

# North American Shetland Sheepbreeders Association

## 1) Coordinated Association and Registry

The North American Shetland Sheepbreeders Association (formerly the North American Shetland Sheep Registry, NASSR) is coordinated with the Shetland Sheep Society (SSS), formerly the Shetland Sheep Breeders' Group (SSBG), of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST) in Great Britain, and the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association (CSBA) registering through the Canadian Livestock Record Corporation (CLRC). The RBST registrations for Shetlands in North America form the foundation for NASSA. Refer to the NASSA constitution and bylaws for further information.

## 2) Registrations

Only members in good standing with registered flocks may register or transfer purebred Shetland Sheep in the U.S. and Canada. Sheep must be purebred Shetland offspring of previously registered (NASSA, RBST, SSS, or CLRC) parents. Cross-bred or graded-up individuals are not eligible for registration. Shetland sheep previously registered as provisional ("P" prefix) are now considered part of the main NASSA register (same as if they were "S" prefix.)

To register animals, submit the information on the official form, signed and dated by the owner of the animal at birth. A computer printout containing the necessary information is also acceptable, provided it is properly signed and dated.

To register animals born to a leased ewe, include a signed statement from the owner of the ewe, indicating the dates that the lease was effective.

To register lambs sired by rams not owned by the breeder, include a signed statement from the owner of the ram stating the breeding exposure dates, the stud ram and the ewe bred.

To register lambs sired through AI (artificial insemination), include a signed statement from the technician performing the procedure stating the insemination date and the registration numbers of the ewe and ram.

Once registered, an animal's registered name and flock prefix may not be changed. Gross errors may be corrected by the original flock owner, upon submission of proof of error. Duplicate names within a flock shall have a roman numeral appended.

## 3) Unworthy or Unsound animals

Unworthy or unsound sheep should not be registered. This includes: rams without two testicles of approximately equal size in the scrotum; rams which have horn growth endangering health; and any sheep with serious hereditary health problems or abnormalities.

## 4) New Flocks

Before registering sheep, new members must register their flocks and their chosen flock name prefix (maximum 12 characters), which will prefix the names of all sheep born in that flock. If a flock prefix is not registered with NASSA, the registration applications will be returned to you. If a name is not provided, the animal will be registered with its NASSA registration number, ear tag number, or tattoo as its registered name.

## 5) Record Keeping

Each breeder is responsible for keeping accurate records of his/her flock and breedings. A ewe will be exposed to only one ram per cycle so that the sire of the lamb(s) is known. Pedigree records should be kept so that the exact breeding of all sheep in the flock is known. Breeder records will be made available to NASSA upon request.

## 6) Ear Tags

All sheep must have individual ear tags or tattoos of the breeder's choice affixed prior to registration.

## 7) Registration Certificates and Pedigrees

NASSA supplies registration certificates and 4-generation computer-generated pedigrees for each sheep registered.

## 8) Flock Book and Online Database

The Flock Book has been replaced by the online database. Access it through the website, [www.shetland-sheep.org](http://www.shetland-sheep.org).

## 9) Transfers

To record the change of ownership, the seller must complete that portion of the registration certificate and mail the certificate to the NASSA Registrar with the transfer fee. NASSA will send the buyer a transfer registration certificate and pedigree. Transfers of RBST-registered Shetlands can also be processed by NASSA.

## 10) Adherence to Standards

Inspection of flocks or individual Shetlands is not required for registration. However, if the breed standard or registration rules are found to be violated, flock or individual sheep registrations may be suspended.

# Registration Rules

## 11) Revisions

NASSA breed standards and registration rules are based on those of the SSS (formerly SSBG) and may be updated periodically.

## 12) Fees

Fees may be paid in either US or Canadian funds. Rates for Canada are set each year based on the exchange rate. Consult the website, [www.shetland-sheep.org](http://www.shetland-sheep.org) for current Canadian rates.

## 13) Registration/Transfer Fees

Ewes	\$5 US
Rams	\$10 US
Transfer of ownership	\$4 US
Transfer of ownership more than six months from date of sale	\$8 US
Rush Fee (additional fee per Registration/Transfer if you request a turn-around time of less than 10 days.	\$5 US

## 14) Membership/Flock Registration Fees

Initial Regular Membership, including flock registration	\$35 US
Initial Associate Membership	\$25 US
Annual Membership Renewal	\$20 US
Initial Flock Registration	\$10 US
Youth Membership and Renewal	\$10 US
Non-North American Membership	\$20 US

**NASSA Registry**  
**15603 173rd Ave**  
**Milo IA 50166**  
**(641) 942-6402**

**e-mail: [registrar@shetland-sheep.org](mailto:registrar@shetland-sheep.org)**  
**website: [www.shetland-sheep.org](http://www.shetland-sheep.org)**

