

# SOUTH DEVONS

## PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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to be held at

## NBA BEEF EXPO

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April

Northwest Auctions

136 off M6, Rural Auction Centre,  
Crooklands, Milnthorpe,

Cumbria, LA7 7PF



# Schedule

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### Background

This is the eighth year that the South Devon Herd Book Society will be holding Performance Championships where performance recording breeders from across the country can compete in a unique technical event to showcase EBVs and appraisal of appearance.

Since making the recording service free to its members there has been an increase in the numbers of South Devons being assessed for calving ease, growth, and carcass traits; and all information – genetic, performance and breeding – contribute to Breedplan Single Step genetic evaluations

This year's Championships are being held by kind arrangement of the National Beef Association at the Expo at Junction 36, Crooklands on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

### Judging

Each class will be judged on inspection of the animals, and on their performance (Quality Beef Index for each bull and Suckler Replacement Index for each female) and will be placed accordingly.

From these winners will be selected the Male, Female and Breed Champions.

### Judge

Mr R A Rundle, Kestle Mill, Newquay, Cornwall

### Breed Secretary

Mrs Caroline Poultney, 01392 447494, [caroline@sdhbs.org.uk](mailto:caroline@sdhbs.org.uk)

## Classes

Entries are invited for bulls and heifers aged between one year and two and a half years on the date of the Championships (27<sup>th</sup> April 2024).

Entries will be restricted to pedigree registered South Devon cattle which are owned and exhibited by South Devon Herd Book Society members who participate in the South Devon Breedplan recording scheme.

All classes will be judged on a combination of inspection and performance points based on Quality Beef Index (QBI) for bulls, and Suckler Replacement Index (SRI) for heifers. The championships will be judged on inspection only.

The highest placed animal on inspection will receive the equivalent in points to the highest QBI (bulls) or SRI (heifers) of those animals in the ring; and the lowest placed animal on inspection will receive the equivalent in points to the lowest QBI or SRI. The remaining animals will receive points at the judge's discretion in between the two previous points. These points will then be added to the animal's own QBI or SRI, and the animals will be pulled forward in order of the highest combined points. In the event of a tie the animal with the highest QBI or SRI will be placed highest.

**Two sections will be catalogued:**

- Bulls between 1 year and 2 ½ years of age
- Heifers between 1 year and 2 ½ years of age

These sections will be sub-divided according to age and number of entries.

## Championships and Prize Money

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There will be awards for:

- Best overall male £50, championship rosette
- Reserve best overall male £25, reserve championship rosette
- Best overall female £50, championship rosette
- Reserve best overall female £25, reserve championship rosette
- Breed champion £100, championship sash and rosette, and the Lumbylaw Cup
- £250 additional prize money to be divided between 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class

## General Rules & Regulations

1 South Devon breeders must read and comply with the rules and regulations laid down by the individual Show Societies, both before entering and at the show; and these must take priority over the requirements of the South Devon Herd Book Society (SDHBS) but if a subject is not mentioned the SDHBS rules will apply.

### 2 **Ownership**

All cattle exhibited must be the bona fide property of the Exhibitor at the closing date for entries. If the animal/s has/have been bred by a different breeder it must be declared.

Exhibitors must not enter or bring to shows animals which have been bred by the person judging the South Devon classes at that show. If an animal is then forwarded to the judge it shall remain unplaced.

### 3 **Closing date for entries**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### 4 **Entry fees**

£50 + VAT = £60 per stall

Entry fees are payable at time of entry. In the event of an Exhibitor being unable to attend a full refund of entry fees will be given upon the provision of a veterinary certificate. A refund of £20 + VAT = £24 will be credited back to the Exhibitor by the South Devon Herd Book Society for every animal forward.

Every entry form must be completed fully by the Exhibitor at time of entry. No animal shall be entered for more than one class.

### 5 **Ear tags**

All cattle entered must be double tagged, and the ID entered on the entry form.

### 6 **TB testing**

All cattle entered must be TB tested clear within 60 days of the date of the Event and test certificates must be provided upon arrival.

### 7 **Correctness of entries**

Exhibitors are solely responsible for the accuracy and eligibility of their entries. All cattle must be fully pedigree registered in the main section of the South Devon Herd Book. Passports must accompany the animals and must be handed to the South

Devon officer on arrival. The Society reserves the right to take a DNA sample from any animal to verify its identity.

## 8 Exhibition of cattle

All cattle entered must be fully halter trained, and all animals must wear bulldog clips in their noses (nose rings in bulls fulfil this requirement) when not stalled from the time of offloading to the time of loading back on to cattle transport.

9 There must be no tampering with their animals by any Exhibitor or their representative to conceal defect, including deliberately hiding white hair.

## 11 Neck numbers

Neck numbers will be provided by the Society.

## 12 Food, forage and feeding appliances

Exhibitors must provide their own feeding stuffs, straw, buckets and feeding troughs.

## 13 Electrical equipment

Exhibitors must provide and use circuit breakers with all blowers and other electrical equipment, and all equipment must be inspected and labelled as having passed a PAT test.

## 14 Arrival and departure

All cattle must arrive at Rural Auction Mart by 4 pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

## 15 Insurance and liability

The South Devon Herd Book Society (SDHBS) will not accept liability for death or personal injury caused by the SDHBS or their servants or agents or any person whilst entering or leaving Rural Auction Mart. The SDHBS shall not be responsible for death, injury, disease or loss caused to any Exhibitor or to his servant or agent, or to any animal exhibited by the said Exhibitor or by a Vehicle brought by the Exhibitor to the Auction Mart from whatever cause, death, injury, disease or loss arises. All Exhibitors must ensure they hold sufficient Public Liability insurance.



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# NBA BEEF EXPO

The event which will support and celebrate the work and commitment of our British Beef producers, has been scheduled to tie in with Great British Beef Week 2024. And, NWA Managing Director, David Pritchard, is delighted to welcome the NBA Beef Expo back to J36, Crooklands. "It is a privilege to be chosen to host it again here at our J36, Rural Auction Centre in 2024 and we are very much looking forward to working with the NBA to make it an event to remember for those who are both exhibiting and attending."

Beef breeders, farmers, and businesses involved in the industry are expected to gather from all over the UK at this flagship event to celebrate the best of beef cattle breeding, and to share ideas and innovations that will help take Britain's world class beef industry forward into the future. Beef Expo's highly competitive show classes will once again showcase some of the UK's best bloodlines, and a panel of leading experts will address the most important issues facing the industry in an information-packed Seminar Programme.

In returning to Junction 36, Rural Auction Centre, NBA Chief Executive, Neil Shand, is aiming to build on the phenomenal success of the 2022 Beef Expo "Last year's NBA Beef Expo was the first major beef event since Covid and it demonstrated how popular and important this show and exhibition is to the industry. This is highly productive part of the UK for suckler and beef cattle, and North West Auctions' combination of experience, expertise, and exceptional facilities make this the ideal venue for an outstanding event."



# ENTRY FORM

*Please complete in full, and return to SDHBS, Westpoint, Clyst St Mary, Exeter, EX5 1DJ  
by the date of closing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, together with your cheque made payable to  
SDHBS for £60 per animal*

## EXHIBITOR DETAILS

Exhibitor Name .....

Address .....

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Postcode .....

Telephone .....

E-mail .....

# CATTLE DETAILS

*Nb: If entries exceed maximum stalling available to SDHBS, the Society reserves the right to impose a maximum number of entries per exhibitor*

<i>Animal name</i>	<i>Animal Tag ID</i>	<i>Date of birth</i>

*I hereby certify that the particulars herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I hereby agree to conform to and abide by the Rules & Regulations laid out within this Schedule.*

*Signed: .....*

*For & on behalf of (exhibitor) .....*

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