

# American Australian White Sheep Breeders Association

## Breed up Procedure

To be eligible for registration in the American Australian White Sheep Breeders Association, Australian White sheep must be descendants from embryos imported from Australia, until F6 (sixth generation). The following rules will apply to all breed up programs for Australian White sheep.

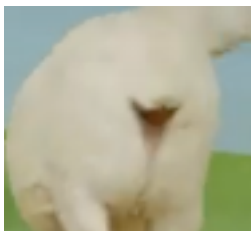
Only ewes will be allowed to be certified in the breed up program, no rams, until F7.

Anyone joining with percentage lambs on the ground must provide proof of sire (must be an embryo transfer directly from Tattykeel) if proof cannot be provided the lambs will be recorded as F1 (50%). Inspection of ram (pictures, video, or in person) must also be done before accepting offspring into breed up program.

The Australian White is a moderate to large framed hair sheep that was developed for meat production, while not compromising the shedding ability of hair sheep. It was developed as a white coated, fully pigmented (eyes, nose, feet), fully haired, fully shedding, self-replacing, with consistency in carcass and shape.

Program requirements:

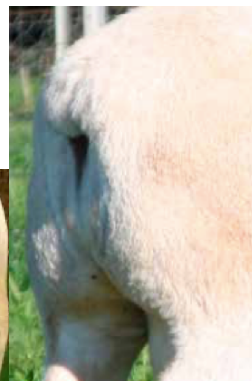
- ❖ You must be a current member of AAWSBA;
- ❖ Fees are due at the time of recording, starting with the foundation ewes and F1 lambs;
- ❖ Foundation ewes may be any breed, but hair breeds are recommended;
- ❖ Only rams from **imported embryos or direct descendants of said rams**, (or imported 100% Australian White rams) may be used for breed up program. Rams must be registered through AAWSBA;
- ❖ Any lamb bred through AI/embryo (exempt Tattykeel imports) must have an AAWSBA registered sire and dam.;
- ❖ Tailed or docked, to leave tails or to dock is up to the member **AS THERE IS NO REAL BENEFIT TO HAVE TAILS DOCKED IN A HAIR SHEEP BREED**. However, extreme tail docks will not be tolerated, no shorter than what is required to cover the rectum and/or vulva as an adult. REFER TO VISUAL EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE AND NON-ACCEPTED TYPES OF DOCKING AND IF IN DOUBT CONTACT BOARD PRIOR TO DOCKING.



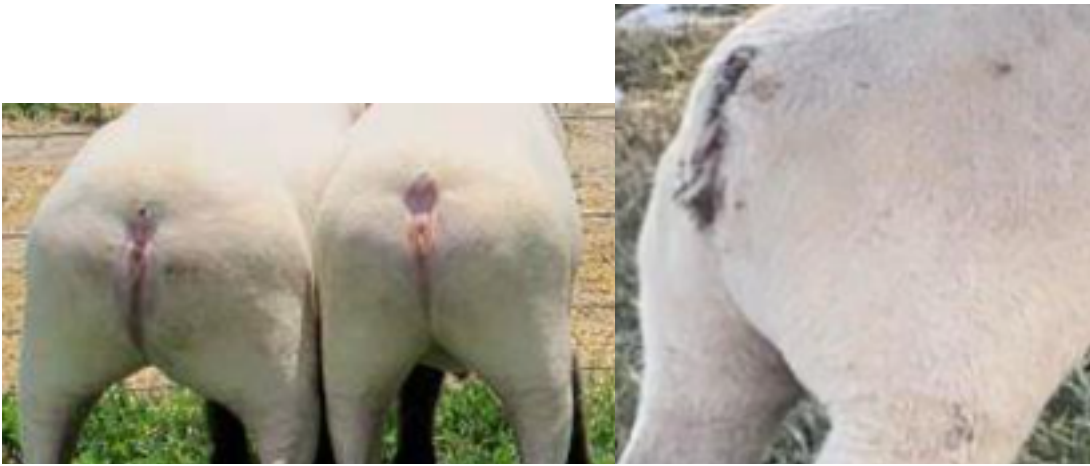
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TWO EXAMPLES OF A HIGH DOCK WE **WILL NOT** ALLOW FOR BREEDING STOCK

#### Recording/Upgrading:

Animals that are not full-blooded Australian White may be recorded with the AAWSBA Registry. For sheep that are 50% or more purebred Australian White ancestry and are progeny of an upgrading program, each generation must be recorded with AAWSBA and a certificate will be issued that indicates the percentage of Australian White blood.

Ewes or ewe lambs that are F1-F3, color will not be discriminated upon, however, by F4 animal's body should be predominantly white with no more than 100 square inches of any other color on body or head. F4-F6 should be exhibiting the usual black points (lacking 1 is acceptable) fully shedding (by 14 months), full hair coat, never been shorn, body shape consistent with breed standards. ~~After F3 sires~~ Sires must be known, no multi sire programs. ~~Larger commercial flocks may check with the board for approval of multi sire program, no less than 1/2 brothers, on the sire side may be used in any instance.~~

The Animal Registration Form is to be used for recorded sheep also. Rams of at least 99.22% (F6 ewes bred to 100% AAWSBA registered rams) Australian White are eligible for registration upon inspection in their yearling year, if the previous generations have been recorded. (See "Animal Inspection" section.) The 99.22% ram (or greater) blood animals must pass inspection as to meeting breed standards: larger framed, white coated (with no more than 3" of color above the knee or hock), fully haired, fully shedding, black points, eyes, nose, feet, they must be beamed shaped, with a triangle head, no defects, i.e., abnormal jaw, entropion defects of the udder, testicles, legs, and feet, or any other fault outside of breed standards.

Only F7 rams (F6 ewe bred to 100% AAWSBA registered Australian White ram) for breed up programs will be issued registration papers, upon passing inspection by the board or committee. Ewes will be issued certificates until F3, F4 ewes (F3 ewes bred to 100% AAWSBA registered Australian White ram), will be issued registration papers with their percentage, until F6, clearly visible on their papers. F6 ewes are considered Australian White.

#### Identification:

All sheep must be continuously identified by ear tag, tattoo, or other permanent ID (scrapie number, electronic Identification (EID)). Each member is required to register a Flock ID with AAWSBA which will be part of the identification of all AAWSBA registered or recorded animals originating in that flock. The complete identification as indicated on the AAWSBA certificate (#3, Private Flock Tag, Tattoo #, or EID #) must be physically on the animal as well (though not necessarily wholly in one ear). A backup identification is encouraged on each animal. A registration or recordation number will be issued for AAWSBA purposes, but the individual sheep ID will identify the animal in the flock.

**Animal Inspection:**

Inspections are requested through the AAWSBA Office by May 15th of each year and are conducted during the summer between March 1 and September 30. The AAWSBA certified inspector verifies that the animal being inspected was born prior to November 1st of the year prior to the inspection, the Sheep ID on the animal matches the certificate and there are no gross defects. For each animal inspected, the inspector will write a report and approve or disapprove the animal(s) and sign and date either the AAWSBA certificate or Animal Registration Form (if not already registered/recorded). The owner will then submit the papers to the Registry office and a permanent certificate will be issued. Inspectors are reimbursed for their mileage by AAWSBA and the breeder inspected is billed by AAWSBA for the inspector's mileage. Photos or video may be acceptable due to location, decision will be made by the board of directors on a case-by-case basis.

**Transfers:**

All animal ownership transfers are to be recorded with AAWSBA. The seller of an AAWSB-registered or recorded animal is to complete the date of sale, signature and buyer name/address on the certificate at the time of the sale. AAWSBA strongly encourages the seller to submit the paperwork and payment to the AAWSBA Registry following the sale and submit in a timely manner. If at the time of original registration, the owner of an animal is different than the flock of origin, transfer fees will apply. The AAWSBA Registry will process and send certificates to the new owner unless requested otherwise.

**Registration/Transfer & Other Fees:**

Please see the Work Order & Fee Schedule to determine pricing and total amount to mail with work request. If registering and transferring at the same time, both a registration fee and a transfer fee must be paid.

AAWSBA Office contact: AAWSBA, 6600 Little Willow Rd, Payette, ID 83661, 208-739-5104, [www.AAWSBA.com](http://www.AAWSBA.com), email, [info@aawsba.com](mailto:info@aawsba.com), or our Facebook page, American Australian White Sheep Breeders Association.

Any inquiries should be passed on to board, breed up procedure subject to change by board approval. If you have any questions, please contact the board.

Ram		Ewe	=	Offspring	
100%	X	0%	=	50%	F1
100%	X	F1 50%	=	75%	F2
100%	X	F2 75%	=	87.5%	F3
100%	X	F3 87.5%	=	93.75%	F4
100%	X	F4 93.75%	=	96.8%	F5
100%	X	F5 96.8%	=	98.44%	F6
100%	X	F6 98.44%	=	99.22%	F7

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