

Bluefaced Leicester Union of North America - BLU

RULES FOR REGISTRATION

Important Note: This is an abbreviated version of the Rules For Registration.

Please see the BLU Flock Book for the complete rules, further clarification, and procedures.

The Bluefaced Leicester Union of North America (herein called BLU) was formed as the North American registry for Bluefaced Leicester sheep (herein called BFL) so that their pedigrees could be recorded. Associated Sheep Registries was hired to maintain this registry. SO THAT this registry may retain its integrity and purpose, the following rules are now standing:

- 1) BLU members and non-members may register BFL sheep in this registry.
- 2) Only purebred Bluefaced Leicesters may be registered. Both white and natural colored animals are eligible.
- 3) Print your Prefix, and the name of the animal exactly as it should appear on the registration certificate. Maximum of 30 characters allowed for a sheep name, including spaces. Prefixes are limited to 25 characters including spaces.
- 4) BLU is no longer using the separate designation 'A' after the sheep name. 'UK' after the sheep name will still be used to designate a UK-bred animal.
- 5) When registering a BFL lamb, the color at birth must be designated in the **COLOR** column on the registration application, using the following codes:
 - BP - Black Patterned** - these lambs are born black with varying amounts of white or silvery markings on their face, legs, and saddle. If there is any white at all, even just a bit on the face or ears, use this designation. Please refer to the breed color description and color guide if you are unsure.
 - BS - Black Solid** - it is not likely that you will have a BFL born that is not patterned to some degree.
 - BSi - Black, Silver** - These lambs are born with dark face and legs, and lighter grey or silver bodies. They have varied patterns of white/silver on the face and legs. As adults, their wool fades to off white. They are considered natural colored, and are registered as such.
 - MP - Moorit Patterned** - Moorits have brown wool, hair skin, lips, skin around eyes, and tongue. The brown tips that occur on a black sheep are not moorit. They have not yet appeared in BFLs.
 - MS** - solid moorit

Black patterned is the most common natural color designation. These color designations are for natural colored sheep only. Please leave the box on the registration form blank if the lamb is white. White will not be designated in the registry, or on the pedigree.

6) Lambs before the age of one year may be registered as the fees of \$5.00/Active Member or Junior, and \$10.00/Non-Member or Associate Member. After the animal is one year old, it is a late registration and the charges are double: \$10.00/Active Member or Junior, and \$20.00/Non-Member or Associate Member. Transfer fees are the same.

7) Any ram semen being used for artificial insemination or embryo transfer must have a proper BLU registration in order for the resulting offspring to be registered by BLU. This includes domestic or imported semen. Please use BLU's **Imported Semen Registration Form**. Fees: \$5.00/Active Member or Junior, \$10.00/Non-Member or Associate Member.

Additionally, for imported semen:

- a) a copy of the USDA import permit must be presented
- b) a signed statement of pedigree by the semen donor ram's owner

8) All applications being presented for registration of lambs that were bred through artificial insemination or embryo transfer, either with imported semen or domestic semen, must be accompanied by BLU's **Certificate of Artificial Insemination Breeding**, properly completed and signed by the appropriate personnel.

9) When registering and transferring an animal at the same time, both the registration fee and the transfer fee will be charged.

10) Extended pedigrees may be entered for an additional fee of \$10.00 each.

11) All applications for lambs sired by a ram NOT owned by the owner of the dam at the time of lambing must be accompanied by BLU's **Certificate of Breeding** as part of required documentation when registering sheep under the following circumstances:

- a) when applicant is not the breeder of offspring being registered, or the owner of the sire per BLU's records
- b) when bred ewes (dams) are purchased, or a ram (sire) is leased/borrowed

12) These are legal documents. They must be truthfully completed and signed appropriately.

13) BLU reserves the right to amend, add to, and/or delete from the above regulations at any time.

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