**Babydoll Southdown Registration System Update 2021**

**General**

Sheep accepted into the Australian All Breeds of Miniature Goat & Sheep Society Inc. (AABMGS) as Babydoll Southdown shall be graded and registered as outlined below.

Sheep applying for Purebred grade must be over two years of age and passed inspection against the breed standard.

Inspections against the breed standard will be undertaken by Babydoll Southdown breed representatives which are appointed by the AABMGS Inc. Committee.

Inspections will be carried out either in person or photographically depending on location.

At all times the AABMGS reserves the right to nominate the percentage and the grade a sheep may represent.

All AABMGS members selling Babydoll Southdown sheep shall declare the percentage of each sheep and their grading to all potential buyers.

At any time AABMGS reserves the right to have the height measured by a representative of AABMGS.

**It is the responsibility of all owners to check their Certificates for errors and notify the Registrar as soon as possible if any errors are identified.**

**ASSBA Registered Sheep**

To register a sheep with AABMGS that was bred under the ASSBA registration system, the owner must provide evidence that the sheep was bred in an ASSBA registered Southdown/Babydoll Flock and that the owner has the right to register the sheep with ASSBA.

AABMGS will only register Southdown/Babydoll/Foundation as Babydoll Southdown if the sire and dam are recorded with ASSBA.

Once a sheep is over two years old it can be inspected for full Purebred Babydoll Southdown registration.

To be registered as Purebred Babydoll Southdown, the sheep must satisfy the requirements and meet the AABMGS Babydoll Southdown breed standard.

The height at the time of registration must be above 43cm and below 60cm for

 a two-year-old sheep.

The following information is required for inspection when applying for purebred registration at two years of age (or older):

* photos showing full sheep in full wool from the front, back and each side (see example below)
* photos of the sheep shorn from one side and one of its face
* Ear tag details
* Date of bIrth
* photo showing the whole sheep with measuring stick in place over the shoulders (wither) with the scale on the measuring stick clearly legible (see example below)
* ASSBA Registration Papers in name of owner and pedigree showing parents Or

Breeder's ASSBA flock registration number and certificate along with pedigree showing registration details for sire and sire of dam.

 Or

ASSBA transfer document showing individually identified purebred Southdowns/ Babydoll sheep being transferred to owner.

At any time AABMGS reserves the right to have the height measured by a representative of AABMGS.

A sheep accepted for registration as purebred Babydoll Southdown will be considered 100% Babydoll Southdown for the purposes of calculating the percentage

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**APPENDIX Registration System**

The owner can measure the height of the sheep themselves.

Height is measured from the highest point of the shoulder (wither) to the ground.

The best tool for measuring is a Piccolo with an attached small spirit level.

The appendix registry is designed so that valuable genetics can be used to develop Babydoll Southdowns and to widen the gene pool.

All Appendix sheep are considered Crossbred with a grade Attached.

The Appendix registry system is made up of the following grades FOUNDATION, D, C, B, A, AA and Purebred.

**Breeders wanting to sell Appendix lambs must:**

Apply for registration, and a grade registration certificate showing the relevant percentage and grade will be provided by the Registrar.

All lambs registered before one year of age need to have a height recorded at 12 months old and over. It is the owner's responsibility to provide the registrar with the height photos. Any sheep registered under 12 months that don’t have a 12 month or over recorded height will not be able to register offspring until such a time as the registrar has the height recorded.

**Foundation Sheep**

Sheep of any breed can be recorded as foundation sheep. A foundation sheep is rated as 0% Babydoll Southdown.

ASSBA Southdown/Babydoll/Foundation sheep that fail to meet the breed and height standard can be registered as Foundation.

Information to be provided:

Photo of sheep and height will be recorded.

**Grade D**

50% Babydoll Southdown Cross

To be registered as a 50% Babydoll Southdown Cross (1st cross or ½ bred), the sheep must have one registered Purebred Babydoll Southdown parent or another combination of AABMGS registered parents that delivers the minimum 50% Babydoll Southdown parentage.

The height must be above 43cm and unde 62cm.

Information to be provided:

⦁ photo of sheep

⦁ photo showing height of sheep at shoulders

⦁ Babydoll Southdown percentage

⦁ AABMGS purebred sire or dam registration number.

**Grade C**

75% Babydoll Southdown Cross

To be registered as a 75% Babydoll Southdown (2nd cross or ¾ bred), the sheep must have a registered Purebred Babydoll Southdown parent and a registered Grade D parent or another combination of AABMGS registered parents that delivers the minimum 75% Babydoll Southdown parentage.

The height must be above 43cm and under 62cm.

Information to be provided:

⦁ photo of sheep

⦁ photo showing height of sheep at shoulders

⦁ Babydoll Southdown percentage

⦁ AABMGS sire and dam registration numbers and grades.

**Grade B**

87.5% Babydoll Southdown Cross

To be registered as a 87.5% Babydoll Southdown Cross (3rd cross or 7/8 bred), the sheep must have a registered Purebred Babydoll Southdown parent and a registered Grade C parent or another combination of AABMGS registered parents that delivers the minimum 87.5% Babydoll Southdown parentage.

The height must be above 43cm and under 61cm.

Information to be provided:

⦁ photo of sheep

⦁ photo showing height of sheep at shoulders

⦁ Babydoll Southdown percentage

⦁ AABMGS sire and dam registration numbers and grades.

**Grade A**

93.75% Babydoll Southdown Cross

To be registered as a 93.75% Babydoll Southdown Cross (4th cross or 15/16 bred), the sheep must have a registered Purebred Babydoll parent and a registered Grade B parent or another combination of AABMGS registered parents that delivers the minimum

93.75% Babydoll Southdown parentage.

The height must be above 43cm and under 60cm.

Information to be provided:

⦁ photo of full sheep

⦁ photo showing height of sheep at shoulders

⦁ Babydoll Southdown percentage

⦁ AABMGS sire and dam registration numbers and grades.

**Grade AA (Progeny Grading for the existing Grade A Southdown ewe only)**

Lambs who have One grade A, AABMGS registered and One Purebred Babydoll Southdown parent will initially be registered as Grade AA.

These lambs will be entitled to be upgraded to Purebred at 2 years of age as long as they meet the AABMGS requirements for a Purebred.

If any lamb does not meet the requirements, they will remain registered as a Grade AA.

Progeny of a Grade AA parent that has failed to meet the requirements may still be entitled to be upgraded to Purebred on their own merits once they reach 2 years of age.

Information to be provided for registration is the same as for Grade A.

Grade A ewes can only be bred to Purebred Registered AABMGS rams. Any lambs bred from Grade A from other grades will no longer be registered.

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**Purebred Registration Program**

Sheep registered Purebred with AABMGS will be considered 100%

The offspring from two purebred registered AABMGS Babydoll Southdowns will be considered purebred.

**Purebred Lambs**

Breeders wanting to register Babydoll Southdown lambs, must:

Apply for registration, and a grade registration certificate showing the relevant percentage and grade will be provided by the Registrar.

All lambs registered before one year of age need to have a height recorded at 12 months old and over. It is the owners responsibility to provide the registrar with the height photos. Any sheep registered under 12 months that don’t have a 12 month or over recorded height will not be able to register offspring until such a time as the registrar has the height recorded.

**Colours**

To be registered as a coloured Purebred Babydoll Southdown the Grade A

Babydoll Southdown must have one registered coloured parent per generation back to and including the great-great-grandparents.

Information to be provided for registration is the same as for Grade A

**Purebred Coloured sheep Registered with AABMGS will need to provide DNA testing results and have their DNA results published on Premium Breed.**

Ewes or rams that are born white from one coloured parent and one white parent will have APCX placed on their paperwork.

To be registered as an off-white Purebred Babydoll Southdown, the Grade A or AA Babydoll Southdown must have a pedigree back to and including the great-great-grandparents that consist entirely of off-white sheep

**Calculating percentages**

The estimated percentage of purebred genetics in an offspring is the average of the percentage of purebred Babydoll Southdown genetics of the parents.

Examples:

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A registered purebred Babydoll Southdown ram is rated as 100% and a Foundation ewe is rated as 0%.

The average of the parents is (100% + 0%) divided by 2 which gives 50%, meeting the requirement for registration as Grade D.

For a Grade C ewe (75%) and a Grade B ram (87.5%), the average of the parents is (75% + 87.5%) divided by 2 which gives 81.25%.

This is rounded down to 75%, meeting the requirement for registration as Grade C.