

SUSSEX CATTLE SOCIETY

BULL REGISTRATIONS – RULES & REGULATIONS 2026

All bulls are subject to Society Inspection, Veterinary Inspection and DNA SNP Sample being received prior to acceptance for registration.

1. BIRTH RETURN: The Society Office must have received a Birth Return giving details of the animal to be registered and Capitation Fees for the appropriate birth year of the bull.

2. AGE OF BULL TO BE INSPECTED:

Bulls will not be inspected until they are at least 300 days old and should not exceed 570 days in age.

3. WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS:

The bull must be weighed by the owner/breeder - the actual weight and the date of weighing must be entered. (The Society has weigh scales that can be borrowed) The weighing must have taken place between 300 and 570 days of age and within 100 days of inspection for non-Signet recorded bulls.

4. DNA SAMPLING AND TESTING:

All young bulls inspected from 1st January 2021 must have DNA SNP samples taken to be held on record. Additionally samples should be taken from the Sire and Dam unless they have been sold/died. The Society will pay for the Sire and Dam DNA verification but it will be the breeder/owner of the young bull who will pay for the DNA SNP Sample. Where Sire and Dam DNA Samples have been received registration will be refused if the results indicate the Sire and or Dam are incorrect.

5. VETERINARY INSPECTION:

The applicant must arrange for a veterinary inspection to take place at their own expense. The veterinary surgeon should complete the Society's Form. The form should then be returned to the Office.

6. SOCIETY INSPECTION:

Following weight verification the Form will be forwarded to a Society Inspector/s and they will make contact to arrange an appointment to visit and inspect the animal. Please note that the Inspectors give up their time to undertake this task and may not be able to visit immediately. If you wish inspection by a certain date please ensure that you return the form to the Office at least six weeks prior to that time. This applies especially to inspections in the early spring when the Office must receive forms before 20th February to ensure inspection by 30th March in time for show entries. Following the inspection, the form should be signed by the Inspectors and returned to the Society.

7. REGISTRATION:

This will take place once the Society Office has received all forms confirming all requirements have been met and results of the DNA testing as appropriate together with receipt of the appropriate fees due.

Note: Bulls over 12 months of age should be fully registered before competing in the showring (excluding calf shows/classes)

From 1st January 2027 Grade A registrations must have a Breed Percentage of a minimum 50% or above to be accepted for entry in the Herd Book. Those below 50% would be held in a sub-category and their offspring may become eligible in the future on achieving 50% Breed Percentage.

8. REGISTRATION FEES FOR BULLS: £50.00 [+VAT]

The DNA SNP Sample fee will be added at cost.

Invoices will be issued and should be paid in full prior to the issue of the Registration Certificate.

APPLICATION FOR BULL REGISTRATION FORMS

VETERINARY INSPECTION FORMS

DNA SAMPLING FORMS

All forms are available to download from our website or by request to the Society Office.

NOTE: The current forms must be used. [01/01/2026]

NOTE: Forms must be forwarded to the Inspectors via the Office – direct approaches to the Inspectors will not be accepted.

This system of Bull Registration has been developed to ensure that the standard of our breeding bulls is maintained and improved upon. It is a system which has proved successful and is considered to be a credit to our breed by potential purchasers, other breed societies, and is being copied by some of them.

If the breeder requests that a bull be inspected again following a refusal of registration. The request must be made within 7 days of the inspection and the re-inspection should take place within 30 days.

MINIMUM ADJUSTED WEIGHT FOR AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUSSEX BULLS

The chart shows the minimum weight for age required for Sussex bulls. This is a calculated weight for age based on date of weighing and actual weight on that day.

Signet recorded bulls weights are taken from Signet reports.

If a bull does not achieve the minimum weight as shown on the bottom of the chart he will NOT be accepted for registration.

Guide to the minimum weight for age requirement

AGE IN DAYS	WEIGHT KGS	AGE IN DAYS	WEIGHT KGS	AGE IN DAYS	WEIGHT KGS
205	255	305	356.5	405	485
210	260	310	363	410	490
215	265	315	369.5	415	495
220	270	320	376	420	500
225	275	325	382.5	425	505
230	280	330	389	430	510
235	285	335	395.5	435	515
240	290	340	402	440	520
245	295	345	408.5	445	525
251	300	350	415	450	530
255	305	355	421.5	455	535
260	310	360	428	460	540
265	315	365	434.5	465	545
270	320	370	441	470	550
275	325	375	447.5	475	555
280	330	380	454	480	560
285	335	385	460.5	485	565
290	340	390	467	490	570
295	345	395	473.5	495	575
Minimum Calculated Weight for Age Requirement at 300 days	350kg	Minimum Calculated Weight for Age Requirement at 400 days	480kg	Minimum Calculated Weight for Age Requirement at 500 days	580kg