

BREED STANDARD *of excellence*

Definition: To distinguish the degree of excellence with a description and score by points on visual appearance and performance. These values must be a true reflection of the animal.

The ideal Dorper Sheep is an animal, which can maintain itself, produce meat and reproduce under sub-optimal conditions

POINTING SYSTEM	
• Excellent	5
• Good	4
• Average	3
• Below Average	2
• Poor with cull faults	1

We further subdivide the animal into different sections:

Conformation – Symbol “B”

B5 excellent conformation	(ideal) – stud (St)
B4 good conformation	– stud (St)
B3 average conformation	– 1 st sel (S1)
B2 poor conformation	– 2 nd sel (S2)
B1 very poor conformation with faults	– cull

Size & Growth rate: Symbol “G”

G5 ideal size	– stud
G4 average size	– stud
G3 below average size	– 1 st selection
G2 small size	– 2 nd selection
G1 extremely big or small size	– cull

Distribution of fat: Symbol “D”

D5: good distribution of fat over the Entire body with no fat localisation	– stud
D4: good fat distribution, slight localisation	– stud
D3: reasonable amount of localised Fat or dry	– 1 st selection
D2: Localized fat or too dry	– 2 nd selection
D1: excessive localization of fat or very dry	– cull

Note: There are **no** ratings for a dry animal under **D5 and D4**. Fat distribution is assessed as found under normal extensive conditions.

When judging discriminate more against over fat young animals than mature animals



Colour pattern – Symbol “P”

Colour will be discussed in full later for Dorper and White Dorper with sketches and ‘photos.

For definition of colour pattern the division of the top and underline is as follows:

- On the point of the hock
 - On the lower point of the knee cap
 - In rams to the rear of the junction of the scrotum
 - With ewes it goes up to the reproductive organs.
- P5, P4 and P3 qualifies for stud P2 qualifies for 1st & 2nd selection P1 is a cull

Covering – Symbol “H”

H5, H4 and H3 qualifies for stud H2 qualifies for 1st & 2nd selection H1 is a cull

- Covering will also be discussed with sketches. The colour cut-off line on the body will also apply for the division in covering.

Type – Symbol “T”

T5 – stud (Outstanding)
T4 – stud
T3 – 1 st selection
T2 – 2 nd selection
T1 – cull

The following definitions will apply when using the Breed standards:

Discriminate according to degree: This means that the bigger the deviation from the ideal the lower the score will be, (i.e. indication of colour around the eyes can score at best a P3. Moderate colour will be downgrade to a P2 and extreme colouring around the eyes extending onto the face a P1.)

Undesirable: When analysed it can score at most a P2 and when extreme a P1 (i.e. brown on the face can be at most a P2 and too much a P1)

Cull or faulty: This is when functional efficiency occurs under conformation or an extreme under other sections of the Breed Standards