
TOCAL FIELD DAYS ASSOCIATION SHEEP MOVEMENT POLICY FOR TOCAL SHOWGROUND

The following policy applies to sheep visiting the Tocal Showground area (PIC NK 369 510) which encompasses the Tocal Field Days (TFD) site, main campus, Bruce Urquhart skills arena, adjoining cattle yards and grounds of Tocal Homestead.

All sheep attending TFD must be lodged with the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) to record their mob-based movement. All sheep must be identified with an approved NLIS ear tag before leaving their property.

Exhibitors are asked to have a biosecurity plan in place.

OVINE JOHNE'S DISEASE (OJD) AND FOOTROT RESTRICTIONS

Sheep visiting Tocal showground

No sheep to enter the Tocal showground unless from a flock from a low prevalence area for OJD.

They must originate from a flock or property free of footrot and lice.

Full vaccination cover against Clostridial diseases and Cheesy Gland is strongly recommended to protect your stock.

Please note: all travelling stock in NSW need a completed National Vendor Declaration **or** individually numbered Transported Stock Statement.

General

Many properties may be of higher status and to protect this status the following conditions must be met;

- All animals to be healthy and visually sound.
- All sheep belonging to different owners must be kept separate with the exception of parading which will take place in a suitable arena where grazing will not take place.
- Sheep are not to be watered from a common watering point (permanent trough) but suitable containers to be brought in.
- If animals are to be fed whilst at Tocal then this should be in a separate pen on the field days site which will not be grazed for a 12 month period. Pens will be provided if ordered prior to the Event.
- Straw or saw dust bedding and manure must be cleaned daily and removed to the clearly marked, manure drop off site.
- **Please note: There is an increased risk of Q fever when there is contact with livestock.**

Our Responsibilities

- Provide the visitor with the Tocal Showground PIC (NK 369 510) in advance if possible.
- Inform visitors of Tocal's animal health restrictions outlined above and ensure procedures are followed.
- Collect and file Tocal sheep movement form and National Sheep Health Statement form.
- Enter the mob based PIC to the NLIS database
- Paterson Fire Brigade will provide water in the morning before the event opens and in the evening after the event closes. If your livestock requirements will exceed this please have a suitable stand-by container so it can be filled and used when needed.

Owners Responsibility

- Owners MUST complete a National Vendor Declaration or NSW Animal Health Statement or individually numbered Transported Stock Statement when travelling in NSW.
- All sheep must carry a NLIS ear tag
- Complete and submit the following two forms to Tocal staff for assessment and filing.

Tocal Field Days movement form
National Sheep Health Statement

- Bring suitable stock watering container and or feed container if required
- If stock are being sold a Vendor Declaration must be supplied.

Tocal sheep movements to the Tocal Showground

- No grazing of any area on the showground.
- Tocal sheep will be run in the Stallion paddock during the field day.

The Tocal Field Days Association is committed to ensuring the safety of visitors, exhibitors and livestock. Hand washing facilities and signage will be provided at the Animal Nursery, and all livestock visitors are requested to provide adequate barriers and first aid in the event of bites or scratches from livestock. The Association requests the following:

- Thoroughly clean trucks to transport livestock prior to entering the Tocal Field Days site.
- Livestock are not to be washed or unloaded at the stables. Follow site directions to the washbay (opposite the BU Skills Arena) and unloading bay located in the livestock area
- Ensure young stock are tethered or penned at all times.
- Ensure handwashing guidelines are met after visitor contact with animals.
- Maintain a first aid kit to treat accidental scratches or bites to visitors.
- Provide adequate barriers to prevent touching animals deemed unsuitable for touching.
- All animals must be broken in to lead, and under complete control OR kept in secure pens
- Livestock will not be able to be led freely around the site and can be exercised only in designated areas for specific species as directed by the Tocal Field Days Association.
- When livestock are being paraded, they are to be firmly led to avoid any grazing of areas traversed by other livestock. This includes all juvenile animals.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SIGNED PAGE TO Tocal FIELD DAYS OFFICE

The Association appreciates the continued support of livestock owners in the safe operation of Tocal Field Days.

Livestock entering Tocal for exhibition must comply with the following to ensure:

- ◆ The risk of disease spreading to other stock attending the TFD is minimised,
- ◆ The health of College livestock is not put at risk, and
- ◆ The safety for visitors at the Tocal Field Days (TFD) is ensured.

I acknowledge that I introduce livestock at my own risk and have read the recommended treatment/vaccination/safety requirements prior to entry.

Tocal Field Days site name ***Site number***

Name (Please print) ***Telephone***

Address ***Postcode***

Suburb ***PIC number***

Number of livestock ***TSS serial number***

Is the livestock bred by the vendor? Yes/no If no, how long ago were the stock purchased?

Signed ***Owner or exhibitor (Please circle)*** ***Date***

All enquiries should be directed to:

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