

SOCIETY SALES CHECKLIST

To help members with entry and inspection requirements for Simmental Society Sales, please use the following checklist, and supporting sale requirements, and sale precheck notes.

Required	✓	Additional Notes
DNA test bulls and first calving females –12 weeks prior to sale recommended		All bulls and first calving females must be sire verified before the sale. It is recommended that samples should be submitted 12 weeks prior to sale to allow time for testing and possible re-sampling if required
Submit performance data ready for inclusion in catalogue		All scanning weight data should be submitted prior to close of entries so data can be included in the catalogue. Only bulls that have been scanned and weighed will have figures published in the catalogue.
Check closing date for entries		On auctioneer website, Simmental website and Facebook
Submit entries to auctioneers		Either via auctioneers on-line entry system or postal entries
Submit Herd Health Declaration – All herds must be testing for Johnes and have a Risk Level 1-4		Herd Health Declarations to be submitted with entries. Details will be checked with relevant CHecs scheme providers and must be up to date at the time of the sale.
Carry out BVD testing and vaccination		Animals must be BVD Accredited free or tested for BVD. All entries must be BVD vaccinated prior to sale.
Check pedigree and passport details correspond		Advise the Society immediately of any discrepancies between pedigree and passport information
Check ear tags		Ensure these meet the required legislation
Scrotal Circumference		Minimum size Under 18 months – 36cm Over 18 months – 38cm
Semen testing		If bulls have been Semen Tested and this is included in the catalogue or announced at the sale a copy of the semen test paperwork must be provided to the auctioneer.
Presale Inspection		All cattle forward at the sale will be veterinary inspected by a Society appointed vet. Eyes, teeth, testicles/udders, temperament and general health will be checked. Bulls will be weighed and must meet the minimum weight criteria specified in the Bye Laws.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING OFFICIAL SOCIETY SALES

- All vendors must be members of a CHecs approved Health Scheme
- All entries must be tested/vaccinated for BVD (testing does not apply to accredited herds)
- All vendors must be screening for Johnes and a risk level included on the Herd Health Declaration
- All bulls must be DNA sire verified
- All females that have not had a registered calf must be DNA sire verified
- DNA samples should be with the Society by the close of entries
- Herd Health Declarations should be with the Society by the close of entries. Details will be checked with the relevant scheme and must be up to date at the time of the sale.
- For EBV's to be printed in the catalogue, all males must be scanned and have an authenticated weighing
- All females will have EBV's printed in the catalogue
- All bulls listed as semen tested must have appropriate official certification presented to the market office along with the animal's passport.

IBR

Testing and vaccination of heifers is no longer compulsory for Official Society Sales.

Members are encouraged to continue with the testing of their herds via the CHecs health scheme. The IBR status of a herd will continue to be requested within the sale herd Health Declaration and included in the vendor index in the sale catalogue.