



GRADING POINTS BREAKDOWN

Category		Breed Standards Grading Criteria	4 - 6 months	6 - 8 months	8 - 12 months	12 - 18 months	18 - 24 months	24 - 36 months
			Max points which can be awarded (4/4/4) 12 points total	Max points which can be awarded (6/6/6) 12 points total	Max points which can be awarded (4/4/4) 12 points total	Max points which can be awarded (5/5/5) 15 points total	Max points which can be awarded (5/5/5) 15 points total	Max points which can be awarded (6/6/6) 18 points total
			POINTS DEDUCTION CRITERIA					
			Points Can Be Deducted For Points are deducted based on lack of appearance, conformation and wool traits			Points recorded as '1' If an animal presents with any of the flaws listed below, it will automatically receive a score of 1. These flaws are considered serious faults. First grading or up to 18 months		
Appearance	Markings	•+/- Black encompassing the eye area connecting with the black of the nose •+/- Black ears – black should meet the white of the head •+/- Black hooves and ankle area ("black socks") •+/- Black spots on knees and hocks (spots can be non-symmetrical) •+/- Females must have a black tail spot. There must be a finger width gap of white on the tail. •+/- Male scrotum may be black, but the black must not spread upward into the belly area and fleece	•+/- Missing breed characteristics •+/- Colour defects intermediate patches •+/- Grey or brownish discolouration of markings on head and legs •+/- Black sock has white indent or black travels up in to the white of the leg •+/- Lack of roman nose •+/- White base of ears - black of ears does not meet the head •+/- Black beyond ears (black on head around ears) •+/- Over/Under shot jaw. •+/- Unkempt animals, unsightly overall appearance •+/- Tail not docked in accordance with animal welfare guidelines			•+/- Dwarfism •+/- Over/Under shot jaw. •+/- Black patches within the fleece boundary •+/- Single testicles, unequal size, or missing testicles in the scrotum •+/- Male scrotum may be black and the black may extend to the lower belly, but must not spread further upwards towards the tail, or beyond the naval area. •+/- Black patch under tail •+/- Absence of a black spot on the hock or front knee		
	Head & Neck	•+/- Well proportioned, compact head •+/- Roman nose, wide smooth, broad forehead •+/- Pronounced, regal head shape in rams. -/- Mature rams often develop protuberance behind horn base •+/- Short, straight well-muscled neck						
	Horns	•+/- Spiral, well set off from the cheeks; horizontal or curved •+/- Horns curved in large spirals, well set off from the cheeks •+/- Black stripes in the horns are acceptable						
	Chest & Shoulder	•+/- Wide, deep, chest area •+/- Shoulder line naturally with neck and chest •+/- Rib cage curvature is well proportioned and rounded						
	Back & Loin	•+/- Long, straight top line •+/- Wide back and loin						
	Neck, Abdomen & Hindquarters	•+/- Wide and medium-length points •+/- Medium sized belly with small belly hollows/pits (paralumbur fossa) •+/- Well muscled hindquarters						
	Weight	•+/- Guide for adult animals: 9-70 - 90 kg -/- 80 - 120 kg						
	Withers	•+/- Guide for adult animals: 9-72 - 78 cm -/- 75 - 85 cm						
	Withers	•+/- With-shoulder, wide						
Conformation	Posture / Stance	•+/- Hind legs correctly placed, not cow-hocked or bowlegged •+/- Forelegs broad stance and not knock-kneed. •+/- Slight hock angulation •+/- Short, strong pasterns (45-degree angle)	•+/- Points deducted where animal lacks in conformation criteria			•+/- Pasterns worn through, extreme malpositioning		
	Limbs	•+/- Solid bone structure •+/- Solid hoof development •+/- Strong, sure footed, well set, evenly padded						
	Gait	•+/- Spacious, sure footed and well legged •+/- Doesn't sway or waver •+/- Even and stable movement •+/- Moves with ease						
Wool		•+/- Staple length is 10cm based on 6 months growth (Recommended to be shorn twice a year) •+/- Fleece is uniformly white and balanced over the whole body •+/- Wool on legs is thick and full •+/- Wool on head is natural and long •+/- Some black hairy fleeces are tolerated on the neck area in animals over 18 months old	•+/- Flaw in fleece •+/- Trimming or shaping wool with scissors Deduct points from appearance: •+/- Uneven coverage of fleece on head, legs & body •+/- Fleece is too long			•+/- Multicoloured wool (black & white/spitt) •+/- Kemp and tangles in the fleece as well as excessive awn hairs		