

## CANADIAN SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

### “GRADING UP” REGULATIONS”

The CSBA Constitution makes provision for grading up as covered in the following article:  
Article 21 Rules of Eligibility, section 2(i)

*(i) Grading Up: CSBA will implement a grading up program for the registration of sheep in Canada. The grading up of any breed of sheep will only be done from the ram side. (Only registered full blood or purebred rams can be used in the grading up program). The registration paper for graded up animals will always be indicated by colour or other designation.*

*The 50%, 75%, 87.5%, and 93.75% animals will be identified with flock letters tattooed in the right ear and a number and year letter tattooed in the left ear. Ewes are recorded at 50% or more and are considered as domestic purebred when they are 15/16 purebred (93.75%). Rams will only be recorded as domestic purebred if they are 31/32 pure or more. Both rams and ewes will be identified with flock letters tattooed in the right ear and a number and year letter tattooed in the left ear.*

*The CSBA has the authority to refuse or rescind the registration of any purebred animal that does not reflect breed characteristics. Anyone doing breeding up must do at least one parentage test per breeder per 50 head at the breeders' expense.*

*The breeders involved must approve the upgrading program on a breed by breed basis.  
The implementation of this program is subject to further regulations as set by the board of directors.*

In addition to the above, the following regulations set by the Board of Directors will apply:

#### A. Approval by breed:

Grading up must be approved on an individual breed by breed basis. Requests for approval may be made by at least five CSBA members (in writing) who have registered animals of the breed within the past two years, or by an organized breed association. (The board may, at their discretion, accept an application from fewer than five members.) Following receipt of the request by the Board of Directors, CSBA will poll by mail all CSBA members who have registered animals of that breed within the past two calendar years to determine their wishes. A simple majority of breeders returning the ballot voting in favour shall constitute approval.

#### B. Parentage Testing:

Parentage testing shall be done on the basis of one test per breeder per 50 head graded up, with a minimum of one test per year. Animals to be tested shall be determined randomly by Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. All testing to be done at the breeders' expense. Once animals have attained the domestic purebred status, they fall under the regular one in 500 status for parentage testing.

C. Timing: Only animals born at least 6 months after the date of final approval of the program for a specific breed will be eligible. Grading up done in other jurisdictions will not be recognized at this time by CSBA.

D. All aspects of management, record keeping, animal identification, etc. are on the same basis as registration of purebred sheep.