

**BRITISH GOAT SOCIETY**  
**NOTES ON REGISTRATION OF GOATS**  
CURRENT PRICE LIST IS SHOWN BELOW

**ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible to register a kid with the British Goat Society (BGS) the applicant must be a BGS member or a member of one of the Affiliated Societies. The only exception to this rule is that entries to the Identification Register or Supplementary Register may be made by other persons at an increased fee. Members of the BGS pay the lowest fees and can also complete their registration applications on line via Grassroots. NB If application to register kids is made on line, the BGS Office will still need a copy of the service certificate unless the service certificate was completed on line or the applicant was the owner of the sire at the date of service. All others applying to register goats with the BGS will need to complete a Registration Form.

**ALL PROGENY FROM ONE MATING MUST BE REGISTERED AT THE SAME TIME.**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

The same registration form is used for all sections of the Herd Book. Briefly, entry requirements to the various Herd Book sections are as follows:

**The Identification Register**

A *female goat only* is eligible for entry in the Identification Register (IR). She must not be eligible for the Herd Book, Foundation Book or Supplementary Register and can be of any age. The name of her sire and dam is not applicable.

**The Supplementary Register**

A *female goat only* is eligible for entry in the Supplementary Register (SR) if she complies with the following conditions: (i) the sire is entered in the Herd Book, (ii) the applicant is the breeder of the goat ie owner of the dam at the time the goat(s) being registered was/were born, (iii) a Certificate of Service of the dam, signed by the registered owner of the sire, accompanies the application, alternatively the service certificate was completed on line via Grassroots, or the applicant is also the owner of the male at the time of service, then no service certificate is needed, (iv) other progeny of same mating have not been registered previously, (v) the name of the dam is only applicable if she is registered in the IR Section.

**The Foundation Book**

A *female goat only* is eligible for entry in the Foundation Book (FB), if she complies with the following conditions:

- (i) Her sire is entered in the Herd Book and her dam is entered in the Supplementary Register, (ii) she is not more than two years old, (iii) the applicant is the breeder of the goat (ie the owner of her dam at the time the goat being registered was born and in whose ownership the dam was registered or transferred to), (iv) a Certificate of Service of the dam, signed by the registered owner of the sire accompanies the application, alternatively the service certificate was completed on line via Grassroots, or the applicant is also the owner of the male at the time of service, then no service certificate is needed, (v) other progeny of same mating have not been registered previously, OR
- A goat which has won or qualified for a milking award (Star, Q Star or R award) may be upgraded to this register from the IR or SR section. She must be owned by a Member, Family Member or Partnership Member of the BGS or a member of an Affiliated Society and the animal's previously issued registration card should be submitted to the BGS office with the application to re-register.

**The Herd Book**

A *male or female goat* is eligible for entry in the Herd Book (HB), if it complies with the following conditions:

- (i) Male goat - the sire and dam are entered in the Herd Book: Female goat - the sire is entered in the Herd Book and the dam in the Herd Book or Foundation Book, (ii) it is not more than two years old, (iii) the applicant is the breeder of the goat (ie the owner of its dam at the time the goat being registered was born and in whose ownership the dam was registered or transferred to), (iv) a Certificate of Service of the dam, signed by the registered owner of the sire accompanies the application, alternatively the service certificate was completed on line via Grassroots, or the applicant is also the owner of the male at the time of service, then no service certificate is needed, (v) other progeny of same mating have not been registered previously.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This must be obtained by the owner of the female goat (thereby considered the breeder of the kid being registered) from the owner of the stud male being used. If the owner of the female is also the owner of the male, no certificate of service is needed. The service certificate is sometimes referred to as the stud certificate. Books of service certificates can be obtained from the BGS Office. There is now the facility on Grassroots for BGS members who own male goat(s) to complete a service certificate on line. The owner of the female goat should still receive a service certificate (printed from Grassroots) but this does not need to be submitted to the Office when registering kids.

**IDENTIFICATION MARK**

All goats being registered must have an Identification Mark which consists of two parts. The first part is a six digit Herd Number issued by a Government Agency (e.g. DEFRA) to the holding on which the goats have been born. The second

part is the goat's Individual (or unique) Number allocated by the breeder (the Individual Number must never be re-allocated). All goats being registered must be double identified with the same unique no eg two ear tags, an ear tag and a tattoo, an ear tag and a pastern mark.

### NAMES OF GOATS

The name under which a goat may be registered shall consist of two words, one of which shall be the breeder's registered Prefix, (one word of not more than twelve letters approved by the Committee) and the other a name consisting of not more than a total of twelve characters (ie letters and numbers), unless the person making the application has not registered more than six goats in the Herd Book and/or Foundation Book, or is not the breeder of a goat to be entered in the Foundation Book under Regulation 4(2) or Identification Register, when the name may consist of one word of not more than twelve characters (ie letters and numbers). No two goats may be registered with the same name. The name must contain a minimum of two letters and, if numbers are used, a maximum of four numbers.

It is not essential to register a prefix unless you have registered six goats with the BGS. It is, however, often considered worthwhile to register a prefix as no goat, whether living or deceased, can have the same name, therefore, choice of names is limited. If the breeder does not wish to register a prefix, he/she may write further alternatives for the Society to choose from in the event of the first choice being already taken. If you do not wish the Office to use the nearest spelling in the event of all of your choices having been taken, you should state this in writing and your forms will be returned for you to make further choices. If you do wish to register a prefix, application forms are available from the Office.

Registration in Herd Book and Foundation Book	Member	Affiliated Society
Female up to six month	£7.00	£14.00
Female six months to two years	£14.00	£28.00
Male up to six months	£18.00	£36.00
Male six months to two years	£36.00	£72.00
Registration in I.R. and S.R	£5.00	£10.00
Registration by other persons in the I.R. and S.R. register	£10.00	
<b>Registration of a Prefix</b>	£20.00	£40.00
<b>Transfer Of Ownership</b>	£6.00	£6.00
<b>Bulk registrations</b> - Concession is to BGS members only, though you may apply for membership at the same time as applying for registrations. Applicable only to female kids under 6 months old and when more than 10 are registered at the same time.		
The first ten animals are charged at	1-10 @ £7.00 each (£5.00 for IR & SR Section)	
The second ten animals are charged at	11-20 @ £3.50 each	
Numbers over 20 are charged at	20+ @ £2.50 each	
<b>Bulk transfers: These prices will apply when more than 10 transfer of ownership are completed at one time.</b>		
The first ten animals are charged at	1-10 @ £6.00 each	
The second ten animals are charged at	11-20 @ £4.00 each	
Numbers over 20 are charged at	20+ @ £3.00 each	

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL REQUESTS FOR FREE INFORMATION OR QUERIES REQUIRING REPLIES SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.**

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