of the fact that many flocks share a stud ram and may not have one present when judging takes place, stud rams will be judged independently from the flock/flocks.
- 3) **Judging expected to take place during the first 2 weeks of August** at a mutually convenient date to suit the judges travel arrangements.

Prizes:-

Overall winner - an Original Painting of Border Leicesters donated by the Whitcombe family.
Ram section - a Rose Bowl donated by the Brown family.
Prize cards and rosettes will be awarded to the best in the ewe class and the youngstock class in each area.
Prizes will be presented at the Society's A.G.M. at Lanark on Tuesday 12th September 2017.