

SHOW MEASUREMENT REGULATION AND PROCEDURE

To be followed at Shows

Measuring of animals became a regulation from January 1 2008, ALL cattle presented as Square Meaters exhibits at Royal Shows and preferably at all Shows, are subject to mandatory qualifying measurements. The measurement is to be conducted under the supervision of an independent arbiter in the presence of the Breed Captain (or his/her nominated representative), and the exhibitor (or his/her nominated representative).

The appointed breed Captain is to advise the Association of the choice of the independent arbiter, arrange the time and location and advise all exhibitors of such arrangements and ensure late arrivals are measured. It is recommended that the arbiter be a member of the Cattle committee, or a respected and experienced breeder from a different cattle breed or a member of the SMCAA Board.

Endeavours should be made to ensure that All animals are measured with or by the same independent arbiter using the same equipment at the same time – **PRIOR to the judging of events.**

The **measurement device** should meet all requirements for accuracy and efficient measurement of the animal.

All height measurements will be calculated from the show measure indicator chart according to your animal's age on the day of the show, set the stick to the upper limit for that age any larger or smaller anomalies should be remeasured.

A tolerance of TWO CENTIMETRES is allowed at the upper and lower limits of the set scale of measurements for that age group, this is to allow for variance in conditions on the day.

In the event of disagreement or disputation over the measurement, the independent arbiter's decision will prevail.

| SHOW MEASUREMENT INDICATORS | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| AGE | BULLS | | FEMALES | |
| Months | Maximum | Minimum | Maximum | Minimum |
| 8 | 108 | 98 | 105 | 95 |
| 9 | 110 | 100 | 107 | 97 |
| 10 | 111 | 101 | 108 | 98 |
| 11 | 112 | 102 | 109 | 99 |
| 12 | 113 | 103 | 110 | 100 |
| 13 | 115 | 103 | 110 | 100 |
| 14 | 116 | 104 | 111 | 101 |
| 15 | 117 | 105 | 112 | 102 |
| 16 | 118 | 106 | 113 | 103 |
| 17 | 119 | 107 | 114 | 104 |
| 18 | 120 | 108 | 115 | 105 |
| 19 | 121 | 110 | 116 | 106 |
| 20 | 122 | 111 | 117 | 107 |
| 21 | 123 | 113 | 118 | 108 |
| 22 | 124 | 114 | 119 | 109 |
| 23 | 125 | 115 | 120 | 110 |
| 24 | 126 | 116 | 121 | 111 |
| 25 | 127 | 117 | 122 | 112 |
| 26 | 128 | 118 | 123 | 113 |
| 27 | 128 | 118 | 123 | 113 |
| 28 | 129 | 119 | 124 | 114 |
| 29 | 130 | 120 | 125 | 115 |
| 30 | 130 | 120 | 125 | 115 |

Procedure to follow:

1. All handlers and those involved in the procedure should be wearing appropriate clothing and covered leather footwear.
2. At least one handler should be available to hold the animal, and another to assist to set and steady the animal.
3. All animals are to be restrained by a suitable halter and nose grip or ring as per the Show regulations.
4. The animal is to be taken to the designated measure location on a level area, preferably concrete or as agreed by the officiating supervisors.
5. Every attempt should be made to have the animal stand square with the head in a natural position to allow accurate placement of the measuring device at the animal's shoulder blades.
6. If the animal is agitated and difficult to measure, stand beside a wall or the use of a race or grooming frame may assist, try to avoid locking the head in as it may distort the measurement. You may require more attempts to ensure the accuracy of the measurement.
7. On the documentation provided, check the animal's name, age, tattoo and indicate that the measurement has been completed; in the case of a dispute, record the height on the form for that animal.
8. If under these procedures the animal falls outside the required measurement ranges, the Breed Captain or arbiter is to notify the Cattle Committee of the Show that the animal does not meet the Square Meaters Cattle Association's Show Regulations, and is thereby deemed ineligible for showing. ***(Be very sure of the measurement before taking this action, as it is likely to upset the exhibitor and possibly lead to disputation.*** If you are in any doubt contact one of the Board Executive.)
9. If the animal is difficult, aggressive and uncooperative, do not proceed with the measurement. In this circumstance, an estimate and decision on the animal's eligibility will be resolved by consultation of the parties involved and the independent arbiter's decision is final and binding.

Diagram for placement of the measurement tool at the shoulder.

